St Mary's Acton St David's Wettenhall & St Oswald's Worleston July 2025



Woodhey Chapel

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Dear Friends,



I'm sure, like me, you are wondering how we have arrived in the second half of this year already! At the end of this month the Year 6 children in our parishes will be coming to the end of term and saying goodbye to their primary schools. Those who are older, will be completing their secondary education and will be preparing themselves for the big wide world, either through college, university, or employment. We wish them all the very best in whatever they do.

However, 'we are never too old to learn' says the proverb, and how true is that!

In our churches we've recently been reminded of Ascension and then Pentecost when the disciples thought they had to stand on their own two feet. Jesus was no longer walking alongside them, teaching and encouraging them as they travelled. How would they cope?

As they met in the upper room in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter they experienced something like the sound of a rushing mighty wind and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This was their new helper, encourager, and guide. Suddenly, they were empowered to speak in different languages - even though they had never learnt them. They were transformed from cowering, frightened followers into confident, capable, leaders.

The events of Pentecost demonstrated God's presence and power in the world. It reminds us that we are never alone to cope with some of the more difficult things which life throws at us. We have a teacher and a support who is always with us. When we feel under-qualified and powerless, we can turn to the One who is always prepared to listen.

Thankfully, His term never ends; as He promised, He will be with us always, even until the end of time.

Ann.

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Sunday Services

Acton

6th Jul 11:00 am Communion

13th Jul 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer

20th Jul 10:00 am Messy Church

27th Jul 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer

3rd Aug 11:00 am United Commmunion at Worleston

Church Minshull

6th Jul 11:00 am Service of the Word

13th Jul 11:00 am Cafe Church

20th Jul 11:00 am Communion

27th Jul 11:00 am Messy Church

3rd Aug 11:00 am United Commmunion at Worleston

Worleston

6th Jul No Service 13th Jul 9:30 am Communion

20th Jul No Service

27th Jul 9:30 am Morning Prayer

3rd Aug 11:00 am United Commmunion at Worleston

Wettenhall

6th Jul 11:00 am Morning Prayer

13th Jul 11:00 am Communion

20th Jul 11:00 am Green Cafe

27th Jul 6:30 pm Informal Communion

3rd Aug 11:00 am United Commmunion at Worleston

Additionally there is a 10:30 Communion at Acton every Wednesday

	St David's Church Wettenhall			
		Sidespersons	Cleaning and Flowers	
6 th	Jul	Mrs M Drinkall	Mrs A Howard and Family	
13 th	Jul	Mr A Burrows	Wis A Howard and Family	
20 th	Jul	Brownies	Mrs M Sherry	
27 th	Jul	Informal		
3 rd	Aug	United Communion at Acton	Mrs A Nicholas	
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Congratulations

Kirby Dobson and Hywel Montague Peter Williams on their recent marriage.
We wish them a long, healthy and happy life together.

Also to

Christine & Tom Mason-Howard on the birth of their twins **William & Freddie** on 30th May.

The boys are the first grandchildren of Audrey & Peter Howard.

Wishing them all good health and much happiness, as they enjoy their new family life.

Rogation Walk

On 25th May we held our annual Rogation Service beginning in church and then continuing around the beautiful gardens at Milford House Farm. Many thanks to **Chris and Heather** for hosting this and to all those who provided delicious refreshments to round the evening off.



Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on July 3rd and August 7th from 10-12 noon in Church. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.







Darnhall Brownies

We celebrated 80 years since VE Day on Wednesday 7th May. Our girls wore red, white & blue and we enjoyed a "street party" in the village hall. We also discussed what VE stands for and looked at posters and pictures from WW2.







Eco Church

Eco Church and Green Café Worship Sunday 20th July at 11am. July and August bring the opportunity to get outside for us all. Green Café Worship is on Sunday 20th July at 11am. The worship is lively, the activities offer something for everyone, no matter your age. We'll spend time outside and inside responding to the colours of creation which are all around us and you can be active or reflective with thoughtful challenges. There will be cake too!



In August there are two opportunities to spend some time in quiet reflective prayer and worship on Tuesday 12th August at 2.30pm at Poole Methodist Quiet Garden. The garden has a prayer labyrinth, a range of scented plants and lots of seating to find a spot to unwind and spend time reflecting and praying. There will be a short time of worship to end our time together. The other date is Thursday 21st August at St David's

Wettenhall at 10.30am This time, a short prayer walk and possibly a scavenger hunt, finishing with worship in the outdoors (weather permitting). You can come for the walk or the worship, or both!

For more details, contact Brenda Brockbank on 01606 593651.



Green Café Worship

Sunday 20th July at 11am

At St David's Wettenhall

Celebrate the colours of the Earth

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Darnhall and Wettenhall WI

Darnhall and Wettenhall WI June Meeting

The June meeting of our WI at the Darnhall Village Hall was a chance to leave behind the ever-changing weather of the UK and experience the heat and sunshine of Provence in France. Mr John Ball was our speaker, with a selection of slides concerning a recent holiday in Provence, moving from the towns such as Avignon and Arles to the wildness of the Camargue marshes and scrublands. We saw startling Roman architecture, such as the aqueduct in Arles and wild white horses galloping through the Camargue.

All this travel ensured that we were ready for a delicious selection of cakes, tea and coffee and the business meeting! Members of the WI are involved with the Darnhall Show at Bownes Agricultural Machinery on Sunday 6th July. We are running various classes in the craft, floristry and produce competition, helping the Brownies to raise funds in the tea tent and running tombola and raffle stands to support the show. Lots of hard work, lots of friendship and laughter, just what the WI stands for across Cheshire.

Next meeting Tuesday 1st July at 7.00pm Darnhall Village Hall.



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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons		
6 th Jul	Sandra and Mike Houlston	
13 th Jul	Kath Edwards and Elizabeth Bull	
20 th Jul	Tracey and Peter Foster	
27 th Jul	27 th Jul Lesley and Peter Latronico	
3 rd Aug	United at Worleston	
Visit: www.stmarysacton.org		

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

6th July 2025

No walk in August

14th September

Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

On the above dates there is a guided walk departing the church at 12:45 pm. Nick organises circular walks varying between 3 to 5 miles, then returning to the church for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake.

The pace of the walks is relaxed, and the routes generally involve canal towpath and lane walking. The footpaths should be good (also hopefully dry?) and only a small number of stiles are negotiated. Stout outdoor shoes or walking shoes/boots are recommended.

All are welcome including dogs on leads

For further information please phone Nick Harley, Lead Walker, on 01270-620612 or 07710983125.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Baptised on Sunday 4th May 2025 Fleur and Rosanna Spencer, daughters

of Cleo and Tom Spencer

Arthur and Eva Hill, son and daughter of Kitty and Ed Hill

We welcome them into our church

Burials

14th May 2025 **Edna Holland** Aged 83 21st May 2025 **Joan Ray** Aged 88 27th May 2025 **Ray Chesters** Aged 82

VJ Day Service

All Saints' Weston is holding a said prayer service on Friday $15^{\rm th}$ August at $7.00 \, \rm pm$, . lasting approximately $30 \, \rm minutes$.

All welcome and those entitled to do so are encouraged to wear medals.



Movie Nights

Acton Village Movie Night

Movie Nights are held once a month on a Friday night and doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. The event is run by local volunteers and profits go towards the upkeep and running of Acton Church and Acton Parish Hall. There is always a friendly atmosphere – no bookings needed; seating on a first come, first served basis. Cost: £5 per person – free parking in village car park.

Friday 11th July 2025

The Usual Suspects – certificate 18 – stars Kevin Spacey

Friday 5th September 2025

The Fugitive – certificate 15 – stars Harrison Ford

Friday 17 th October 2025

The Good Liar – certificate 15 – stars Ian McKellen and Helen Mirren.

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Churches together

Churches Together at Tea @ the Tower

On Sunday 8 June, members of St Mary's Nantwich organised a walk to St Mary's Acton to attend Tea @ the Tower in the afternoon. They received a very warm welcome from Deana Emerton at Tea @ the Tower and enjoyed hot drinks and homemade cakes.

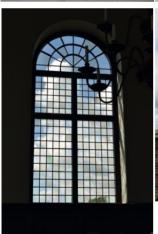


Rogation Service at Woodhey Chapel

On Sunday 25 May, members of St Mary's Acton were joined by members of the agricultural and wider community to celebrate Rogation at a very windy Woodhey Hall and Woodhey Hall Farm. Various areas of the farm were blessed, including the pasture, livestock, farmhouse and garden, as well as asking God's blessing on the family and all who work on the farm. We are grateful to the Robinson Family who made us very welcome.

























How fraud aware are you?

Come and find out at Acton
Church on **Thursday 24th of July**

19:00 - 20:00

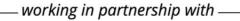
Scammers are targeting older people in Cheshire. Last year in Cheshire, 5,281 people reported being scammed, costing them over £20 million in total.

Protect yourself by joining us for a **Scams Awareness** talk from Age UK Cheshire's Scams Awareness & Aftercare Team.

Acton Church, Monks Lane, Acton CW5 8LE Contact Stephan Davies 07731800663 for more information.









Chester Diocese Foundations for Ministry Course

A few years ago, a friend completed the Chester Diocese Foundations for Ministry Course As she was going through the course, I thought how interesting it sounded but at the time I was busy working so had no desire to attend myself. Fast forward 10 years or so and being newly retired I found myself wondering what God had in store for me, so when Revd Anne sent out a flyer about the Foundations course, I thought this would be an ideal opportunity for me to explore more.

When I started the Foundations for Ministry course, I had no concept of where it might lead. I wanted to do it to just make me a better Christian and perhaps a more efficient PCC member! During the course we have explored the Church of England; its history, its different traditions, its strengths and weaknesses. In the second term we delved deeper Into the Church of England's 5 marks of mission, what Church looks like in its different forms (Messy church, Cafe church, traditional worship) and more importantly what our role might be in Jesus' mission for the world. We were asked to consider what we could do to grow God's kingdom and reach those who have never

heard of His love.

In the past the Foundations course was an academic course held at Church House and aimed at those wishing to train in ministry of some sort. This year the course was held over 3 venues, our nearest being Church Lawton, and although there was an option to complete assessed assignments it was actually discouraged unless you felt the assessment would benefit you personally. In my small group no one did the assessed work, one person is exploring ordained ministry, 2 are applying for pastoral ministry and the other 3 are going back to their churches knowing they are exactly where God wants them to be. So, if you think you'd like to explore your faith journey or are wondering what God's plan is for you or if you just want to discuss your faith and the church in a structured supportive environment, consider doing the Foundations course. I guarantee you



won't regret it and you'll almost definitely really enjoy it.

And me? I have been challenged and prompted to explore my vocation and my role in the community of St Mary's Acton. I have signed up to do the Occasional Worship Leaders course and I am applying to train as a Pastoral Worker and we'll see where God leads me.

Carol Thayer

Cross Country Pages



this month to

Adam Hitchen
Elizabeth Macay
Ellie Chapman

Emily Woodward Harry Kenwright

Sam Lister

Elsie Heler

Special Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Ginge Ablard who will be celebrating is 80th birthday this month.



Nantwich Show

Litter Picking at Nantwich Show,

Wednesday 30th of July

The Churches of Nantwich are working together to support the Nantwich Show which, since moving to Reaseheath, depends on volunteers for many jobs on the showground, both on the day and on the following days. Would you be able to give a couple of hours to litter pick on either or both of these days? If so please contact: Joyce Percival, 07703292900; Revd Anne, 01270628864; email the show directly on secretary@nantwichshow.org or ring Mel, 07724803146. Thank you.

Announcements oops!

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

Ladies' Lunch

Thursday 24th July
at
Dorfold Hall Gardens
12:30 pm
All Welcome
£12.00 for a Summer Picnic
Please bring a garden chair.
For further details contact:
Joyce Percival 01270 691315,
Heather (07887 760930), Isobel
(624521), or Ann (528273)

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Favourite Hymns; One More Step Along The World I Go

In July, many schools have special assemblies for those children who are leaving them to move into other schools or leaving school to move into college. work placements or apprenticeships. A favourite hymn at these special assemblies is 'One More Step Along The World I Go', a marker that they are moving forward in life to new beginnings and are hopeful for their futures. This same hymn is often used in other services such as weddings and, rather differently, in funeral services. Although it has little specific detail, and doesn't mention God, the context of its use gives it a deep meaning for those singing it together. It seems to indicate God's presence and companionship through our life's various events, both good and difficult. Sydney Bartram Carter [1915-2004] was the author and composer of this wellloved hymn. He grew up in Islington in London and attended the County Council School there, moving onto Christ's Hospital and Balliol College, Oxford to complete his education. He became a teacher in Surrey, but the outbreak of World War II saw him become a conscientious objector and pacifist. He served in the Friend's Ambulance Unit in the Middle East and Greece throughout the war. He loved Greece and its music, which had a lasting impression on him for the rest of his life. One of his colleagues was Donald Swann, and they became good friends in the war years. Later. Carter wrote for the revues and musicals in which Donald Swann performed. His career developed and broadened out to include teaching and lecturing for the British Council in Norway, Spain, Poland and Germany. He became a prolific broadcaster, writing television scripts and language teaching series.

In 1963 Carter wrote and published 'Lord

of the Dance', probably the best known of all his songs. He also composed Julian of Norwich [often called 'The Bells of Norwich'] and 'When I Needed a Neighbour'. These songs, and others were included in recordings such as the Swann album 'Songs of faith and Doubt', an EP of 'Lord of the Dance' and a folk compilation called 'Lovely in the Dance'. 'One More Step' was composed for a School Leavers Service at Southwark Cathedral school in 1971 and published in Carter's 'Riding a Tune' the same year. It is now included in over 30 hymn and worship song collections. He called it 'an omen song' in the book Green Print For Song in 1974, to reflect that it had many meanings depending on the context.

We wish every child moving schools this July a successful and hopeful transfer to their new school and a sense that they are being supported and loved by their family, teachers and God as they make that next step in life.



You are warmly invited to the

Opening Service



to be held in the

Member Marquee
at 6.30 pm on

Tuesday 29 July

Preacher: Rt Revd Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester

Cross Country Parishes Day Trip to Llandudno



Thursday 14th August 2024 Cost: £12 per Person

Depart from Acton Church at 9am - Return at 5pm from Llandudno







Details from Joyce Percival 07703 292900

Recipe

Smoked Salmon Fishcakes Serves 4

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Ingredients

Fish Cakes

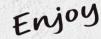
- a 675g/ 11∕₂lb potatoes boiled & mashed with butter
- 30ml/2tbsps fresh dill, chopped
- ₫ 1 egg
- zest & juice of ½ lemon
- a salt & pepper to taste

Sauce

- 60ml/4tbsps creme fraiche
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- a 2.5ml/½tsp dijon mustard
- 5 15ml/1tbsp fresh dill, chopped

Method

- Add smoked salmon, dill, mustard,egg, lemon rind and half the juice to the potato and season.
- Turn onto a floured board and shape until a thick dough. Cut into 8cm/3" rounds.
- Place on greaseproof paper on a baking tray and bake for 20-25 mins at 170C until golden brown.
- Make sauce by blending ingredients in a bowl and serve with fishcakes.









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St Oswald's Church, Worleston			
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13 th Jul	Alison Stokes	Marilyn Booth	
27 th Jul	Pam Haigh	Sarah Parker	
3 rd Aug	United at Acton	Pam Haigh	
Flowers		Cleaning	
13 th Jul	Anne Fletton		
27 th Jul	Isobel Burnley	July Volunteers	
3 rd Aug	Alison Stokes		
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From the Registers

Burial Mrs Janet Astbury Buried 6th June 2025



Condolences

We send our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Mrs Janet Astbury** who died on 7th May.

The funeral service was held at St Oswald's on 6th June.

Worleston Village Hall

Worleston Village Hall - 10th Anniversary

Saturday the 31st May marked 10 years since the opening of the village hall in Worleston. The village had been fundraising and campaigning for a new village hall for over 30 years and they finally managed to get the funds together, including a donation from the National Lottery, to achieve their goal in 2014, with the hall opening in 2015. A party was held to mark the 10th anniversary with a family fun event in the afternoon followed by an evenings entertainment and supper. The food was kindly donated by the Hulse bakery and The Royal Oak and together with a choir, Quiz and singer, the evening proved a resounding success. Congratulations Worleston Village Hall on your 10th Birthday.

Photographs opposite.

Coffee and Cake

Saturday 5th July from 10-12 noon in Church. Come along and enjoy Coffee, Cake and Chat. Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as little or as long as they wish.







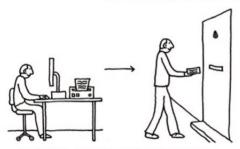






CYBER ATTACKS

HOW THE MODERN-DAY CHURCH IS RESISTING THEM



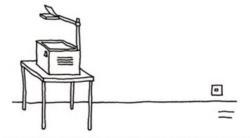
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Worleston WI

Worleston May meeting had the invited speaker Barry Probin who talked about Whixall Moss. They are the third largest lowland raised bogs in Britain and are of international importance as a habitat of rare plants, bird and insects.

The Moss has been slowly improved and land around the Moss returned to the natural habitat of the Moss with purchases by Natural England, re-establishing the original boggy landscape with removal of trees.

Barry also showed slides of the impressive variation of wildlife there and has worked with Natural England and other volunteers to help with the work involved.

The talk was very well received and we have invited Barry to come back next year to talk to us again.



Malbank WI Group sponsored a trip to The Black Country Living Museum early in June. Thirty-Two members of Nantwich vicinity WIs and friends travelled by coach to the museum. Former industrial land has been transformed with over fifty authentic shops and houses carefully reconstructed from the region and depicting different eras.

There are trams, canal side buildings, a mine and, still under construction, a street depicting what shops and houses were like in the 1950s and 60s.

Costumed characters played the parts of shop owners, bank clerks and homemakers within the shops and houses and were full of information. One of the

highlights for most of our visiting party was the fish and chips, cooked in the old-fashioned way with beef dripping instead of vegetable oil, delicious. A great day was had by all.





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Calveley School

It has been an even busier than usual month here at Calveley. Children in Oak Class (Years 5 and 6) recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Cornwall, packed with adventure, discovery, and fun. From surfing the waves on golden beaches to standing at the iconic Land's End, every moment was an opportunity to try something new and build confidence. A visit to the Eden Project brought learning to life, as children explored the wonders of the natural world in its famous biomes. The group also stepped back in time at Geevor Tin Mine Museum, where they learned about Cornwall's mining heritage and experienced what life was like for miners underground. On the journey down, they stopped at Wookey Hole Caves, where they ventured into the depths and uncovered fascinating stories hidden beneath the surface. It was a fantastic few days filled with laughter, personal growth, and the kind of shared experiences that help to build lifelong friendships.

Beech Class also had an amazing time on their recent trip to Alderford Lake in Shropshire, where they embraced the great outdoors with enthusiasm and curiosity. Despite it being the first time away from home for some of the year ones, the children threw themselves into every adventure. They enjoyed hunting for minibeasts in the woodland, learning about different habitats and the creatures that call them home. The evening was spent sharing stories around the campfire, with delicious pizza and toasted marshmallows adding to the magic. It was a wonderful experience that encouraged teamwork, independence, and a real love for nature—memories we're sure they'll treasure for years to come.

Back at school, our pupils took on Challenge 64 to raise awareness for Coeliac disease. With energy and enthusiasm, children completed 64 of a chosen activity, from throwing and catching to running laps and skipping. The challenge not only encouraged physical fitness and determination, but also sparked important conversations about Coeliac disease and the importance of understanding hidden health conditions. We're incredibly proud of how everyone got involved, showing both compassion and commitment in support of the cause. We're also especially proud of Year 4 pupil Caden, who lives with coeliac disease – he prepared and expertly delivered a presentation to the whole school about his experiences. He taught us that 64% of people with the disease are in fact undiagnosed, hence the magic number of 64 for the challenges.

To celebrate National Numeracy Day, pupils took part in a fun and refreshing activity—an Ice Pop, Pop-Up Shop! Children brought in coins from home and used the opportunity to practise real-life maths skills, from adding up totals to working out change. It was wonderful to see pupils applying their knowledge in a practical setting, all while enjoying a tasty treat in the sunshine. The day was a great reminder that maths is all around us—and that learning it can be both useful and fun!

























More photos on page 33

St Oswald's School, Worleston

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that our **Woodland Learning Area** was officially launched during our **Open Day last Saturday!** It was a joyful occasion, and we were delighted to welcome so many families and members of the community to explore this exciting new space.

Our Woodland Area has been created to offer children a unique opportunity to learn and grow in the heart of nature. Woodland learning supports both education and wellbeing through hands-on experiences such as den building, wildlife observation, and using natural materials for creative and scientific exploration. These activities help children develop essential life skills like problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience.

Spending time outdoors also has a profound impact on mental and emotional health. The calming atmosphere of the woodland helps reduce stress, improve focus, and boost mood. It's a space where children feel free to explore, build confidence, and form positive relationships—all while enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

At St Oswald's, we see this as more than just outdoor learning—it's a way to nurture spiritual growth and a sense of stewardship. As Genesis 2:15 reminds us, humanity was placed in the Garden of Eden "to work it and take care of it." Our Woodland Area encourages children to appreciate the wonder of creation and to take responsibility for caring for it with gratitude and respect.

Every child at St Oswald's will now enjoy at least one session per week in the Woodland Area, with activities linked to their curriculum topics. We are excited to see how this space will continue to grow and flourish with the help of our children, staff, parents, and the wider community.

We look forward to seeing how our Woodland Learning Area becomes a place of joy, discovery, and growth for all.

"Let your light shine." - Matthew 5:16



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As we approach this time in the school year we begin to reflect on the children's learning, particularly our children who will be moving on to their high schools. This week our Year 6 have been completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments and soon they will be turning their thoughts to their Leaving Service, where they reflect on some of their favourite memories; it is never usually their SATs they remember!

We are fortunate that our Trust is committed to "...opening the eyes of the children..." to the world beyond the classroom to enhance their learning.

Currently, every child from Year 2 onwards has the opportunity to take part in overnight stays. This year the older children have had the opportunity to stay over in both London and York too. Our Year 3 children have had opportunities to camp at Alderford lake and our Year 2 children have stayed at Petty Pool too.

In addition, all of the classes regularly have opportunities for enrichment whether they be directly linked to the curriculum such as a whole school visit to Chester Zoo or additional experiences such as Forest Schools located within our own school grounds.

We are so fortunate to be based in such a lovely location which enables our pupils to be able to take part in so many experiences and to have such dedicated teachers who make this possible.

The Bible reminds us of the beauty of God' amazing creation in

Psalm 104 v 24:

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.





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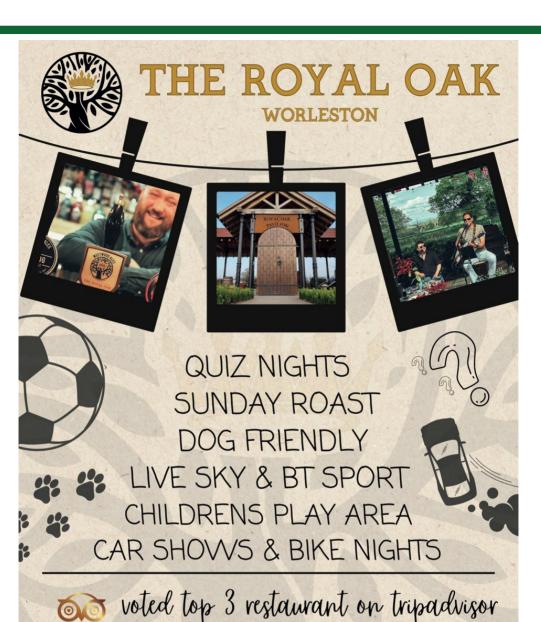
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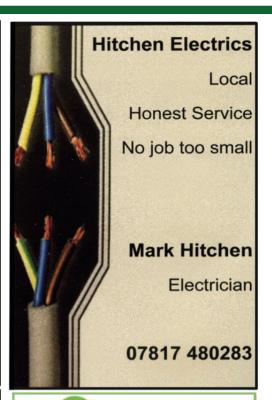
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