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A Letter from your Clergy

‘My snowy day’

Sunday 18th March, we got the effects of the ‘Mini Beast from the East’, in fact it turned out on the day worse than the ‘Beast from the East’ earlier this month. Anyway, those of us living on Thick Hollins estate were snowed in, as a lot more in Meltham were!

So sat in bed we ran through a few channels on TV, avoiding “Match of the Day” and seeing Town lose again! We trawled through a few channels and came across a religious programme, it was a foreign man preaching, and his theme was “What did Jesus say?” What did Jesus say when He was brought in front of Pilate for Pilate to judge Him? “Are you King of the Jews?” Pilate asked Jesus. Jesus replied “Is that your own idea?”

The single fact was Pilate didn’t want to touch this case, but he succumbed to the High Priests and the crowd and released the prisoner Barabbas for them. They ignored the truth. They wanted a crucifixion. Jesus is dying for Barabbas, for Israel and for the world.

Jesus chooses the cross because of His love for us, for each one of us. This is His promise “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”

Don’t forget love is a fruit, step into the orchard of God’s work. Prepare yourself when this interregnum will end and a new person will come among to lead us on. As I said love is a fruit, a fruit of who? Of your hard work in the Church? No, of your deep faith, or your rigorous resolve. No, love is the fruit of the Spirit of God. The Spirit produces the fruit!

I started by saying “What did Jesus say?!” He said “Receive the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, the greatest of all is love”. Love will last forever, “it never dies, it never ends”. Love is eternal, God’s love will never to an end, love never fails, Governments will fail, but God’s love will last. Your money could run out, but love never will.

Wouldn’t it be a joy for a new incumbent to arrive to a Spirit filled Church, knowing they will be loved with an endless love!

Amen.

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St Bartholomew's Church

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The purpose - To raise money to finance the printing of a Men's Calendar for 2019. The proceeds of the Calendar to be for the Church Hall, a community facility in the village.



My family and I would like to thank the Clergy and the people of Meltham Churches together for the many cards, flowers and delicious cakes received at this difficult time. You made me feel so supported.

Special thanks to Peter and John for the service, Simon and the Choir for the music and the On Song Parkinson's Choir for bringing a bit of 'sunshine' on the such a hot day.

The attendance of so many at the service would have astonished Duncan, he would have loved it all. As we go on without him we have many happy memories to help us and I know I have the support of our Church congregation for the rough time.

God bless you all

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Testimony Time...

An extended holiday in Paphos

Amelia, our Parish Administrator, asked me if I would like to send in a testimony for the Parish Magazine. I thought about it for a while and now here it is.

A few years ago I went on holiday with a friend to Paphos, in Cyprus. We stayed in a lovely hotel within walking distance of the town. Towards the end of the week I began to feel ill, and it worsened until the hotel arranged for me to be admitted to a nearby clinic. I don't remember much of that day! I had a chest infection and food poisoning at the same time. My friend, Barbara, had packed up for me and brought all of my belongings to the clinic, as she had to return home the next day.

I was put in isolation in a single room and, as I fell into bed, I saw on the wall an icon of Mary and infant Jesus. I recognised it as the very one I have by my bed at home - and realised that God was with me in that place!

After several days of medication, bland food and walking round pushing a drip stand, I was beginning to feel slightly better. After a week, the problem of how to get home began to worry me. This was when I looked at the icon and said "O Lord, I'm really going to need your help!" eventually the insurance company rang me late one evening, apologising for the lateness of the hour. "Don't apologise" I said, "I'm pleased to hear from you." They had booked me on a night flight to Manchester, arriving at about 1.30am. On arrival there I was put in a wheelchair and taken to the front of the queue for passport control. The taxi was waiting and I arrived home about 3.30am.

As I staggered in through the front door all I could think about was putting on the kettle for a cup of tea! Then the door bell rang - it was my friend Elaine Crabtree! "Hello" she said, "I've just come to see that you are alright, shall I bring your case in?" In my hurry I had left it on the doorstep!

It took several weeks to regain strength and I have never forgotten God's goodness to me and His answer to that prayer, "O Lord, I'm REALLY going to need your help." I still use it from time to time and recommend it to anyone who finds themselves in a difficult situation. Try it and see!

'O taste and see how good the Lord is' - Psalm 34

Hester Deacon



Meltham Churches Together



PENTECOST CELEBRATION SERVICE

4.00 pm on 20th May

St James' Church, Meltham Mills

**Everyone is invited to come
along and celebrate the
Birthday of the Church.**

St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship

The May meeting of the Women's Fellowship will take place on Tuesday 29th May, at 7.30pm in Church, when Hazel Brooke will be talking about her visits to Medjugorje.

Please note that this will be an evening meeting.

The tea ladies are Margaret Thorley and Maureen Hardy.

Thank you to everybody who helped in any way at the Coffee Morning.

- Catherine Moulson

Meltham Churches Together Youth Group

We are planning to start a group for young people aged 11-14 years old. We are hoping to create a space where youngsters can come along and spend time with their friends in a warm welcoming environment. The group will meet in the Methodist church hall on Thursday evenings. We are still working on the final planning. It is intended to hold a pizza and pop launch evening on Thursday 24th May starting at 7.30pm.



You will be wondering how you can support this initiative. We do need adults who can come along on Thursday evenings to spend time with the young people. We need you to invite any young people you know to come along on 24th May. We need prayer for the project that it will fulfil a need and that the practicalities will work.

If you are interested in helping with this or finding out more please get in touch with me (sarahglover2@gmail.com).



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Good Friday. Special thanks also to our 2 soloists, Raymond Ellis and Paul Holroyd who, along with the augmented choir, sang really well and combined with the images provided by Christine Rolls, it made for a very moving rendition of the Crucifixion story... Th'organist didn't do too badly either!

We then turned our attention to Easter Sunday and celebrated the Risen Christ – I think we broke the record for the number of Hallelujah's sung in a service! – 163 in total!

We have had a break from rehearsals over the Easter holidays and then had to cancel a rehearsal, not due to bad weather but actually due to good weather! As the forecast was so good, the choirmaster decided that we should make the most of it, and enjoy the sunshine instead with it being such a rare event. Not bad eh!?

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Seasons

By Pam Murgatroyd

It's Spring, the snow has left us and the sun comes shining through,
Now we can plan our holidays that are long overdue.
Easter is behind us, our Lord has risen again,
The Summer is before us, so all was not in vain.

It's time for short sleeves and sandals to replace our Winter gear,
Our frowns replaced by smiling, now that Spring is here.
So now we need some showers, just enough for flowers to grow,
Not too much to cause a flood, wash away the seeds we sow.

We won't spend time complaining of the cold, the snow, the rain,
We'll forget about bad weather until it's back again.
But soon we will be moaning it's too hot, the plants are dry,
The ground is much too hard to dig, we'll soon be asking why?

But God made all the seasons, so we must love them all,
Not just Spring and Summer, but Winter even Fall.
So let's relax and not complain, it's the price we have to pay,
For not living on the continent, but here in the U.K.



After visiting Disneyworld, the American President, surrounded by his security staff, was walking towards his limousine when a man, seeking to be the centre of attention, jumped into the middle of the road with the intention of attacking the President.

Seeing this, a very alert security man jumped in front of the President to protect him and shouted at the top of his voice "Mickey Mouse!!"

This startled the attempted attacker and the rest of the security team were able to easily overpower the man and take him away.

Later that day, the Head of Security, pondering over what had happened, asked the member of his team what on earth possessed him to shout "Mickey Mouse", to which his colleague replied "Well the adrenaline was pumping so high that I had to do something, and having just spent the day in Disneyworld, the first thing that came to mind was Mickey Mouse. And although it worked, what I really meant to shout was 'DONALD, DUCK!!!'"



- Denis A

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ST MARY'S REPORT

Despite heavy snow a shortened service of Holy Communion was held at St Mary's on 18th March.

Rev Judy Kenworthy led the service and spoke about how following God's will is difficult but His promises are true and give us hope for a better future. As our organist was visiting relatives in Australia, we sang two hymns accompanied by CD. Kim Howe led the prayers.

On Palm Sunday we welcomed Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, Episcopal Bishop of Huddersfield, to lead our service. By contrast, to the previous week, it was a beautiful Spring day and so we were able to begin the service outside and process into the Church with our newly blessed palm crosses. Rev Judy led the first part of the service and assisted at the altar. Bishop Jonathan was celebrant and gave a talk, reminding us that we need to take our faith out into the community. Jacqueline France led the intercessions and Clive Pearson was organist. Coffee was served in the Sunday School following this wonderful service.

It was good to share in the Holy Week services with our friends from all seven Churches in Meltham and we hosted the Easter Eve "Service of Light" when the four new Paschal candles were blessed and lit for the first time.

Easter Day saw a joyful celebration as we remembered The Resurrection of our Lord with a service of Holy Communion. Clive played the organ, Judith Moore was sidesperson, Jacqueline led the prayers and John Andrews read the lessons. Rev Judy led the service, assisted by Kim, and spoke about how Jesus' death and resurrection can turn our despair to joy, our fear to courage and our failure to forgiveness.

The following week there was a shortened service of communion and it was good to welcome Elizabeth and Peter back from their trip to the other side of the world. After the service we led the DCC Annual General Meeting which was chaired by churchwarden Kim Howe. Our thanks go to Judith Moore for taking the minutes as secretary Monteena Shepherd is recovering from eye surgery. Elections of officers took place at the vestry meeting and reports given and thanks expressed to all who have helped and supported the life of St Mary's over the last year, including Rev Maureen Read and Rev Charlene Smith, who have now moved on to parishes in Shropshire and Wakefield. We wish them well.

Rev Dennis Shields celebrated communion last Sunday and preached on how the risen Jesus appeared to His disciples. Rev Judy read the lessons, Kim led the intercessions and assisted with the chalice and Elizabeth was organist.

HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH

On Maundy Thursday the Clergy of the Parish attended the Chrism Mass, for the Leeds Diocese, at Wakefield Cathedral. During this service they re-affirmed their ordination vows and received the Holy oils which were blessed by Bishop Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds.

That same evening Rev Dennis Shields led a Holy Communion service with foot washing at St James' Church, Meltham Mills and this was followed by "The Watch". He was assisted by Christine Woods, Rev Peter Rolls and Jenny Mathers.

From Monday to Friday there were meditations entitled "The Sun Slowly Rises" at 7.00am at St James' Church. Rev Peter prepared the material for these with different people leading them.

On Good Friday people from all seven Churches in Meltham took part in the Churches Together service at Meltham Methodist Church. This was led by Rev Nancy Ndoho and we were taken through the events leading up to, and including, the Crucifixion with hymns and Bible readings. This was followed by a Lent Lunch, also held at Meltham Methodist Church, and proceeds were given to Christian Aid. Our thanks go to all who helped with this and for the warm welcome we received.

Rev John Radcliffe welcomed all those who came along to St Bartholomew's on Good Friday evening and introduced the augmented choir who gave a moving performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion". Guest soloist's were Paul Holroyd and Raymond Ellis, and Simon Ball was in excellent form as organist.

On Easter Eve Rev Judy Kenworthy led a Service of Light ,at St Mary's Church, Wilshaw, when the new Paschal candles were blessed and the Light of Christ was passed from person to person.

Rev Dennis Shields led "The Acclamation of Dawn" service at Wessenden Head Road on Easter Day and each Church had their own Easter Communion services.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals - May they rest in peace

Elizabeth Rhodes & Duncan Crawshaw

Anyone wishing to have their loved ones names included in the book of Remembrance at St Bartholomew's please contact Jean Collison : Telephone 851816 (there is a small fee of **£5** for church expenses)

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~ Bessie Farrell ~

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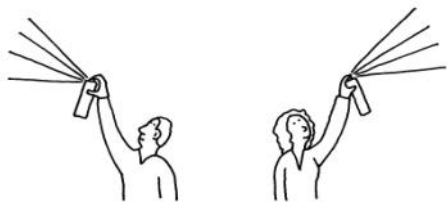
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£10 738 Mr C Brearley

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HELME LADIES

On the 13th March our ladies were in the Lawrence Batley Theatre to see the musical 'Made in Dagenham'. This is the story of the female sewing machinists who were employed by the Ford Motor Company in Dagenham in 1968, making car seats, and whose jobs were re-classified as 'unskilled' with an appropriate wage reduction, whilst the male workers were awarded a pay increase. The events which followed resulted in the passing of the Equal Pay Act of 1970.

The musical focusses on Rita O'Grady, who was so incensed that she motivated the girls into an all out strike going against the advice of corrupt union officials and a greedy Ford management. They also encouraged the girls at the Liverpool Ford Plant to join them.

The American bosses fly in and lay off 5,000 men as a result, including Rita's husband, and cracks begin to show in the girl's solidarity. Risking her marriage and friendships, Rita continues her efforts for equality and gives a rousing speech at a televised Trade Union Conference leading to the passing of equal pay within the union. In fact what they achieved was 90% of the men's wages, which was a life changing success for the girls at the time.

The show itself was brilliantly done with superb acting, singing and special effects including the landing of a helicopter on stage with the boss of Ford on board. The ones who played the parts of Harold Wilson and Barbara Castle were exceptional, both by being funny and matching the mannerisms of those in real life as we remember them.

The world of manufacturing has moved on since the 1960s but for the Helme Ladies they are days which we remember, including these events at the Ford factories. There is no doubting we were moved by this performance as well as having a most enjoyable evening out together.

For our Annual Dinner this year we decided against going out in the evening and chose instead to have a Luncheon. An event in daylight hours as opposed to one after dark. It was by consensus that we chose the Travellers Rest Inn at Brockholes as our venue. This proved to be an excellent choice which was borne out when we arrived by seeing other similar groups to ours also dining there. There were pre-luncheon drinks as people arrived and then it was decision time as to our choice of food. There was a large choice on offer but we chose to have just a main course and a sweet. Sadly our appetites are no longer as voracious as they were in 'our prime.'

The atmosphere as we dined was splendid for we love our 'get togethers' to enjoy a nice chat and put the world to right. Margaret Tiffany was full of her recent experience in Buckingham Palace where she went with her son to receive his very richly deserved MBE. All too soon our luncheon came to an end and we made our way homeward. A great experience in a different venue and extremely enjoyable.

- Hazel Gibson

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Nostalgia Unlimited

"Your polling station on Saturday 3 May 1968 at the West Riding County Elections will be Choppards Mission, Holmfirth." Thinks..... Where's that? Oh dear and it's Rugby League Cup Final Day, pity, I'll miss watching it.

Choppards Mission, the name conjured up romance, adventure, mystery. I pictured a sort of wild west mission station, the sun burning down and smoke signals on the distant hills or a primitive Christian Mission station in rural China. Who would think of calling a church (especially C of E) a mission? Well the zealots of years ago considered it appropriate.

Advance 50 years and together with Celia and Catherine we attended a lantern and slide show covering Holmfirth, Holmbridge, Holme and the surrounding areas, covering the period from the mid 19th century to present day. The lantern and slide/ talk show on Friday 13 April was entitled "Down Memory Lane in The Holme Valley", presented by Gordon Hallas. A pie and pea supper prepared and served from the church kitchen was included in the price of £12 and there was a bar. It was held in the Sunday School and amazingly 84 people packed in to and thoroughly enjoyed the one and a half hour presentation. Hundreds of slides were shown: Holme Moss summit in 1895 in snow 9 feet in height with council workers shovelling the snow to make a way through. At that time and up to 1974 the county boundary was Cheshire, not as now Derbyshire. Building of the various reservoirs in the Holme Valley, the floods of 1852 (lantern slides) and 1944 also featured, plus properties now under water and houses long disappeared or now derelict. Blackpool Bridge as it was, a stone bridge, and now a more modern version, and the shooting lodge at Bradshaw. Slides of locations and hamlets that many of us have walked round were also featured. Like all the audience, one tries to identify the slides and it's always nice to hear a whisper by someone "Eh, we had a picnic there or so and so lived there and she used to chase us if we were cheeky or nicking apples, or that's Mr. So and So, such a grand chap."

Another Melthamer was also there, Jean Swallow, but apart from us 4, the nearest slide of Meltham was The Isle of Skye Hotel.

The church part of building, small in area is well worth a glimpse, with a modern decorative feel about it. Splendid murals by a very competent local artist and church member, the late Maurice Lockwood adorn areas of the walls. Interesting as well is the fact that The Mission, very regular and rectangular in shape, rather like a chapel, is a listed building. Listed as such because attached to it and on the road side is a stone building comprising 2 dilapidated privy or earth closets. These were very common 50 and more years ago in all rural areas of the country. After 2 hours of enjoyment many were seeking relief and happily for all, **internal** WC's were available. If you get the chance, visit sometime or join Friends of Choppards Mission. Keep an eye on future events. For a tiny church (sorry, mission) there's a lot going off.

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*“That’s all very good
And I would if I could,
But it’s causing me great concern.”*

“Yes, but think what I ask
Of those faced with the task
Of loving you in return!”

- Jack Yates

**GREATER LOVE HAS NO
ONE THAN THIS, THAT
HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR HIS FRIENDS**

John 15:13

A link with the 45

Historians may think this is all about the Jacobite Rebellion, Bonnie Prince Charlie, Culloden and all that followed. Not so. It is about the 45 members of Honley Male Voice Choir under their conductor Steve Roberts who performed a “Friends Concert” in St. Bartholomew’s Church on Saturday 14 April. Irrespective of the title it was a concert for all, not just the folks who are officially “friends.”

The programme had been well arranged, with serious music, spirituals from the Deep South of America, Somewhere from the musical West Side Story and the very typical MVC songs Morte Cristie, Speed Your Journey, Cwm Rhondda (yes, there was even a Welshman in the choir, and he wasn’t doing a guest appearance). For a number of years members of the choir have formed a particular group who sing unaccompanied, known as “8 in a Bar.” The 11 of them on this occasion performed a few from their repertoire, and like all the songs on the evening, all well received. Conductor Steve, with his musical knowledge and humour introduced each number and got the audience in a relaxed mood.

A particular joy for the choir and the audience was a guest appearance of a young soprano from the renowned Cheetham School of Music in Manchester, Charlotte Potter. Other young sopranos have been described as having the “The Voice of an Angel.” The choir and the audience certainly thought so and she received rapturous applause. Look out for her name. The accompanist was Catherine Hall-Smith

Refreshments were served in the church at the interval and after the concert which finished about 9.30pm, all were invited to the church hall for drinks and socialising.

When we arrived, we were not on the official list of “friends,” but after this performance, we will be enrolling.

John and Celia Mitchell



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S - MAY 2018 ROTA

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	SIDESPERSIONS	COFFEE
6th May	Mr & Mrs P Jackson	Mr A Ball Mrs M Ball	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood
13th May	Mr & Mrs J Halstead	Mrs M Hardy Mrs S Wood	Mrs M Thorley Mr B Wadsworth
20th May	Mrs J Bullas	Mrs J Swallow Mrs A Woodings	No Coffee
27th May	Mrs S Ashton	Mrs J Hilton Mrs M Thorley	Mrs B Jennings Mrs V Armitage
3rd June	Mr & Mrs C Atkinson	Mrs B Jennings Mrs F Whittaker	Mrs C Moulson Mrs M Ball

ST MARY'S - MAY 2018 ROTA

Date	Service	Readings	Prayers
6th May	Holy Communion 11.15am	Angela	Jacqueline
13th May	Holy Communion 11.15am	John	Kim
20th May	Holy Communion 11.15am	John	Kim
27th May	Morning Worship 11.15am	John	Jacqueline
3rd June	Holy Communion 11.15am	Angela	Jacqueline

ST JAMES' ROTA - MAY 2018

Date	Service	Preacher/ Leader	Celebrant	Reader	Side Person	Coffee
6th May	HC 9.30am	P Rolls	P Rolls	D Leach	A Whiteley D Leach	R & A Whiteley
13th May	5 Alive 5.00pm			Team		K Crossley C Bleasdale
20th May	HC 9.30am	P Rolls	P Rolls	J Wrathall	M Still D Leach	M & D Still
27th May	HC 9.30am	D Shields	D Shields	J Mathers	A Whiteley C Burhouse	D Leach J Burhouse
3rd June	HC 9.30am	J Kenworthy	J Kenworthy	R Walker	D Green A Pearson	J & C Burhouse

CHRIST CHURCH ROTA - MAY 2018

Date	Flowers	Intercessions	Side Person	Altar Server	Coffee	Reader
6th May	Anne Flanagan	Clergy	Kevin & Eileen	Jenny B	Janet	Eileen
13th May	Anne Flanagan	Clergy	Kevin & Christine	Janet	Eileen & Sheila	Jenny H
20th May	Vacant	Clergy	Kevin & Janet	Christine	Moyra	Pat
27th May	Irene	Clergy	Kevin & Moyra	Jenny B	Christine	Irene
3rd June	Christine B	Clergy	Kevin & Jenny H	Janet	Eileen & Sheila	Moyra

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READINGS IN THE PARISH - MAY 2018

Date	Theme	1st Reading	Gospel
6th May	Jesus' Commandments for His Disciples	Acts 10.44 - end	John 15.1 - 8
13th May	Jesus Prays for His Disciples	Acts 1.17 - 17, 21 - end	John 17.6 - 19
20th May	The Work of the Spirit	Acts 2.1 - 21	John 15.26 - 27, 16.4b - 15
27th May	Nicodemus visits Jesus	Isaiah 6.1 - 8	John 3.1 - 17

SERVICES IN THE PARISH - MAY 2018

Date	St Bartholomew's	St James	St Mary's	Christ Church
6th May	HC 9.30am	HC 9.30am	HC 11.15am	HC 11.15am
10th May		HC 7.00pm		
13th May	HC 9.30am	5 Alive 5.00pm	HC 11.15am	HC 11.15am
20th May	HC 9.30am	HC 9.30am	HC 11.15am	HC 11.15am
27th May	MW 9.30am	HC 9.30am	MW 11.15am	HC 11.15am

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When you arrive you will be greeted by a member of our congregation, who will offer you tea or coffee and if you have to bring the children with you, we can direct them to the box of toys while you carry out your business.

To make an appointment, please contact Amelia on 01484 850050 or email: parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!

CHURCH HALL DIARY FOR MAY 2018

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Tuesday	Pilates (not on 3rd) 'Good as Gold' - With Pam Cox	10.00am 2.00pm
	Slimming World	5.30 and 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold (not on 4th)	10.00am
Every Friday	Baby Sensory	10.00am

MONTHLY BOOKINGS:

1st Tuesday	Women's Institute	7.30pm
2nd Wednesday	Flower Club	7.00pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays	Cloverleaf Club	1.00pm - 3.00pm
2nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2.00pm
Last Tuesday (Church)	Women's Fellowship	7.30pm

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS - Doors open 9.30am

5th May	St Bartholomew's
12th	Women's Institute
19th	Meltham Bands
26th	Church Hall

OTHER BOOKINGS:

Thursday 3rd May	Elections	7.00am - 9.00pm
Sunday 6th	Scarecrow Registration	1.30 - 4.00pm
Monday 7th	Scarecrow Festival	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 20th	Lions Lunch	12pm

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