



Tupsley Voice

Whitehouse Hub Hosts Huge Jubilee Party

Despite all the Covid restrictions, the organisers of 'Families at the Whitehouse' and the Whitehouse Hub Volunteers decided to hold a Jubilee Street Party for the local community. We had planned a number of fundraising activities in the weeks leading up to the event. Fortunately, the Lotteries Community Fund decided to award us a grant at the last minute. This enabled us to focus on providing free educational events for families during Jubilee Week.

With the help of Bex from 'The Nationwide Community Learning Partnership (NCLP)', we held an event every day, culminating in a wonderful Jubilee Street Party, which was attended by over 220 people from the local community, all seated too. NCLP sponsored the Families activities and refreshments, and the 'Cracked Slipper Company' and 'Close House' provided us with food and reflections on the 'weight of wearing the crown' during the Wednesday Community Cafe,

We would like to say thank you to everyone who was involved in the organising of the event. Without our volunteers the events wouldn't have been such a great success. We would particularly like to say thank you to

our lead volunteer, Sarah, who despite contracting Covid and becoming very poorly, carried on organising the events behind the scenes. The Street Party was opened by the Rev Nick Armstrong with a welcome and prayers for Her Majesty the Queen and our community. The Street was opened up for the children to play, whilst Rhian Morris and Claire Weaver entertained everyone. The weather was perfect and everyone had lots of fun.

We would also like to say thank you to the Tupsley WI who worked very hard at the 'Picnic in the Park' this year selling refreshments. This resulted in them kindly donating over £400 towards the Hub's ongoing renovations and upkeep. We would also like to thank the Central Tupsley Community Group too, who have also promised a donation of £250 towards the ongoing costs of running the Hub. We do appreciate all the financial support we receive.

Some of our volunteers have been building huge planters, recycled from our old window shutters, to be placed around the Hub. We are hoping to plant these up with donating shrubs and flowers. I say this with a hopeful smile.

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Community Groups at Hampton Park Church

Tupsley is fortunate to have a lot of community activities that meet at Hampton Park Church, Hampton Dene Road.

NOTE: Knitting Group marked (2) restarts 15 September; Scottish Dancing marked (3) restarts 6th October

Monday			
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1:00 – 3:30	H'fd. Leisure Painters	Evelyn: 07918 877 909	
4:00 – 8:15	Ballet	Aimee 07768 287 614	
Tuesday			
9:30 – 11:45	Pilates	Nicky S. 07813 780 234	
1:15 – 2:45 (Term time)	Tea & Tots	Inge: 07872 826 874	1
7:30 – 9:00 (4th Week)	Fuchsia Assoc.	Audrey: 01432 358 334	
Wednesday			
10:00 – 12:00	Coffee Shop	Pam: 01432 357 770	
4:30 – 8:30	Ballroom (Children)	Nicola: 07922 858 863	
4:15 – 8:15	Drama (5+ years)	Ed: 07900 167 740	
Thursday			
10:00 – 11:30	Tai Chi	Julien: 01568 614 468	
12:00 – 1:30	Yoga (Alt Wk.)	Fiona: 01694 720 294	
2:30 - 4:00 (1st Week)	Tupsley Friends	Joyce: 01432 266 289	
2:00 - 4:00 (2nd Week)	Tupsley Knitters	Terri: 01432 340 521	2
5:00 – 9:00	Slimming World	Lauren: 07799 554 892	
7:30 – 9:30	Scottish Dancing	Jenny: 01432 266 011	3
Friday			
5:00 – 8:00	Ballet	Aimee: 07768 287 614	
Saturday			
8:30 – 10:00	Slimming World	Lauren: 07799 554 892	
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Tupsley Quarry Fireworks

November 5th falls on a Saturday this year and Central Tupsley Community Group (CTCG) are already making preparations for the fireworks in the Tupsley Quarry that night.

As it's a weekend, everyone should be able to walk there, so please leave the car at home if you possibly can. CTCG want everyone to be able to enjoy the fireworks, and that includes the people living in the streets around The Quarry. Please do not park in front of anyone's driveway.

CTCG have listened to concerns from local residents and spoken to their fireworks supplier so this year they are trialling the use of 50% reduced noise fireworks.

They hope to find a happy medium noise and look forward to welcoming the community back up on the Tupsley Quarry on Saturday 5th November. If you go please give generously to cover all the very high costs of this free community event which has always been a great success. There will be a lot of food and drink outlets and activities for children before the bonfire is lit. Do come, you will not be disappointed.

As always, many people are needed to prepare the site, marshal the event, collect donations to cover all the costs and to clear up on the morning of 6th November. New volunteers would be most welcome. If you can help please contact the man in charge, as always, Jim Kenyon at jfkenyon@aol.com or on 07711 316 013

Check out details including when activities start, bonfire lighting and firework display times on the CTCG Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/CentralTupsleyCommunityGroup nearer the time.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoobox Appeal

Hampton Park Church will yet again be a drop off point of shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child" this November. Various different items that a child would love to receive at Christmas are put into a shoe box. These might be a selection of toys, games, school supplies, quality crafted items and small musical instruments, together with a Christmas Card, and ideally a short letter and a photo of you and your family to make it a personal gift.

277,350 shoebox gifts were donated nationally in 2021 for children in eight countries across Eastern Europe, Africa and Central Asia! The shoeboxes collected at Hampton Park were delivered to Liberia. They are given to children who have never received a Christmas present.

National Collection Week for the 2022 Shoebox Appeal will be 14-21 November. Please look at the Samaritan's Purse website for details of the days and times Hampton Park Church will be open.

If you are interested in filling a shoebox or donating a few items to help fill a box, please visit <https://cdn.samaritans-purse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Gift-Suggestions-and-FAQs-2021.pdf> for details of suitable items for specific age ranges and also items that cannot be included.

Computer Café Opens in Tupsley

Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire have opened a Computer Café every Monday from 10:30am -12:00pm at The Rose Garden, Ledbury Road, Tupsley. Anyone over 50 years of age may attend

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Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre at Hampton Park URC Church will be held on Saturday November 26th from 11:30 – 2:00.

This year, we will have more stalls than at any time during pandemic. Please come along and browse the bric-a-brac, books & jigsaws stalls. We will also have Christmas gifts, wooden items, bottle tombola, cakes, a raffle, lucky dip and children's activities. Lunches and refreshments will be served from 12:00.

Summer Fayre Raises £600

Hampton Park URC Church Summer Fayre raised nearly £600 for Church funds, despite the event being much smaller due to Covid concerns reducing the number of attendees and the size of stalls.

Bright Sparks 'Outstanding' again!

Bright Sparks Nursery has been running for over 42 years! It is located at the top of Prospect Walk in Tupsley, providing education and care for children aged from 18 months to 5 years old.

In July they were inspected by Ofsted who once again gave them the highest rating of 'Outstanding'!

This is the second time the team at Bright Sparks have achieved this fabulous rating and they are so pleased that the education and care that they provide for their children and families has been recognised yet again.

Ofsted say 'All children are incredibly happy and thriving within a rich, exciting, and varied environment where it is evident that children are at the heart of everything that staff do. Where all children make excellent progress through an ambitious curriculum that is led by highly skilful and motivated staff who constantly evaluate, review, and identify exciting ways that the children can learn, with the provision for children with special educational needs or disabilities (ie SEND) being exemplary.'

Bright Sparks Manager Kate Shepherd said, 'I am delighted that our team's passion, hard work and commitment to our little sparks and their families has been recognised, and I can't thank them enough for their dedication to making sure all our children are happy, having fun learning through play, and developing into fabulous, motivated learners.'

If you would like further information about Bright Sparks, please give them a call on 01432 278 249 or alternatively email them at brightsparkshereford@yahoo.co.uk

Scout Hut to be Rebuilt

It has been decided that the very old corrugated steel Scout Hut, at Scouts Corner, alongside Eign Road railway bridge has reached the end of its long life and is to be replaced with a modern building. The hut can be seen in the background of the 1953 Coronation Day photograph of people who attended the Park Street party that was printed in the Tupsley Voice Spring Issue. The hut is owned and used every week by the Scouts but is also used every weekday by a nursery, and for parties, barn dances, wedding receptions, christening gatherings and other community events.

It is hoped to start the project in the New Year, but around £200,000 needs to be raised. Any resident of Tupsley, especially those who have attended an event or sent their children to the scouts or the nursery in the past, are warmly invited to help the Scouts rebuild this useful asset for our children of today and tomorrow.

You can donate via BACS to the South Marches District Scout Council Business Account at Lloyds Bank. Sort Code:- 30-94-14. Account No:- 00199789 . Or send a cheque to Mr Chris 'Tosh' Ruffe, 23a Pilley Road, Hereford, HR1 1NA.

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Enterprising RNC Student Creates Commemorative Garden

Aaron Germaney a student studying at the Royal National College for the Blind (RNC), Venns Lane, installed a new commemorative flower bed on the campus at the end of the Summer Term which he suggested as a project for his OCR Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

As part of the project, Aaron had to investigate, design and manage the production of the garden and then give a presentation and present a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate the skills he had developed in planning and researching this huge undertaking. Aaron did quite a bit of the work himself, but he also enlisted two people from RNC's Estates Team who helped with much of the heavy lifting and digging.

Further to the recent A Level/Level 3 results Aaron was justifiably awarded a Grade A* for this work, It is currently obscured by a building compound, but once removed, it will be visible for the general public to admire when walking along Venns Lane.

Aaron was also awarded a Distinction* in OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care - and a pass for his Active IQ Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training. As a result he is now off to Sheffield Hallam University to study BSc(Hons) Sport & Exercise Science.

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Bishops School Summer Term

Editor – There is so much good and interesting news from Bishop's School Summer Term that it is most disappointing that Tupsley Voice has only sufficient space to print a summary of a small handful of highlights. Apologies to those students and departments that are not mentioned. However to read more, the full Summer Term News is available to read on the school web site: www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk > Parents/Carers > Term Times (Newsletter) > Term Times Summer 2 2022.

London experience - As Enrichment Week returned to the BHBS calendar, the Technology and Maths departments once again joined forces for a fantastic three days experience in London. The students from Year 7, 8 and 9 visited many of the capital cities' most well know sites. On the final day they visited Thorpe Park.

Computing - This term, some of our Year 8 students have been creating their own simple web pages using HTML. They have experimented with headings, lists, colour, italics, bold print and inserting images. They were tasked with creating their own web page on a topic of their choice and ended up with web pages on JK Rowling, Cristiano Ronaldo and the Welsh Rugby team amongst many others. They have also been using the Blockly Games website – this guides students through a series of challenges that teach programming skills including loops, nested loops and conditionals

Year 9 Morrill Poetry Competition - Beatrice Judge achieved the Cup with her poem "Memories" (Editor – See her poem on page 9)

Science - We have had a big focus on Science (STEM) careers in lessons to motivate and inspire students into the amazing world of Science and the opportunities open to them in this field. Our visit to FH Dale engineering is one example where 13 students spent the afternoon learning about the roles of Design engineers (Designing of steel members), CAD drawing and 3D models, Sales and estimating, Workshop operations and Site operations including erection of steel framework.

Later in the term fourteen Year 10 students visited Caplor Energy in Fownhope. This was a great opportunity for students to find out about possible future career opportunities and apprenticeships in a range of exciting career opportunities in the field of renewable energy.

We believe that it is important to provide students with a wide range of teaching and learning activities. When students are able to see the relevance of the work covered in lessons, how it applies to their lives and the exciting opportunities that Science can offer them in the future there is a tangible increase in their engagement. Our Year 9 students recently investigated what volume of water will send a water rocket the highest. With the current hot weather this was a great opportunity to take students outside and build some water rockets, some of them did find this to be quite a cooling experience! Whilst not rocket Science, (oh... yes it is) this is an application of Newton's 3 Laws of motion. Content that they will need for GCSE Science.

Whitehouse Hub News

We are pleased to report that the regular activities at the Hub are continuing to grow in number and, aside from private bookings, the community are welcome to join in with any of the groups. At our family and community activities, children have to be supervised by an adult. We are hoping to have the funds for a dedicated youth worker in the near future.

The craft room has now been finished. Small groups and individuals are welcome to book the room for a small cost.

For information about events for children, you will find information on our 'Families at the Whitehouse' Facebook page and on the 'Tupsley Whitehouse Community Hub' page. Its profile icon has a white W in an orange background.

Hampton Dene School celebrate Queen's Jubilee

Hampton Dene school celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a whole school street party. Our school playground was a sea of red, white and blue for our shared lunch. Children's faces lit up when they saw our special guest walking down the red carpet and making her way to the throne. Children stood and welcomed her to Hampton Dene by singing the National Anthem. Each pupil received a Platinum Jubilee badge which was presented by the 'Queen' donated by the PTFA - a lovely keepsake for years to come'

Jubilee Picnic in the Park

The annual Picnic in the Park at Tupsley Quarry organised by Central Tupsley Community Group (CTCG) was this year held on the 4th June to coincide with the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Group organised by County Councillor Jim Kenyon did a magnificent job organising a full range of activities for all ages and for the whole afternoon. Several hundred went along for an afternoon to remember.

The event included a large stage where various bands and choirs performed, together with a demonstration of Circus skills, bush-craft and a Dog Show (all the dogs were stars - so well behaved)- some were decorated with red white and blue rosettes. One child saw his dad playing in a band for the very first time (since he usually just plays at a club in the late evening). He was most impressed and proud of his dad.

Children of all ages were kept fully occupied and very happy by a whole range of activities while their parents and others were able to sit and relax in many large groups to enjoy the food and drinks available from lots of different food outlets on the site.

The Tupsley WI helped by a couple from Wye Women WI all organised by Barbara Glasspoole valiantly served cream teas for virtually the entire afternoon, not just the 2 hours they'd signed up for.

The children had bouncy castles, slides, a fun house, roundabouts, fishing for ducks, and the Scouts organised Hoola Hoops and other active games. For a bit of peace St Pauls Church organised colouring for children in the Messy Church Tent and a Prayer tent for anyone who had a problem to discuss,

Despite less-than-summery weather, the hundreds of people who attended were rewarded with a wonderful event. Jim Kenyon and the CTCG team can be thoroughly congratulated and sincerely thanked for organising such a successful community event.

Picnic in the Park will be back next year, probably in the regular July slot.



A happy and contented, albeit tired, Jim Kenyon – principal organiser of the Quarry Jubilee Picnic





A happy Carol Teasdale, who together with sadly absent Sarah, organised a most successful Jubilee Street Party at Whitehouse Hub

Hampton Dene Road Residents enjoyed a street party and Bar BBQ in their road with no traffic

Men & Women Groups'

Tupsley Townswomen's Guild

Tupsley TWG meet at 2:15pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Whitehouse Hub. For information phone Susan Layton on 01432 263 931.

Tupsley WI

Tupsley WI meet at 2.00pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at The Hereford Suite, Hereford Football Ground. For details please contact our Secretary, Sue Andrews on 01432 850303 or email suexa235@gmail.com for details..

12th September - The Climate Crisis
28th September - Litter Picking
10th October - Metalcraft from Scrap

Wye Women WI

Wye Women WI normally meet at 7:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For details of venue phone Melanie Pressey on 01432 356 271.

13th September Speech, Language and Signing
11th October Talk on Children's Society.
8th November Line Dancing.
13th December Christmas Meal.

Hereford Floral Society

Hereford Floral Society meet every third Monday of each month at the Rose Garden, Ledbury Road at 1:45pm. Learn all about flowers, have fun and make new friends. For information contact Joan Dunn on 01432 357 044 or Margaret Gerring on 01432 363 216

Herefordshire Flower Guild

After a summer break that has included a fabulous garden party and a visit to Brobury Gardens, Herefordshire Flower Guild meetings at Bartestree Village Hall will recommence on Tuesday 13th September at 1.30 pm. The Guild continues to welcome new members who marvel at the wonderful array of floral exhibits that are created by our talented demonstrators. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month and start with refreshments, a raffle and a chat! A warm and friendly welcome awaits old and new members. Any queries, please contact Ruth Stott on 01432 611609

Fuchsia Association

Hereford & District Fuchsia Association meet at Hampton Park United Reformed Church every 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm. please contact Audrey on 01432 358334.

The Association held its Annual Show on Saturday 6th August. This was its first show since 2019 and though entries were certainly down this year- mainly because of the extreme heat!! (fuchsias do not enjoy such hot weather!). Members agreed that it turned out much better than originally thought, with over 100 entries.

Mrs Hill had four award winning fuchsias. She took on the role of Show Secretary this year and did an excellent job.



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The Winter Issue copy deadline is Friday 11th November. Publication will be on 3rd December. Send us details of events to take place before or very soon after the Spring Issue publication date of 4th March 2023, as well as reports of past events.

Tupsley W I

Tupsley WI members have enjoyed a busy summer with a variety of activities including providing teas, scones, cakes & strawberries at the Platinum Jubilee Party on Tupsley Quarry. All our members received a silver plated teaspoon to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's seventy year reign.

Tupsley WI were well represented as volunteers in the tea tent at The Royal Three Counties Show & had a chance to experience the unique atmosphere of a great agricultural event.

Our regular monthly meetings, 2nd Mondays at 1.45pm in the Hereford Suite, are supplemented by a variety of social groups. Our Book Group has found the ideal meeting place at the Whitehouse Hub, the Sunday Lunch Club have visited pubs near and far, while the Walking Group are spoilt for choice as to where to explore next!

We are planning to have more interest groups & shall be learning more of our local history starting at Coningsby Hospital & Museum.

A donation has been sent to the fundraisers who are hoping to restore the gravestone to the local suffragette, Florence Canning, which is in Tupsley churchyard.

WI Day is on 16th September when Herefordshire Federation showcase the various activities of the W I. All are welcome to call in to Hampton Bishop Village Hall to have a look & stop for refreshments, 10.00am -4.00pm

Fundraising at St Pauls School

Parental contributions of cakes and money for our partner school in Uganda raised £268.59 which will go towards building new classrooms for the school.

On the last day of term we are encouraging all children to take part in a non-uniform day in memory George. 5 year old George, who went to Stretton Sugwas school, suddenly became ill in August 2020 and was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour. He died just 6 weeks later, all to the tremendous shock of his family and friends. To show the school's support it was suggested that each pupil wear something orange to school instead of school uniform. It was also suggested that each pupil try and donate £1 towards the 'Walk for George Appeal' which was set up by Herefordshire Community Foundation. As a result St Pauls school raised £225.20. The Appeal has so far raised over £35,000 and will be used to promote the interests of primary aged children in Herefordshire with grants and projects that improve education, mental health and outdoor activities. The children's parade in their orange clothes to St Pauls Church for their end of year service, with possibly many thinking of George, was most poignant to watch.

To support projects at St Pauls School its Friends Association throughout the 2021/22 raised £5713.16 through Christmas Cards, the Winter raffle, the Mothers and Special Others shop, refreshments at sports days, the Jubilee Fete and the ice cream stall at the Summer Gala.

Bishops School Year 9 Poetry Competition

During the Summer Term the English Team challenge all of Year 9 to enter the Morrill Poetry Cup competition. This is a special opportunity to showcase students' talents from their Key Stage 3 learning in a creative way. The Morrill Cup was kindly donated in memory of a former English teacher, Mrs Morrill, who spent many years teaching at Bishops and enjoyed her time here immensely. Each year we are fortunate to have the expertise of Mr John Nicol, retired Deputy Headteacher, and published poet, to judge the anonymised entries. Once again, this year, we saw some beautifully crafted, poignant poems selected as worthy prize winners, with Beatrice Judge achieving the Cup with her poem "Memories".

Memories by Beatrice Judge

I can remember, that day in the dunes, The wind grows stronger by the hour, How cold we feel, Sitting in our hollow of sand, Unable to leave, The wind across the dunes buries everything. Each from a different rock, From a different age, Each with a different history, Every particle, brought by weather and ocean, What stories each could tell, But the wind across the dunes buries everything. I wish I could remember, that day in the dunes. Where was that place? Why does it keep coming back to me, in fragments. Never quite complete. I remember your name but not your face. The wind across the dunes buries everything. Each day is different. Like the shifting of the dunes. Memories surface or are lost, Like the stories of each grain of sand Which rise for a moment in the sun But in the end The wind across the dunes buries everything.

Comments by the competition judge Mr John Nicol

' This poem is stunning and an incredibly sophisticated piece of writing for a Year 9 student. It works around an extended metaphor linking the ever-changing grains of sand 'in the dunes' to shifting fragments of memory and more broadly to the passage of time. This poetic conceit is also contained in the refrain, 'The wind across the dunes buries everything...' which runs as a motif through the entire poem. The poem is well-structured, as a piece, but also in the composition of the individual stanzas. Overall, the style has a very contemporary feel (there is a tendency for young writers to write with archaic syntax and vocabulary) and wouldn't be out of place in one of the many poetry magazines which are published across the country. Well done, to the poet.

Summer Gala at St Pauls School

Early in July, St Pauls school celebrated another tremendous year with its Summer Gala – this year entitled 'Jiving through the Jubilee Years'. It was held on the school field for an early evening picnic tea and a performance of dance through the decades. All the parents and carers were invited to attend and to bring along their camping chairs, umbrellas, sun hats and blankets to join the pupils to dance and sing along to some of the nation's favourite hits. Clapping along, dancing and cheering by all those present really helped the children to perform to their very best.

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Events at the Whitehouse Hub

Monday

Monday afternoon walks at 2 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us. We are not serious walkers. We amble along, chatting, taking in the scenery and getting to know Tupsley and the people who stop to have a chat to us. Many people don't realise that Tupsley is such an immense area with many nooks and crannies to explore. Of course we have some of the most beautiful countryside to enjoy as well. We finish off at the Whitehouse for refreshments, we have also stopped in town, in a local pub or taken refreshments with us to picnic outside. If affordable we contribute £2 each for refreshments and for Hub renovations.

Tuesday

We have 'The Lighthouse at the Whitehouse', 2 - 4pm. This is a new Life Group of Christians of all age, some with connections to St. Paul's Church, who meet together to have fun, study scripture, chatter, share stories and so forth. Anyone is welcome to join, to come and ask questions and so forth.

Monthly: Townswomen's Guild, 1st Tuesday at 2pm-4pm

Wednesday

Community Cafe 2 - 4pm. It's a fun time to just come and have a cup of tea or coffee. We usually have cake for sale. You can have chatter and stay as long as you like. Do pop along, everyone is welcome.

Monthly: Whist Group at 7:30pm. For details see George.

Thursday

We are usually doing essential works around and about the Hub. We are grateful to all of our volunteers. The smallest of jobs, even picking up litter, makes a difference. Contact Carol Teasdale to become a Hub volunteer.

Friday

2 - 4pm we collect food for Herefordshire Food Bank that is continuously collecting for people who are struggling financially. The food must be in date.

Planned Events

Our local Councillor, Ange Tyler, can be available for local community concerns 'by appointment' on Wednesday afternoons in the downstairs office between 2pm and 4pm. Other times can be arranged with Ange.

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Tupsley Community Coffee Shop Celebrates 20 Years



Some of the Coffee Shop Founder Members and team members soon after it opened

Left – Right: Angus & Barbara Turner (team members, Margaret Renton and Jean Loosemore (both founder members along with others) all ready to serve tea and coffee not long after the Tupsley Coffee Shop opened in October 2022. Sadly hard working and enthusiastic Angus, Barbara and Margaret are no longer with us but Jean still remains, now as Chairperson, 20 years after the opening.

Back at the turn of the millennium there was little provided for the elderly by the churches in the community. Jean Loosemore had experienced a ‘pop-up’ coffee shop in a wayside United Reformed Church in Hampshire and suggested that something similar might be appropriate in Tupsley.

In June 2002 Jean and Geoff Loosemore, Joyce Busby, and Charles and Margaret Renton met to formalise ideas. They decided that Hampton Park URC should be the venue where coffee, tea and biscuits would be served in ‘nice’ crockery, with tablecloths, flowers and serviettes in relaxed surroundings. Money was raised by donations, including money given by Joyce and Roger Woodall in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. An appeal for volunteers from St Paul’s and Hampton Park churches was met with an overwhelming response and 5 teams of 4 people were organised for each week of the month.

The Coffee Shop opened on Wednesday, 9th October 2002 in just the foyer of Hampton Park Church. There were 20 customers which rapidly rose to 38 by the start of 2003. It became a weekly opportunity for a drink and a social chat for £1 and at its peak (pre-pandemic) served between 80 and 90 people per week. Post pandemic we have welcomed back some 50 customers per week and numbers are slowly rising again.

Various attempts were made to widen the offering - indoor bowls, table games etc. - but it was clear that meeting others for a chat was the raison d'être for the coffee shop. But things have happened - table stalls were set up by Traidcraft, St. Owen's Centre and Joan's cards. Today there is still a Traidcraft stall, Pam's hand-made cards, David's cakes and Jill's quiches and, when they are able to come, St. Owen's Centre sell home-made cakes. Also, and most popularly, the council green garden sacks are for sale. At Christmas, biscuits are replaced by mince pies; and carols are sung. At the end of the year surplus funds are donated to various local charities.

2008 saw the first of the annual ‘Holidays at Home’ with 30 people being treated to 3 days of good company, activities, and good food, including a day trip, which that year went out to Kilpeck Church. The idea for a ‘Holiday at Home’ came from Margaret Renton and was an immediate success - albeit hard work for the volunteers. These ‘Holidays’ continued until the pandemic started, the last being to Brockhampton Church via Ross Church and Pengethley Garden Centre restaurant.

For many years there was an annual ‘thank you’ BBQ for helpers at a founding member's house at Abbey Dore, but age and circumstances meant that these had to come to an end. Without the volunteers it would not be possible to run the coffee shop, so a huge thank you to all who have helped in the past and those who continue to do so today.

Your Community Coffee Shop has now restarted after the pandemic and continues to provide a relaxed venue for a Wednesday morning coffee and chat. Today you can still have a cup of tea or coffee with a free refill and a packet of biscuits for only £1.50. It will continue to open every Wednesday except Christmas and Boxing Days.

Come and help us celebrate our 20th anniversary on Wednesday, 12th October between 10 and 12 o'clock. We look forward to seeing you.

Suffragette Grave to be Restored

Reader will perhaps recall (Autumn 2021 Issue) that research completed by Clare Wichbold revealed that there were 4 graves in St Pauls Church graveyard of people who were active in the movement including the prominent Suffragette Florence Canning (1863 – 1916), the daughter of the first vicar of St Pauls Church and almost certainly at the age of 5 one of the first pupils at St Pauls Primary School when it opened in 1868.

Florence has been a forgotten figure in the Suffragette campaign and very sadly her grave, which is very close to the church and the footpath to the school, is looking in a very sorry state with a fallen cross. Determined to do something about that, Clare Wichbold has worked hard to organise raising funds to restore the grave. She anticipates remaining funds will be used to support the upkeep of the churchyard to help ensure that Florence's grave and the graves of the three other suffragette supporters in the churchyard, Dorothy Dymond, Una Bettington and Charles Anthony Junior are maintained and cared for.

