

FROM THE EDITOR

If you stand in the church on a sunny afternoon, with your back to the east end, and look out of the west window, you will see our beautiful and unique stained glass window. This was designed by Geoff Uffindell and was the choice of the people of the church as a way to mark the millennium. It shows a golden cross entwined with hops and cobnuts and reflects the design of the village millennium sign which can be seen on the grassy bank near the post-box at the junction of Long Mill Lane and Comp Lane. The Easter magazine gives us an opportunity to show the cross, a symbol for Christians of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the hope of eternal life. Geoff, an architect and churchwarden, also designed and oversaw the building of the Garden Room in 1990 and the internal glazed screen inside the west doors in 1998. We are so fortunate that people give of their time and skills and generosity to the village in a great number of different ways. Many of those who contribute so much are not necessarily those who have lived here for decades, but those who have moved here in recent times. Someone who moved here a year ago said to me in the last few days, 'It is such a nice place to live'.

But it was very disappointing to hear, in recent days, negative comments about some people's thoughtless behaviour in the village. Pat Darby, as chairman of the Parish Council, has mentioned several times the disgusting behaviour of those who do not clear up after their dogs or who leave plastic bags of dog poo hanging on fences, bushes and hedges. Now it seems that the bags are also being left on the decking of 'The Blue Anchor', a place where others sit and relax. We are very fortunate to have a great pub in our midst, away from a main road, and surely we would want other people to be able to enjoy it as much as we do. We appreciate all the hard work that John and Clare do day after day to provide a good, pleasant and welcoming atmosphere for their customers.

This weekend when the April magazine is distributed the clocks go forward bringing in British Summer Time. For the next six months the hours of light in the day will be longer than the hours of dark. It was very disappointing that so recently two village events had to be postponed due to heavy snow and icy roads. Fortunately the evening event with Andy McConnell planned by the Memorial Hall trustees - 'Beyond the Roadshow' has been rescheduled for Saturday 12th May. Linda Aldcroft hopes to rearrange the talk due to be given by Don Ingrams on SERV, the Blood Runners, as soon as possible.

As the evenings grow lighter and the days warmer it means more time for gardening or enjoying time outdoors. Isn't it what we have been looking forward to?

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