

Bonus Ball Winners 2021

Jan 2	Vacant number	37
Jan 9	Stuart Deane	53
Jan 16	Kath Morgan	27
Jan 23	Johnnie Davenport	56
Jan 30	Ian Powell	42
Feb 6	Paul Grice	6
Feb 13	Vacant Number	48
Feb 20	Cal Edwards	10
Feb 27	Vacant Number	20
Mar 6	Sue Rawlinson	15
Mar 13	Vacant Number	20
Mar 20	Mike Jones	21
Mar 27	Vacant Number	29
Apr 3	Vacant Number	5
Apr 10	Emily Davenport	30
Apr 17	Vacant Number	4
Apr 24	Vacant Number	1
May 1	Isobel Davenport	14
May 8	Sue Rawlinson	15
May 15	Viv Griffiths	50
May 22		
May 29		

During these unusual times the church and Community Association are extremely grateful for those who partake in this scheme. This has been the only fund raiser over the last 18 months!

There are some vacant numbers and we would love you to join us by paying for a number for only £1 a week. Winning numbers are those from the National Lottery. Please contact Stuart Deane on 01981590615 Thanks Stu



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MARS

A potential Mars landing site might be underlain by debris-covered glaciers. Strange sinuous features on a flat plain known as Arcadia Planitia bear a striking resemblance to ice streams within ice sheets in Antarctica, a new study finds. If these shallowly covered glaciers do, in fact, exist, they could be a reason to direct future crewed missions to Mars toward the region. The spot was already intriguing to SpaceX and NASA because it is a broad, flat plain, which is ideal for landing spacecraft. If there is ice not too deep below the surface of the plain, astronauts could also have a water source easily at hand.

The newfound flow-like features are strange because they occur on flat terrain, said study leader Shannon Hibbard, a doctoral student at the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

"There's lots of evidence that this is an ice-rich area, but we don't have any major topographic relief occurring where these sinuous features are," Hibbard told Live Science. "They're existing in a pretty flat-lying plane, so that was kind of odd."

Arcadia Planitia is in Mars' northern lowlands. In the last 3 billion years, active lava flows smoothed over this region, so that it is far less pocked with craters compared with other parts of the planet. Data collected from orbit over the years suggest that the ground in the region is rich in hydrogen. Because water is made of hydrogen and oxygen molecules, this hydrogen suggests the presence of water ice right below the surface.

For decades, scientists have noticed features on Mars that look ice-related. Alongside low hills, there are aprons of debris known as lobate features because of their shape, which look like the outflow of glaciers covered in a thin layer of rocks. There are also striated patterns within gullies that look similar to glaciers flowing through valleys on Earth.

Similar features occur in Arcadia Planitia, Hibbard said. Lobate features occur near a set of mountains known as the Erebus Montes that rise from the plain. Sinuous features snake through low-lying areas. She and her colleagues pulled together observations from multiple different instruments to try to identify these features. This included photographs from orbit, thermal data showing the temperature of the surface in both day and night, albedo data that reveals the reflectivity of the surface, information on the dust cover and data on elevation and topography.

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Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*)

The Pied flycatcher is a small bird slightly smaller than a sparrow. They are a Summer visitor migrating here from West Africa in late April to early May. It's the males which are pied with stunning black and white plumage. They have adorable white spots between their eyes like little flashing lights. The female as with most species are a more gentle brown and cream. The males arrive first at the breeding site to find a suitable location for nesting. He will defend this area before attracting a female with his call. The female will build the nest mainly from dried grass. She then lays between 4-10 eggs which are smooth and blue, and once finished will incubate for 13-15 days. Once hatched the chicks are fed by both parents which will be ready to fledge at around 14-18 days old. The flycatcher's song is a sweet warble that is remembered as a tree, tree once more I come to thee. They are on the species red list of concern. They have declined by 53% since 1995. There is little evidence this actually has anything to do with breeding grounds but more to do with global warming. Their timing of breeding has become mismatched to availability of prey as warmer advanced Spring results in earlier availability of invertebrate food. UK data is starting to suggest some adaptation with advances in egg laying dates.

The reason for giving you this information on the not much known pied flycatcher are the boxes up in Merry Hill. When I moved here I saw these and set out trying to find who was obviously managing them. I was finally put in touch with a member of the Hereford Ornithological Club who is ringer checking our boxes. So I immediately volunteered with him and have joined them every year since. Dave Coker has constantly shown great patience in teaching and helping me ring birds and has taught me so much to do with birds we have been recording. His main focus in Hereford are the Pied Flycatchers and he checks 3 other woodlands including ours. When we check the boxes which starts weekly from April it does not matter what's using them, we record nest, egg and chick progression and whether they fledge successfully. Very basically if we look at a tit nest (which use these boxes the most) the female like the pfc does all the work until the young need feeding then the male will start helping too. So it takes roughly 2 weeks to build a nest, 2 weeks to lay their clutch, one egg we've had are in the 18 Blue Tit eggs), 2 incubate then 3 weeks fledge. Please if you woods between April not look inside the few reasons for not anywhere during this might be a Wren 2 last year which were recorded without The reason for this is dome of moss and if in anyway the adults any young will The other problem is with bolting chicks. If the chicks are older but not ready yet to fledge, their danger instinct is to jump out of the nest in panic. This would be very worrying and could result again in the chicks perishing. But if you would like to have a look and be shown some boxes safely please feel free to contact me And I would find some time to go up with you.



Foxley Group Parish Council

The AGM was held on Wednesday 5th May. Cal Edwards was elected Chairman with Dave Gwynne elected Vice chair.

At last- Gigaclear are installing Fibreglass optic cables through the village of Mansel Lacy during the week starting 24 May lasting 11 days when the road will be closed, and in Brinsop 'The Parks' from 4 June for 8 days. Access to properties will be maintained during these periods

In parochial school, students are taught that lying is a sin. However instructors also advise that using a bit of imagination is OK to express the truth differently but without lying.

The following is a perfect example of these teachings :

Getting a hairdryer through customs.

An attractive young woman on a flight to Ireland asked the Priest beside her

"Father, may I ask a favour," "Of course child. What may I do for you?"

"Well I bought my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday. It's unopened but well over the Customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it.

Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Hide it under your robes perhaps?"

"I would love to help you dear, but I must warn you. I will not lie"

"With your honest face, Father, no one will question you"

When they got to customs, she let the priest go first. The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?"

"From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare"

The official thought this answer strange, so he asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?"

"I have a marvellous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused."

Roaring with laughter the official said, "Go ahead, Father. Next please!"

During a visit to my doctor I asked him how you determine whether or not an older person needs to be placed in an old age home.

"Well we fill up a bathtub and offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket and ask them to empty the tub".

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"No," he said, "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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Dear Friends,

Psalm 24:1 says, 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it...' and that includes you and me. God created the most amazing planet - the pinnacle of his creation - for humanity to live in. He created the beauty of tiny flowers, of majestic mountains, of ocean waves and little springs. He created everything on and within the earth for our use and our stewardship. But are we grateful? Do we recognise his provision for us? Do we hold tightly onto everything that we have, or hold it loosely allowing him to give and take from our outstretched hands? The resources so graciously given to provide for everyone are so often found in the pockets of a few. When we have too much, we're likely to believe we have no need of God. Perhaps not for our immediate needs, but we all, rich and poor alike, need Jesus as our Saviour. We all need to acknowledge the Creator and be reconciled to him. The Bible teaches us that one day this earth and heaven will be replaced with a new earth and heaven. So, perhaps the most pressing question is, "How can we be reconciled to God, Lord of all creation?" Lockdown has given many a new appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world. Let's pray that it also leads many to a new understanding and appreciation of the Creator.

With this in mind we should be thinking about how we can reduce the 'carbon footprint' of our church. As restrictions on our social events are lifted we will be beginning to consider whether any changes need to be made and it would be shrewd to hold the thought of 'being more green' in our minds when we make our future plans.

I have just heard about the tragic death of Kath Howard, who was a much loved and dear friend and neighbour to so many of you in Mansel Lacy. I know that she was a great supporter of both church and community events and she will be sadly missed and leave a big hole in the community. For her though, she has been called home to be with the Lord she faithfully served and loved and her struggle is over. For those left behind, it is shock and the distress of such a sudden and tragic loss. At times like this we can only turn to God for comfort and peace. You are all very present in my prayers.

With every Blessing,

Rana

The APCM will take place on Wednesday 2 June at 7.30pm

Strange new trend at the office. People putting names on food in the company fridge. Today I had a tuna sandwich named Linda



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August - Ann Fairhurst/Jacky Jones September - Angie Deane/Sue Hallett

October - Vera Cole / Kim Williams November - Fiona Horwood/Jennifer Spinks

December - Christmas Décor All who can give time please

If you cannot do your month for any reason, please contact: Sue Hallett 590980