Tomb Talk

A Review on *An Illustrated talk and tour by Mr Graham O'Hare*

Last night Mr Graham O'Hare gave his magic lantern show, talk and then tour of the newly repaired Tombs in the Churchyard. Now fully stabilised, repaired, rebuilt and repointed. Graham talked about different types of tombs, how they were constructed, the different ways to repair them and why they led to problems in the levels of the churchyard. A fascinating talk by a man who knows his stuff!

What's more we had an abundant, bountiful and splendiferous selection of Gloucestershire Foods laid on absolutely FREE. A sort of Heavenly "all you can eat buffet".

With the excellent displays of historical information about the Tombs we all now know what to look for when shopping around for our own Family Table Tomb!.

Open Gardens 2021 final result

Everyone involved and everyone who came, all said that DESPITE the vagaries of the Great British weather, the Hidden Gardens of Stinchcombe was a great success this year.

Over a dozen gardens of all types, sizes and varieties were

open over the two days and showed off the village to the public. Whether Residents from Stinchcombe just turning out and supporting others in the village, or people who had travelled from afar (and it some cases it was from afar!), everyone enjoyed the Open Gardens. Despite the rain!

In fact, it was by far the most successful Open Gardens to date. One person in fact emailed today with the following:

> *"Thank you so much for organising such a wonderful Open Gardens. We visited on Saturday and Sunday – and managed all the gardens. Completely bowled over, and learned lots. Great to meet the owners – that added to the pleasure. Thank you also to your team: we enjoyed a tea on Saturday, delicious cake, and on Sunday we had to make a dash to the car at 4.30 as it really pelted down. So we missed our Sunday tea."*

In the end, (including some generous donations) we raised just under £3,000 towards the ***Open To All*** project by the "Friends of St Cyrs" for a disabled Access to the Church. This is over double the amount raised in 2019 when the last "Open Gardens" was held.

Thank-you to those, who opened their Gardens, to those who helped with the teas and cakes, who baked cakes, and to those others who stepped forward to help make the village look good.

Calendar Update

Stinchcombe Calendar 2022

Time is marching on and plans for the Stinchcombe Calendar for

2022 are taking shape.

We are hoping to be able to go to press in September so that the calendars will be ready for sale in October in anticipation of Christmas and of course the New Year 2022.

The success of the calendar however will depend on you for the photographic and/or artistic contributions that you have captured or created over the year with scenes of the village and surrounding area reflecting the different seasons and months of the year.

Do you remember some of those lovely shots which you shared on Stinchcombe social especially during the winter? Now is the time to look through your pictures and send your contributions to the panel with any shots for the calendar.

The panel will be looking to create a calendar with a visual focus on this lovely area of Gloucestershire where we live and the community of Stinchcombe to which we belong.

So this article is to remind you about the Stinchcombe Village Calendar 2022 and to invite you to submit possible photographs, paintings or drawings relating to Stinchcombe for a particular month, which could be selected for the 2022 calendar.

Entries should be sent to the following dedicated email address ***pleggate@outlook.com*** as soon as possible and no later than the beginning of September 2021, ready for the panel of experts to make their selection.

All pictures submitted will be considered, but the judges' decision will be final.

The calendar will then be prepared for printing.

Guidelines for calendar submissions are as follows:

- Anyone of any age with an interest and knowledge of

Stinchcombe and its surroundings is encouraged to submit an entry.

- There is no entrance charge, but if your work is selected we would expect to be able to print it in the calendar and sell the calendar on behalf of the PCC.
- There should be a title that identifies the aspect of Stinchcombe in the picture
- Each entry should be clearly marked with the month to be represented.
- There should be a clear link between the month and the subject of the picture.

Please help make 2022 a special year that captures some of the best memories of our lovely village during its different seasons, activities and events.

The Secret Garden

The Latest on the Hidden Gardens of Stinchcombe



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Just a short update, we now have around a dozen Gardens confirmed and I am hopeful of 2 more at Clingre Down.

This will be an excellent time especially for those newly moved into Stinchcombe to meet others.

There will be a “Spinney Stroll” at Street Farm and of course, Teas and Plant Sale at Church Farm.

We are now advertising with posters, flyers and posting on various Facebook Groups on the week end. We will also post on Dursley Matters and the North Nibley Group.

We are having difficulty recruiting Catering Volunteers so please step forward.

However, we appear to be progressing quite well, and Fiona will sort out some nice weather!

Charlie Oakhill

St Cyrs Bookstall

It is wonderful to have heard of so many new people moving into our beautiful village. We thought that it may be an opportune time to remind everyone that there is a Book stall inside St. Cyr's Church.

We have some good quality books, but would be most grateful if anyone has any children's book which they may be willing to donate. These would benefit the younger members of our parish who have arrived recently! Any donations of good quality books are very much welcomed and can be left at the back of the church. We also have a small selection of DVDs and CDs.

St. Cyr's is open daily, so please do pop in and have a little browse if you are passing by. It is a very interesting and attractive church with lots to see inside, it is also YOUR church, so please do visit!

With many thanks, Wendy Hamilton

The March to Gloucester

Saturday 22nd May 2021 March to Gloucester

The good news is that we completed the Sponsored Walk last Saturday from Slimbridge to Gloucester both on land and on the canal!

A big thank you to all who took part and to everyone who supported us in this initiative. The support of our local community here in Stinchcombe is really special, so thank you all.



For those of us who took part, it was a wonderful day, great fun and successful on all fronts as we are thrilled to have raised over £1,000 for St Cyr's church and the Stroud Food Bank. As the funds are still being collected the final figure has yet to be confirmed, so there is still time to donate online through the link if you have missed out so far! ***Here is the link*** Meanwhile we are thrilled at the likely outcome.

There were ten of us walking the tow path and two in their

canoe peacefully paddling their way to Gloucester and they were the first to arrive! Not that it was a race, but rather a lovely day in the open air out when even the recent uncertain weather was kind to us and we escaped the heavy rain experienced elsewhere.

On route we managed to walk and talk in a very sociable manner, so catching up on news and views, as well as enjoying the beautiful scenery and enchanting birdlife especially several families of swans with their goslings.

Once again, many, many thanks to all involved.

Pippa.

Angela Tocknell

Lost but not to be forgotten

We lost Angela Tocknell this week. A forceful character who spoke her mind but who I always liked.

Bob and Angela Tocknell lived in the Quarry in Cam but they were always stalwart supporters of St Cyr's for over 40 years.

Angela was on the PCC for many years and also served several times as churchwarden and verger. She could always be relied on to organise and help with functions to do with the church, especially planning a delicious spread of food.

She was a founding member of the Friends of St Cyr's, when the church was struggling financially. The Friends have enabled the PCC to maintain the fabric of the church and the condition of the church and churchyard has benefited from their support

and attention. She will be greatly missed by the village.