

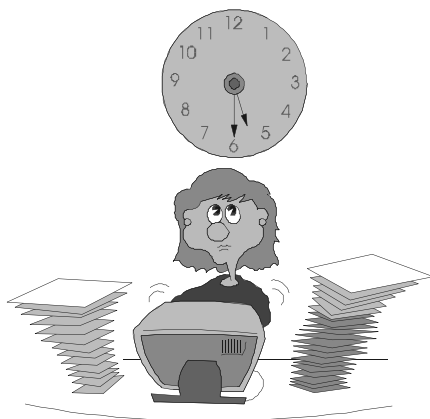
Pitcombe News



EASTER LILIES

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PITCOMBE NEWS

I was totally amazed to receive an e mail last month from someone who had read a copy of the PITCOMBE NEWS on the website. He was trying to trace his family tree and struck gold in one. Niki Atkins had written an article about her late mother in law, Mary, which made all the right connections. They have since been in touch filling in the details. E mail from Australia in on page 5.

Another e mail from someone recognising a name on the magazine website. That one did not work out though, same name, wrong person. So time spent in front of the screen googling away is not always necessarily wasted. It can lead to an awful lot of burnt offerings in the kitchen though!

A variety of articles in this month's mag ... Richard O'Leary's poem from France is on page 13. This being the month of the mad March hare, there is an article on hares inside, not to mention a photograph of one that may be seen in living colour on the website.

Carol Wyatt found some old papers about the beginnings of the village hall. It was very definitely the social centre of the village and we hope that the new one will fulfill the same function. It's coming along apace, although it is still rather picturesquely surrounded by, a not very delicate shade of brown, mud. Peter Wyatt will bring you up to speed next month.

Easter is really early this year, in fact, the earliest it can be. Fortunately, we have had some mild weather and there are lots of spring flowers around to fill the church which always looks wonderful for Easter. The service is at 11.0 am 22 March.

Two films are being shown at Batcombe this month. Parts of the first film were shot in Wells and the second, a french film comes with supper for £8. How good a deal is that? Book early though.
Susan Chamberlain

PITCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on Tuesday 12 February the council initiated investigation into the feasibility of a roundabout at Grove Cross. Cllr Jury is requesting any road traffic accident data that may be in existence in order to help us in pursuit of this or any solution to what appears to be a difficult and dangerous junction.

I have been informed by James Meyer of South Somerset District Council Planning Department that the owner of Priddle's Hill Farm has given an assurance that the operation of concrete mixer lorries has now transferred to the new approved premises at Henstridge. Use of these premises associated with concrete production to include aggregate storage, maintenance and repair of the mixer lorries has ceased

In view of the Parish concerns which have been raised Mr. Meyer questioned Andrew Hopkins and was assured that there is no longer any aggregate stored at this site other than the remaining aggregate directly relating to the alterations and refurbishment works being carried out to the building which was approved for change of use to commercial and light industrial in 2004. Mr. Hopkins' agent is presently in consultation with planning officers regarding the extent of refurbishment works that would be considered to be permitted.

During the last few weeks I have had reason to contact both SSDC & Somerset County Council regarding local issues. As a result of the difficulties I have experienced in getting specific officers to return a call or to telephone me as a result of another officer's request, I spoke to our County and District Councillors and found that they too experience long delays in receiving replies. Please let me know if you have similar experiences as I would like to make the leaders of the respective councils aware of these difficulties.

I am pleased to report that Diana Scott has agreed to act as Clerk to the Officers of Pitcombe PC. It will be some time before she is officially 'employed' but Diana will be present at meetings to take and produce the minutes. She will also prepare the agenda and deal with various other tasks and documents.

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ABRIDGED HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE EARLY YEARS OF HADSPEN VILLAGE HALL

Up to the mid 1930s small social functions in the Parish were held in the Church Hall however the rector of the day disliked whist drives being held during Lent and this resulted in a move towards establishing a secular Hall. Prominent among the supporters of this cause were Mrs Mabel Parker Rhodes of Honeywick and Mr R M (Dick) Jennings of Hadspen Valley Farm. Dick's father, Mr R F Jennings gave the land on which the Hall now stands and Dick, with Mrs Parker Rhodes and others set about raising funds. One memorable fete at Honeywick raised over £120, a considerable achievement for those days. Enthusiasm carried the day and the Hall started life as a village social centre virtually free from debt.

To ensure continuity the Hall was registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners on 25 February 1938 and the Official Trustees for the Commissioners became permanent trustees of the Hall. The original trustees were Mr Mark Dyer a retired civil servant who lived at Larkhill and who was the first secretary to the Hall; Mrs M Parker Rhodes who lived at Honeywick House, Mr Dick Jennings who lived at Hadspen Valley Farm (now Hadspen Valley House) and Mr G F Clothier, farmer of Bottom Barn Farm (now known as The Wildings). It is probably true to say that had there been no Dick Jennings – ably supported by Mrs Jennings – there would have been no Hall.

Social activity has waxed and waned according to the needs of the times. There were dances when the Hall was crammed to overflowing. Mrs Goodland who lived at Nettlecombe Cottage recalled the Hall serving primarily as a Men's Club, a miniature British Legion. It was also used for young people during pre-television evenings, and fortnightly for whist drives and occasionally for other functions.

The Conveyance and Trust Deed is an interesting document drawn by Woodforde and Drewett, Solicitors of Castle Cary, and is dated 28 October 1937. It provides for the passing of the trusteeship to the Charity Commissioners, with responsibility for management fal

ling to a local committee established in accordance with the trust deed. The organisations given the right to nominate a member of the Committee were the Mothers' Union, the Whist Drive Club and the Social Club which no longer exist in Hadspen.

The deed is drawn so as to allow the Committee to adapt to changes in social patterns. Provision is made for raising a mortgage, or for the discontinuance by sale or letting of the Hall, subject to approval by a village meeting and the Charity Commissioners. There are no trust funds as such as maintenance of the Hall is the responsibility of the Committee. It has always been necessary in the past to obtain grants from public funds towards modernisation and repair. Such grants have always been subject to a proportionate amount being raised locally so that self-help has always been imperative.

HELPERS WANTED TO TIDY UP THE CHURCHYARD
10 am SATURDAY MORNING 19 APRIL

bring any equipment you may have,
especially secateurs and gloves. There will be a lot to do after
the building work so make a note in your diary **NOW**.

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PITCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

I have spoken to David Jury regarding the agenda for the meetings, and for ease of reference, we will endeavour to post one on the website (www.pitcombepc.org.uk) each month. We will continue to post one on each notice board three clear days prior to each meeting according to the statutory requirement.

Please be aware that until completion of the Village Hall the PPC meetings are being held in **The Centenary Room, Bruton School For Girls on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.**

The next meeting is on **11 March 2008**.

Councillor M L J Taylor, Chairman

E MAIL FROM AUSTRALIA

I read with great interest, the article in the October 2007 issue of the PITCOMBE NEWS, "The Memories of Mary Atkins nee Thick" by her daughter-in-law Niki Atkins.

My name is Richard Jarvis and I found the above article on the internet whilst researching my family history. What caught my attention, was the family name Thick and the reference to the Railway Hotel in Cole.

My paternal Grandmother, Agnes Hallett, was born in Ditcheat in 1865 and died in Erith, Kent in 1957. As a small boy in the late 1950s, after my grandmother's death, I was taken to visit relatives (previously unknown to me) in Somerset. I remember meeting my grandmother's sister, who was my great aunt and the spitting image of my grandmother, at their home, a hotel next to a level crossing with the family name of Thick above the hotel doorway.

Unfortunately, over the years, contact was not maintained and family details and relatives became lost to my generation. In recent years I have become interested in tracing my family history and have only just begun looking into my paternal grandmother's family in Somerset. The article in the PITCOMBE NEWS confirmed and connected the name of the station, the Railway Hotel and the family name of Thick.

I have since found out that Cole station closed in 1965 and the Railway Hotel similarly in the early 1970's which meant all reference to my 1950's visit has long since disappeared.

My grandmother's family name was Hallett and from my researches I have found she had two sisters, Mabel and Kate Hallett and a brother, James Alfred Hallett.

The sister I met was Mabel Hallett, who married Walter Charles Thick and they had three sons, William, Harold and Robert, and a daughter Eleanor, all who would have been my father's first cousins. From the PITCOMBE NEWS article Robert (Bob) Thick is Mary's

father, which would make Mary Atkins my second cousin. Given the time frame of my visit in the late 1950's I may possibly have met Mary and her father Robert along with other family members whose names I no longer remember.

I left England to live permanently in Australia in 1987 with my family. However, I would be most interested to hear from any current family members who may still live in the area and have information on the Hallett family history and the current descendants of William Alfred and Mary Anne Hallett, my great grandparents (parents of Agnes & Mabel).

I am wondering if it is possible for the above article to be placed in the PITCOMBE NEWS as an article of local interest and including my email address richardjarvis@minterjarvis.com for contact.

If further information or details are required in please do not hesitate to contact me via email. Thank you.

Richard Jarvis
Sydney Australia

PLANTS, BASKETS ETC.

I am sorry to inform all previous customers that I will not be growing plants or making hanging baskets this year. I would like to thank all those who have supported and helped raise funds for some local charities over the last nine years.

May I recommend that if you wish to have fairly local supplies of bedding plants etc. this year that you contact
Mandy and Simon Pett at Sparkford
(Tel 01963 441044 or mobile 07973 797943)

Simon is involved in landscape gardening and has come into contact with quite a number of local households over the years.
Ken Elliott

COMPUTER BYTES

Picture Post: Are you having difficulty sending pictures by email because the file sizes for images are too big? Simply highlight the file (or select multiple images), right-click and choose 'Send To' followed by 'Mail Recipient'. A dialogue box asks if you want to keep the original file size or make pictures smaller. Choose the 'Make all my pictures smaller' option and click on OK. An Outlook Express message window will appear with the selected images attached and reduced in file size to about a tenth of the original.

Sounds Off: The volume level of your PC's speakers can be controlled using the speaker icon located at the far (lower) right hand side of the Taskbar. If this isn't displayed, XP users should click the START button, select CONTROL PANEL then click the SOUNDS, SPEECH and AUDIO DEVICES link followed by SOUNDS and AUDIO DEVICES. When the dialogue box appears, click to bring the Volume tab to the front and place a tick in the 'Place volume control on taskbar' checkbox. If using Vista, right-click on the TASKBAR, select PROPERTIES, click the NOTIFICATION AREA tab and then tick the VOLUME checkbox. From now on a small speaker icon will be displayed in the Taskbar: left or right-click on this for quick access to your computer's volume and sound controls.

Site seeing Winter getting you down? Why not start planning your summer holidays – here are some sites to help!

www.travelguru.tv - Travel Guru has plenty of videos to complement the more traditional country and holiday guides. The website is more quality than quantity at the moment, but it is certainly worth a look.

www.landmarktrust.org.uk - What better way to make a holiday special than to stay in an historic building? The Landmark Trust restores neglected buildings and once restored they are available as self-catering accommodation for holidays.

www.justyou.co.uk - dedicated to the single traveller – holidays in every continent of the world.

Maria Samuel (woodcott13@btinternet.com)

COLD CHICKEN PIE

A really yummy pie - courtesy of Delia Smith!

You can tell this is a genuine St Delia recipe, by the number of exhortations to “Now do this” and “Next do that”.

3 or 4 skinned chicken breasts	1 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp powdered mace	½ tbsp dried sage
1lb (450gr) sausagemeat	salt and pepper
8 spring onions, finely chopped	4 tbsp double cream
juice and rind of 1 lemon	
Shortcrust pastry	
(2 ozs lard, 2 ozs butter, 8mozs flour, beaten egg to glaze)	

Preheat oven to gas mark 6, 400F or 200C

Prepare a round 8 inch (20cms) diameter pie tin with rim and sloping sides which is 2 inches (5cm) deep.

First make up the pastry. Next, cut the chicken into ½ inch pieces, place them in a bowl, add mace and season with salt and pepper.

Now, in a separate bowl combine the sausagemeat with the spring onions, the thyme and sage, the lemon rind and 2 tsp of the lemon juice. Pour in the cream and mix everything together well to make a soft mixture (rather like a cake mix) – if necessary, add a little more cream. Next, put one third of the sausagemeat mixture in the bottom of the pastry lined tin and spread it flat. Now put half the chicken pieces on top and sprinkle in any remaining lemon juice, then add another layer of one-third of the sausage-meat, followed by the rest of the chicken and final layer of sausagemeat.

Roll out the rest of the pastry and use it to cover the pie – which will be well piled up, dome like, by now. Seal the edges well, glaze with some beaten egg and bake on a baking sheet in the oven for 30 minutes. Then reduce the heat to gas mark 4, (350F, 180C) and cook for a further 1¼ hours.

PS In her new book, Delia would probably exhort you to buy ready made pastry and why not? Why not indeed.

HADPSEN WINE CLUB

The AGM preceded the January wine tasting. The members decided to keep the format for the meetings very much as they had been in the last year ie five tastings a year with the gala dinner in November. In accordance with the Constitution, 3



members of the Committee resigned on completing their terms of office. Sue Chamberlain was willing to stand again and was re elected and Kathleen Apperly and Jim Linden were unanimously elected to the Committee.

Willie Constantine, the resigning Treasurer, was thanked by the Chairman for so ably setting up the financial arrangements for the Club and making the job much easier for the Treasurer to be. He also thanked all the members who cooked, carried and then cleared up after the hugely successful dinner at Bruton Community Hall.

And so on to the main business of the evening ... the tasting. We started with 3 wines made from the chardonnay grape. Philip Mellor introduced the first couple, a bone dry Petit

Chablis "perfect with oysters", then the ubiquitous (but none the worse for it) Macon Villages. This one was from Waitrose. Sue Chamberlain then introduced the third, a chardonnay from Wither Hills in New Zealand, a really good example, with delicious fruit flavours. All the white wines went down very well.

And then it was on the reds with Philip. He had chosen Bordeaux blends for the most part ranging in price from £4.66 to £10.99. But the star of the evening, undoubtedly was from Rustenberg, a John X Merriman wine from South Africa at £9.99, certainly one to remember. It is a classic blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

As usual it was a very convivial evening. Should you wish to join the wine club for one of the tastings, please call Ken Chamberlain 01963 350 616.

The next meeting will be on Friday 28 March at 8.0 pm.
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St. Leonard's Church



Date	Service/Time	Readings	Readers
2 March	MOTHERING SUNDAY 11.00 am	Exodus 2:1- 10John 19:25- 27	Service Sheet
9 March	NO SERVICE		
16 March	PALM SUN- DAY Morning Prayer 9.30 am	Isaiah 50:4- 9Matthew 21:1- 14	TBA Agneta Hickley
23 March	EASTER DAY Holy Com- munion 11.00 am	Colossians 3:1- 4	George Bunting
30 March	2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER Evensong 6.30 pm	Acts 2:14, 22- 32John 20:19- 31	Philip Pidsley- Wendy Crane

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

It is the season of LENT - the time for the Christian to prepare for Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self examination and penitence.

This year's Lent appeal is towards a special charity called 'Motivation'. The charity began its work in 1991, after David Constantine, a wheelchair user, and Simon Gue, both Industrial Design students won the Frye Memorial Prize for their design of a wheelchair for use in the developing world. With the prize money, they teamed up with Richard Frost and introduced their design to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralympic in Bangladesh. The design was simple, easily adaptable for the needs of the user and made from locally available materials strong enough to withstand local environmental conditions.

If you would like to help during Lent, then please put your donation in an envelope and let a member of the PCC receive it. For more information contact – motivation.org.uk

There will be no lent lunch taking place in this parish, as we have no village hall, but please feel free to join in one of the lent lunches at neighbouring parishes.

Our many thanks to Jenny Elliott, who after over 20 years of looking after the flower and cleaning rotas is stepping down. Tina Harley is taking up the reins and would be very interested if anyone would like to volunteer for either of the above rotas.

Work on St. Leonard's is progressing well. The builders have agreed to do a full clean when they have finished, this will help all of our ladies in the annual clean. We now propose to do the annual clean in June before the rededication on 21 June. The Venerable Archdeacon Nicola Sullivan will be presiding over the Re-dedication Service.

God Bless,
Wendy Crane

PS. Oran Alexander Crane arrived safely on 10 February.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7 March 2008

In 1887, Mary Ellen James called for a day of prayer – a reaction, as a Christian, to the society in which she lived. As the wife of a Presbyterian minister in New York and a mother to seven children, she was aware of the problems facing many women around the world – poverty, unemployment, poor housing, lack of health and educational facilities. In 1891, two Baptist missionaries, concerned about the deprivation of women in many countries, called for a day of prayer for overseas missions.

These two events led, in 1919, to the Women's World Day of Prayer – by 1927 there were thirty countries involved, including today's host country Guyana. By 1930, a service in Scotland launched the United Kingdom's involvement, with England following in 1932, Wales in 1933 and Ireland two years later.

This, then, is the background to the community of women worldwide coming together to represent various denominations of the Christian Church with the aim of informed prayer leading to prayerful action. Each year, a different country creates an Order of Service for everyone to follow. In 2008, it is the turn of the women of Guyana – a vibrant, multi-cultural country about the same size as Great Britain, situated between Venezuela and Suriname on the Atlantic Coast.

These services are wonderfully happy, vibrant, friendly events at which all are welcome – men, women, children – whether you are a member of a church (Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Community, Methodist, Quaker are all represented) or not – come and join us to help celebrate. Bruton and Wincanton each have a service and would love to see you there:

WINCANTON 2 pm at the Baptist Church, Mill Street

BRUTON 7 pm at the Methodist Church, West End

For more information contact Sarah Maude:
sarah.maude@virgin.net or 01749 813 225

Health & Safety Precautions

The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock
The Shep'd took off in his car, to go and check his stock.
He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,
The float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank
And saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.
"Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they've got no common sense,
"They won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt
She'd stay there 'til she died if he didn't get her out.
But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free
And in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.

He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down
If he didn't rescue her, the stupid *** would drown.
Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim
He saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.

He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks
And as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.
He jumped into the water and away that shep'd swam
He caught up with her, somewhere near the middle of the dam.

The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip
He tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.
At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath
She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.

She took off like a rocket around the other side
He swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.
Then round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed
He still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed.

The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.
He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away
He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea
But nor was he prepared for what he was about to see.

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view
For running down the footpath came this frantic-looking ewe.
And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch
The farmer yelling wildly "Come back here, you lousy bitch!"

The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car
The shep'ds reputation has been damaged near and far
So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks
Spot the hazard, assess the risk, and always wear your jocks!!
from former Cole resident Richard O' Leary



Hadspen annual plant sale



Saturday May 10

That is just over two months away and those two months will fly by.

SO, time to get started.

If you are **dividing a plant** please don't throw any of it away, put it in a pot, pop in a label (important) and nurture it for the sale.

If you are **growing from seed**, would you, could you grow some for the sale, please? Thank you.

What we would be really grateful for too, is **some greenhouse space** to bring things on. If you can offer any, please call Erica Holt 351 553 or Sue Chamberlain 350 616.

If you can help in any way,

growing, fetching, carrying, making a cake, anything, please telephone
We need you

Mammal of the month



photo courtesy of BBC Wildfacts

Gangly, awkward and always looking for a fight, the brown hare fully deserves its reputation of Mad March Hare!

Belonging to the same family as rabbits - lagomorphs - they are much swifter. Hares are generally between 48cm and 70cm in length and weigh about 3-5kg.

Brown hares are larger than rabbits, with longer limbs, and a loping gait. They have black-tipped ears that are equal in length to their head. The tail is held down when running, showing its black dorsal surface. The fur moults in spring and autumn, the summer coat being a little lighter than the hare's reddish winter coat.

The best times to spot a hare are early morning and just around dusk. Brown hares feed mainly on herbs in the summer, and predominantly grasses in the winter. They also feed on cereal and root

crops, and in bad seasons, it has been suggested that they may eat animal corpses. Brown hares rest in a shallow depression in fields or long grass known as a form, where only their back and head are visible.

An adult occupies a range of 300 hectares, which it may share with other hares as they are not territorially aggressive. Courtship involves boxing - the traditional 'mad March hare' behaviour. This is actually unreceptive females fending off males, rather than fighting between males. Brown hares escape predators by out-running them - at speeds up to 40mph! Brown hares are the fastest land animals in the UK.

Females can have up to 3 litters a year, and on average, give birth to four young (known as leverets).

In days of yore, meeting a hare was deemed to be unlucky, but carrying a hare's or rabbit's foot was thought to bring good luck.

It was also a well known cure for any number of ailments, gout, rheumatism, cramp and even whooping cough. Samuel Pepys carried one for colic.



BAD HARE JOKES

Q: What do you call a row of rabbits walking backwards?

A: A receding hare-line!!!

Q: Waitress, what's this hare doing in my soup?

A: Looks like the back stroke.

Q: Why did the bald man paint rabbits on his head?

A: Because from a distance they looked like hares!



JUBILEE HALL, BATCOMBE

Friday 14th March 2008

Doors open 7.15pm – Screening 7.45pm

HOT FUZZ

(dir. Edgar Wright) 2007 / 86 mins / 15

Have fun spotting familiar places (local director Edgar Wright filmed some of the action in Wells) whilst enjoying a British cop movie parody! Simon Pegg plays Sgt Angel transferred from London to a sleepy town in Gloucestershire where he meets PC Butterman (Nick Frost) and discovers it is the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is responsible for local law enforcement. Lots of fun with plenty of gags.

Saturday 29th March 2008—Themed Evening

Doors open 6.00pm for 6.30pm

Vive la France! for this year's popular evening of film and food

THE PAGE TURNER

(dir. Denis Dercourt) 2006 / 137 mins / 15

Revenge is a dish served very cold in this French psychological thriller. At ten years old, Mélanie is a brilliant student of the piano but fails her entrance exam to the Conservatory. Years later she insinuates herself into the household of the person she blames for this disappointment (and who does not recognise her) and having made herself indispensable, Mélanie, superbly played by the Belgian teenager Déborah François, begins to plot her revenge. A tense, stylish film enhanced by a suitably menacing classical score. (French with subtitles)

This is always a very popular event and places are **limited**, so please book early: tickets from Rob Sage (850 934) – Members £5 Nonmembers £8

Licensed bar – Soft refreshments

Free parking – Wheelchair access – Hearing loop

TEN DATES IN MARCH

1. **1st St.** David's Day and World Book Day. Cover both bases, re read a Wordsworth's poem, you know which one.
2. **6th - 9th** It's aaah time ... Crufts on the tele for three whole days.
3. **8th - 9th** Spring Festival of Food and Drink at the Bath and West Showground. Samples, demonstrations and games for all the family. www.bathandwest.com for more details.
3. **10th** Commonwealth Day. If you have not visited the Commonwealth Museum at Bristol Temple Meads, now would be a good time to go.
4. **16th** Run a mile or three or more for Sport Relief. You will not be alone, tens of thousands are expected to take part. www.sportrelief.com for details.
5. **17th** St Patrick's Day, of course, all over the world. Every one loves the Irish.
7. **21st** Spring Equinox Thursday. Sunrise is at 06:11. Take your choice, Stonehenge or Glastonbury.
8. **23rd** Easter Sunday. Service at St. Leonard's at 11.0 am.
9. FIZZ, WHIZZ, BANG each weekend in March. It's the latest hands on exhibition from @Bristol. An interactive show for all the family go to www.at-bristol.org.uk for details. Sounds like a lot of fun. All sorts of wonderful things happen @Bristol.
10. **30th** Clocks go forward, which marks the beginning of serious gardening season again.

In your Easter bonnet
With all the frills upon it
You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade
Irving Berlin