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### EDITORIAL

Welcome to our first edition of 2021. The national lockdown has not made for the best start to the year, but our wonderful local support organisations are on hand to help those with need as best they can.

We are very fortunate to live in this quiet corner of rural Bedfordshire. The surrounding countryside is well served with public rights of way, allowing many of us to get out to walk, run, or ride as we take our daily exercise. If you need to remain in your home, hopefully you will be treated to the sights and sounds of birds visiting your garden. And if you look skyward, you may see a Red Kite or a Buzzard soaring effortlessly, now a regular sight over our villages.

Again, I would like to thank our kind sponsors and advertisers without whom the Village Link would cease to fall on your doorstep every other months. It has been a very hard and trying time for everyone, and we do not take your support for granted. Thank you.

*- Simon Dear, Editor*

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The Four Villages Arts Competition Facebook Page is a group for lockdown arts competitions.

4 groups: Art, Photography, Poetry and Short Stories.



Fun and friendly. Open to all ages but limited to residents of Wrestlingworth, Cockayne Hatley, Eyeworth and Tadlow.



The idea is to run the art competition in January, then maybe photography in February, etc. There are no prizes, just the kudos of winning and the fun of taking part, hopefully to be judged by a local artist.



Submit your entry to either The Four Villages Arts Competition Group Facebook Page or by emailing: [4villagesarts@gmail.com](mailto:4villagesarts@gmail.com)

## PLEASE NOTE

The views contained in the articles within this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the publisher or the members of the editorial committee.

# W&CH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## **Lockdown**

Councillors remarked at their January meeting that in this third Coronavirus lockdown it is good to see that residents are resisting the temptation to get in their cars to travel to exercise. The parish footpaths and bridleways are being well used, and crops respected, despite the ground being very muddy in places after exceptional rain in December.

## **Grants**

The Council has the power to make small grants to voluntary organisations in the parish they are not able, in law, to otherwise fund. Two grants have been agreed for the new financial year which begins in April. The History Society has been awarded a grant to begin hosting their talks on Zoom. After not being able to meet for nearly a year because of Covid they look forward to hosting existing members and a wider audience. Watch out for announcements in future editions of Village Link.

Village Link is funded through advertising and sponsorship. This last year, unsurprisingly, the editorial committee has lost a number of advertisers due to the constraints on businesses. The Council has awarded a small grant to help the magazine continue to bring news and interesting articles to everyone.

## **Council Tax**

Part of your Council Tax bill each year funds the Parish Council. Councillors have been mindful of the financial constraints experienced by many due to Coronavirus and have limited the increase for 2021/22 to two and a half percent. This will enable the continuation of services such as grass cutting, street lighting and maintenance of the churchyards in both villages and of the children's play area. It doesn't leave scope for new projects, but these are difficult times.

## **Children's Play Area**

Replacement of the badly worn safety matting under play equipment is already in the budget. Work will take place in the early spring. The play

area will be closed for probably a couple of days whilst the work is done, there will be plenty of notice once the dates are known.

### **Planning**

There has been considerable local interest in a planning application for permission in principle for up to five dwellings at 94 High Street. This has now been granted to the new owners of the property who are a local company. The development will be on the land fronting the High Street and the Parish Council understands that the intention is to demolish the existing chalet bungalow. The developer has expressed the wish to work with the Parish Council on the type and layout of the dwellings. The desire to consult is welcomed by the Parish Council but we do understand that this is a commercial undertaking and some of the aspirations in the Neighbourhood Plan may not be possible. An assurance has been given that the farm track currently running beside 94 High Street will be retained as a permissive path, but it may need to be moved elsewhere on the site and possibly closed during building works. The Parish Council also understands that the land behind 94 High Street has also been purchased by the same local company. The new owners have indicated that they will retain the existing trackside hedge and are considering ideas for other rural planting features.

### **Luton Airport Proposed Flight Path**

The Council is opposed to the proposal to alter the Luton Airport flight path so that aircraft would stack over St Neots and fly at low level directly over the parish. Technical information provided by local action groups has been most helpful in framing our response to the consultation.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Once again the January meeting was a virtual meeting held on Zoom, draft minutes of that meeting can be found on the Parish Council website [www.wrestlingworth&cockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wrestlingworth&cockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk). The next meeting, on Monday 8th March, will also be held on Zoom. If you want to raise an issue for that meeting or to take part in the Open Forum, or observe the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk on [wrestlingworthch@gmail.com](mailto:wrestlingworthch@gmail.com) or 01767 631383.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR WARD COUNCILLORS

What a year 2020 was! Challenging times for all of us as we faced long periods at home, not seeing friends and family. Many people had to adapt the way they worked, or get used to being off on furlough.

On top of not seeing their friends, our young people had the challenge of home-schooling, although perhaps parents found that even tougher!

And now we are being asked to stay at home once again to halt the spread of the Covid virus.

But 2020 did bring one unexpected positive - the way our amazing communities rallied round to support each other. When it came to the crunch, most people's first thought was "how can I help?"

We saw neighbours promptly organise themselves into local support groups, and how existing organisations swiftly contacted residents, and found volunteers to help with shopping and befriending for those who needed it.

It is also worth noting that people were able to accept the help of strangers, something we can sometimes find difficult. By doing so, we enabled the helpers to feel useful in a crisis, and lighten the burden of self isolation for those who contracted the virus.

We must also give a cheer to all the people who could not stay at home to keep essential services going - the NHS staff, the supermarket workers, the car mechanics, the carers, the teachers, the emergency services, the bin collectors - and many more.

The new year brings hope for better times but we can be proud of our response to the worst of times.

*- Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye  
Independent ward councillors for Wrestlingworth and Potton*



Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillors Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes updates on new planning applications for the village along with funding for families in need and possible changes to planning rules. As always, the newsletter includes a round-up of up-and-coming local events. To get it directly, join the mailing list by emailing [adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk) or [traceywye@icloud.com](mailto:traceywye@icloud.com).



# ST PETER'S CHURCH, WRESTLINGWORTH

## St Peter's News

Matt is finally here! He moved with his family into the new rectory in Dunton during December and was licensed in January. He is looking forward to being out and about in the village (when allowed) but if you would like to speak to him about anything church related he will be very pleased to hear from you on 01767 512122 or by email [matt@dwe.org.uk](mailto:matt@dwe.org.uk)



## St Peter's is open again

St Peter's is currently open every Sunday from 10.00am until 15.30pm for private prayer and reflection. Please observe the social distancing rules and follow the guidance in church.

## Services

At the time of writing, we are once again in Lockdown. Services are currently allowed following strict government guidelines, but the PCC have decided that it would be safer to remain closed at present.

## Zoom Services

Matt will be streaming services from his home through Zoom on Sundays at 11.00am. Give Karen a call if you would like to join our Zoom Services

### **Ways to keep in touch with St Peter's**

Our notice board outside church

Our web page on 'A Church Near You'

Our Outreach Group (details below)

Facebook- on the Wrestlingworth page

Call Karen



## St Peter's Christmas Appeal



Thanks!

The PCC would like to thank everyone who donated to our Christmas Appeal. A magnificent £1960.00 was received over the Christmas period. Thanks to your generosity we were able to finish the year positively.

### **St Peter's Outreach**

St Peter's has an outreach group, sending reflections and links to services by email. We are delighted that there are now almost 50 in this group and hope that we have and will continue to provide support and spiritual comfort during this difficult time.

Please contact Karen by phone or email if you would like to join our outreach group.



**Everyone  
is  
welcome**



The funeral of Betty Murphy was on Friday 8th January. She was a much loved, long standing member of the congregation, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this sad time.

If you would like to discuss a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact Revd Matt Phillips on 01767 512122 or by email: [matt@dwe.org.uk](mailto:matt@dwe.org.uk) Karen Nurse (Church Warden) on 01767 631487 or email: [karen.nurse@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.nurse@btinternet.com)



*All Saints' Eyeworth*  
*'The Church in the*  
*Fields'*

Please check the church notice board for details of services or ring the Church Warden Mrs Wendy Robinson on 01767 631283. You can also call the Revd. Carole Johnson on 01767 699934.

Currently services are suspended until further notice.

### **AN EYEWORTH THANK-YOU!**

I am overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the people of Eyeworth.

Firstly the Ladies of Eyeworth, who kept the elderly (including me) and vulnerable of Eyeworth supplied with goodies and treats during the first lockdown, arrived on Saturday evening with a small, beautifully lit Christmas tree and a box of Christmas treats including a Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, brandy butter, eggs, cheese, etc., mulled wine and sloe gin and a plant. I was so surprised and delighted.

Like many other people my Christmas plans to visit members of my family were cancelled/postponed and I was feeling very emotional and low-spirited. During Sunday I received no less than 5 offers to plate up and bring to me a Christmas dinner! Several people at the wonderful Carol Service we were able to hold in the churchyard also offered to ring over Christmas.

Well done Eyeworth. The Christmas spirit was and is alive and well in the village!

*- Mary Millar*

### **New to W&CH and want to keep in touch?**

Check out the Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley P.C. website ([www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk)), where you can subscribe to the bulletin email list and the Facebook page.

## EVERYTHING COMES TO THOSE WHO WAIT

A belated Happy New Year to everyone, though that sounds a bit hollow as the country is plunged into its Third Major Lockdown.

Looking back at my report in the issue for last February I stated “Let us hope this new decade doesn’t have so many catastrophes as the last”. Little did I know we would have a year stolen from us and I would be still writing my Covid-19 Diary 43 weeks later!

Our WI has had to postpone any meetings or activities for the foreseeable future but we will keep you posted if and when things change. If you have the technical know-how, you can log on to [www.bedfordshirewis.com](http://www.bedfordshirewis.com) (in particular the Events section) on which there are many interesting on-line sessions, some for free. However, looking at a screen doesn’t seem the same as a face-to-face chat over a cup of tea.

At Christmas it was nice to hear about Freda Walker from her daughter Elaine that she is happy in her home – though she doesn’t talk very much. I hope our WI Memory Book that we sent helps to stimulate her. Elaine finds visiting difficult ‘through glass’ but tries see her mother as much as she can. We have had such happy times in the past in Freda and Derek’s house and garden, a house that is no longer. I have also heard from Jean Hutton in Devon who wishes to be remembered to everyone. She wants to keep in touch with what is going on in Wrestlingworth so has subscribed to “Village Link”. An excellent idea for people who have moved away. Both Freda and Jean were our WI Treasurers in the past.

I keep telling myself we will get through this pandemic, follow the rules, get our jabs and lose these beastly face masks that steam up my glasses and be able to socialise again. Meanwhile.....

Everything comes to those who wait.

*- Carolyn Driver*



## WRESTLINGWORTH GOODWILL FUND

Although Christmastime was not as many of us would have wished, the Goodwill Fund was able to spread some good cheer just before the day itself.

During lockdown, Santa had made good use of his time and had learned to play the guitar! He delighted young and old on his way around the Goodwill Christmas parcel delivery, by playing and singing old favourites such as Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. An impromptu choir was formed at the top of Chapel Close with Mrs Rosemary Chapman

leading Santa and his elves in a rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Pensioners in Wrestlingworth, Cockayne Hatley, (...continued...)



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Eyeworth and Tadlow received gifts of biscuits and chocolates and more children than ever came out to see Santa who gave each of them a selection box.

Fund raising may not be easy for the first part of this year, however, the Goodwill is planning some events which will bring some light relief during the remaining winter months. Another On Line Quiz was held in January and a Village Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, 20th February if Covid restrictions allow. Watch out for posts on Facebook and posters which will be displayed around the villages.

The Annual General Meeting of the Goodwill Fund will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, 23rd February 2021 at 8.00 pm. All residents of the four villages are entitled to attend the AGM although, of course, this year numbers will be limited. If you would like to take part, please email [wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com](mailto:wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com) and we will send you an invitation with the link you will need. We would very much like to hear from anyone who would like to become more involved with the Goodwill Fund. You would be made most welcome.

The Goodwill is still operating a shopping and prescription delivery service to people who are shielding during the pandemic. Please contact us at the email address above, or you can telephone Christine Knight on 01767 631398, if you would like to take advantage of this service.

Please also let us know if the continued lockdown is causing you financial difficulty. The Goodwill still has funds available and we may be able to help. Again, you can contact us on the above email address or telephone number. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Lastly, all the Goodwill Committee send their very best wishes for the New Year and a big Thank You to everyone who has helped us during this very challenging time.

*- Christine Knight - Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund*

## **WRESTLINGWORTH MEMORIAL HALL**

Don't forget if you are able to use the hall, then please do! We are open during lockdown.

Please contact June Cutchie phone: 631795 for further details. All information is on the Memorial Hall section of the Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley Parish Council website

**[www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk)**

## WRESTLINGWORTH HISTORY SOCIETY

Given the length of the lockdown and the possibility that it might continue for quite some time, we are looking at the possibility of holding our talks on Zoom. Many speakers have geared up to doing this, so we will shortly be polling our members (and others) to see what they think and whether they have the technology to take part. Zoom may also give us the advantage of reaching more people who might not otherwise have come along. It also enables us to engage speakers who are too far away to make a personal visit practical – so enlarging the pool of talks we can draw from. Of course, we'd all have to make our own tea and biscuits!

- Nick da Costa

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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/179742955376695>

## FRIENDS OF WRESTLINGWORTH LOWER SCHOOL



A quiet start to the year now that we have another national lockdown and most of the children are now at home until February half term. The staff are still working at the school providing support for vulnerable children and those of key workers.

You can still support the school by utilising the clothing bin, donating used inkjet cartridges (box in the school porch) and any spare pennies are greatly appreciated (bucket in the school porch).

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*Contacts: Kelly Whitfield 07834614613  
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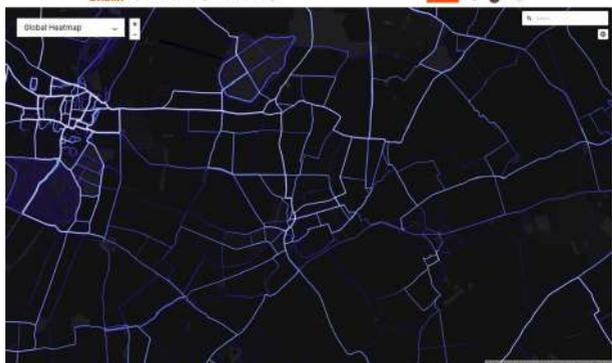
## Don't Stray off the Public Rights of Way!

**James Bonfield, of the Parish Walking & Wildlife Group, gives a timely reminder that we should use public rights of way responsibly.**

I noticed a plethora of signs appearing in some areas during the first lockdown, put up by farmers getting annoyed at people walking all over the place. Know your maps! Some unofficial routes are also permitted by land owners, but it pays to be sure first.

The Ordnance Survey maps are free to view on Bing maps. At 1:50,000 scale rights of way are purple - long dash for bridleways (cycles, horses) and short dash for footpaths - and green on the 1:25,000 scale. Sadly OS don't show the permissive paths, such as "the Co-Op track", so I amended this screenshot with the bits I remember in red (there may be more in neighbouring parishes / counties though).

I've noticed a large number of cycle tyre tracks on our footpaths and in some cases hoof prints. If the ground is boggy, all these will damage the footpaths (which is often why they're footpaths and not bridleways), and it can become a problem if it freezes to be walking on rutted ground.



A popular running and cycling tracking social media app generates heat-maps showing where its users have been. Above is one such map. It reveals where people really go ... My conclusion is pretty much anywhere they can get away with! But don't take the app's maps as gospel - they reflect those who use it which tends to be sporty types - rather than those out for a stroll - and should be interpreted as such. Hence cross-field footpaths tend to be avoided as they're even worse to run across than they are to walk! And a single person using the same route regularly can make it look busy (as can be seen in Tadlow). Still, it makes one think a timely reminder is needed. Don't stray! Stay on the public rights of way!

*- James Bonfield*



## **ONLY A SQUIRREL!**

Remembering “Ditch the Trash – Don’t Trash the Ditch” by Simon Dear in issue 172 about the dangers of plastic to the environment and our wildlife, I realised it is not only plastic that poses a threat.

Living on a busy road into Bromley, my little granddaughter only saw squirrels when visiting here or going for woodland walks with her parents. She was entranced when a squirrel took up residence in their back garden. ‘Her own squirrel’ that she could feed with nuts!

It soon became apparent there was something not quite right with it, so wearing gardening gloves my son approached it and picked it up. It wasn't eating because it had a cigarette stubbed jammed in its front teeth. He made a call to the RSPCA for advice as to what to do who said they were quite busy at the moment but it was suggested that one of the local vets who was interested in wildlife might help. So, in a box with a lid so he didn't jump out, Maisie's squirrel was taken to the vets.

Sadly, it died and the heartbroken little girl learnt a harsh lesson that ‘her squirrel’ had died because some careless person had thrown away a cigarette stub. To her, it wasn't only a squirrel - it was her close encounter with wildlife.

*- Carolyn Driver*

# A Fantastic New Website for Bedfordshire Walkers

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With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bedfordshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

*- John Harris, email [john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)*

## **PARISH TIDY UP DAY POSTPONED TO SATURDAY 25—SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Parish Tidy Up Day has been postponed from its usual spring date and will now take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September.

The Parish Walking & Wildlife Group, who organise the day on behalf of the Parish Council, schedule it to avoid disturbing nesting birds during their main breeding season, which usually runs throughout March to August each year.

If you are planning to do hedge cutting on your property this year, please avoid these times. The breeding season can be weather-dependent and some birds may nest outside this period, so it is important to always check carefully for active nests prior to cutting.

## **A WALK AROUND WRESTLINGWORTH, A PERSONAL VIEW – PART 3 BY BRIAN BUCK**

In continuation of my walk, I have now arrived in Cockayne Hatley, by walking across the fields by taking a footpath from where High Street in Wrestlingworth ends and Hatley Road starts.

It comes out on almost the most eastern extremity of Cockayne Hatley and so you need to head westwards through this delightful little village, which is lined by some lovely looking houses, often tree lined, as the road winds through it. The village seems to have a noticeboard, a letterbox and a telephone box, but no shop, pub or village hall.

Soon after you pass the last house on your right, you soon see the church of St John the Baptist ahead of you, also on your right. There is a grassy footpath you can take to get to it, which bisects a field, containing grazing livestock.

St John's Baptist Church and its churchyard are of historical significance and the following, taken from the Diamond Jubilee Walk leaflet (downloadable from the PWWG website <https://www.pwwg.org.uk/walks>), goes into greater detail. Additionally, it tells you much else about the area, not included in this article.

There are several notable graves and memorials in the churchyard. The tomb of Francis Cockayne Cust, the last of the Cockayne family buried in the churchyard, is adjacent to the church. The tall monument is to the poet W.E. Henley, the author of the poem 'Invictus' and the inspiration for R. L. Stevenson's 'Long John Silver'. It includes the grave of his daughter Margaret who used to call Henley's colleague, J. M. Barrie, her 'fwendy wendy'. Barrie named his heroine 'Wendy' in his book 'Peter Pan' after her. Also of note is the memorial to the crew of the Liberator aircraft which crashed in Potton Wood, killing four of the seven crew. The pilot's dog, 'Bitsa' survived the crash. The monument was donated by the family of the pilot, Flight Lieutenant Spiller, who died in the crash. It is formed in the shape of a Spitfire wing. For those who need to sit down and rest for a while there is also a bench to sit on here.

The existence of the church is recorded in 1166. Aisles, tower, an enlarged chancel, and porch were added and, by 1450, the church was largely as seen today. By 1800 the church was in very poor condition, and the current Lord of the Manor – the Hon. & Rev. Cockayne Cust – carried out major repairs

and filled the church with wonderful old Flemish woodwork which was being sold after Napoleon had ravaged the religious buildings in Flanders.

Cockayne Cust also commissioned a well-known stained glass artist (Willement) to provide new windows. The east window is particularly fine, showing scenes from the life of Christ. He also installed a window, dating from the early 14th century which he purchased from a church in Yorkshire. It depicts four English saints. Furthermore, he also owned one of the manors which could be found around Wrestlingworth at the time. This is a famous church and features in the book 'England's Thousand Best Churches', written by Simon Jenkins. It has also appeared on television in the past, most recently in a series hosted by John Timpson as he toured the country in his car, a Morris Minor.

Back to my walk and you can either return to Wrestlingworth from the way you came, via the footpath through the fields or you can return by road. I elected to take the latter option. But before you do, just take a moment to stand on the corner of the churchyard and look at the sprawling countryside in front of you. On a clear day you can see the remnants of the Chiltern Hills, rising up in the distance. You can also see the TV mast at Barley, a village in Hertfordshire and judging by my calculations this is approximately twelve miles away.

As I walked back to Wrestlingworth by road, via a track from the churchyard, one afternoon back in March 2020, soon after the first Lockdown had started, not one car passed by me in the twenty-five minutes or so it took me to complete this section. It was heavenly! Obviously though, I have driven along this section many times over the years and sometimes, at night you might be lucky enough to see some deer crossing the road. Someone told me that the adult tends to stand in the road while the others cross. This is because he has white markings on his side which makes it easier for motorists to spot at night.

Join me next time as I make the transition from roads to fields and head off to Church Farm and beyond via some footpaths.

*If you have any comments, additions or corrections to make then please contact me at [brianbuck66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brianbuck66@yahoo.co.uk) and I will add them to a 'round-up' once the last of this series of articles has been published. Also, if you give me permission then I will acknowledge your contribution by name.*

# **TRIAL AND ERROR COOKING BY GORDON BLUE (ASSISTED BY EGON RONNIE)**

## **BUBBLE AND SQUEAK (Serves two to four people)**

When I was a young lad, Mondays were the worst day of the week for food, as my mum used up all the leftovers on this day of the week. So invariably we had cold meat served with bubble and squeak. I could just about tolerate the latter, but I found that the cold meat, usually slices of beef, was a real turn-off. But times and tastes change as we get older and now, I like bubble and squeak again, especially if it is made as set out below!

### **Ingredients**

- 700g (approx) of potatoes
- 400g (approx) of cabbage
- Sunflower oil for cooking and seasoning
- Salt for seasoning
- 1 egg
- 4 rashers of bacon
- 1 medium onion
- A knob of butter or margarine
- A squirt of brown sauce (optional)

### **Method**

Chop up the potatoes, peeled or not and cook them gently until they are soft. When they are done mash or roughly chop them up, adding the butter or margarine at the same time. Next cut up the cabbage. I have no particular recommendations as regards which type to use. Anyway, after seasoning it with a dash of sunflower oil and salt, microwave it for about five minutes. While this is going on, cut up the bacon into small pieces and then gently fry it with the onions in more sunflower oil until the bacon is cooked (but not crispy) and the onions are soft.

Then in a separate and large bowl, drain and tip in the cooked potatoes. Next add the cooked cabbage, without draining it off. Then after beating up an egg separately, add it to the other ingredients and stir it in until its presence can no longer be seen. This is to help bind the mixture. Finally tip in the bacon and onions from the frying pan and stir everything together.

Then add a bit more sunflower oil to the frying pan and then, when it is hot, tip all the other ingredients into it, spreading the contents evenly across the base. Fry on a high heat, turning occasionally until the base starts to turn brown without looking burnt as you turn it over from time to time. This means that it is now ready to eat. Enjoy!

### **Egon Ronnie comments:-**

There is a lot in here to challenge my taste buds here Gordon. But you have left out one important ingredient, namely brown sauce, which should be liberally poured on just before you eat it. Now it's perfect! You also made a lot of it, so you must have really changed your opinion of bubble and squeak. I'm told that it's called this because of the noises it makes whilst it is cooking, but for me that came later on, some time later, after I had finished eating it!

## **COCKAYNE HATLEY CORNER**

### **Churchwarden - Cockayne Hatley**

I resigned recently after 24 years as Churchwarden at St. John the Baptist Church in Cockayne Hatley. I am delighted that Christine Armistead has been appointed as my successor. She is already deeply involved with the church. I became involved soon after we moved to the village. The PCC was active in maintaining the church which was damp, with leaking roofs, death watch beetle, unstable pinnacles on the tower etc. I felt that the PCC could use some extra help. My task became to identify, with the architect, the various problems with the church and to find the funding to carry out the work. I received much help and encouragement from the Rector Gill Smith. I contacted various Charitable Trusts and in doing so made many friends. I never received a refusal for my requests because they recognized the value of the church and its furnishings. The village has been an essential part of the fund-raising supporting, at the church, concerts, talks, Autumn Fairs, book and bric-a-brac sales, Harvest Festivals and Carol concerts. Also, in the village itself, Safari Lunches, and more recently Mad Hatley Tea parties organized by the Friends at the Village Farm House.

My time as Churchwarden has been entirely satisfying. I was astonished to receive a formal "Thank You" at a church service, together with many gifts. I am deeply grateful and, in particular, I wish to thank for their good wishes the PCC, the Friends, Rev. David Kilpatrick, and many individuals.

*- Gloria Crossley, 16 November 2020*



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