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**Good Friday Service**

This was taken by Veronica the theme being “nails of the cross” - on arrival we were given a “nail” with the service sheet. Several of the congregation gave readings in this solemn service of reflection.

**Easter Sunday**

Vic took this service which was well attended. The church had been beautifully decorated, many thanks to all those who helped. The Easter Garden provided by Veronica was much admired at the rear of the church. Will played for us during the service, the highlight for me being afterwards when we congregated in the churchyard (socially distanced of course!) & were able to sing the final hymn with sounds of the organ drifting out from the church.

**John Quine**

It was with much sadness that we heard of the death of John Quine. He had been suffering for some time with Parkinson’s Disease. Latterly he had resided in Beech House which had been tough for Rosie who, for most of the time, could only see him from outside. Our thoughts and condolences go to her & his family. For many years he had been our regular & faithful organist, sometimes he would come at the weekend to practice for Sunday Worship. This for some of us was wonderful as if any of us happened to be in church at the time, either cleaning or decorating, our tasks were instantly made easier by his music. He played at the Christening of two of my grandchildren among others and also at many funerals.

**Foodbank Collection Box**

Waveney Foodbank and Halesworth Community Larder are still in need of supplies at this difficult time. Last Autumn we introduced a collecting box in Chediston to try and help. The box is kept in the telephone box close to the Wissett Road junction in Chediston so it could be part of your daily exercise regime to drop off donated goods! Or if you give us a call on 01986 875342, we could arrange collection.

The box is taken to Waveney Food Bank on a Wednesday morning and Halesworth Community Larder on a Saturday. You can specify which organisation you would prefer your donations to go to if desired. Hopefully, we will continue to make a useful contribution to this charitable & worthwhile cause and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Best wishes,

Graeme and Ann Williams

**Children's Easter trail – Easter Sunday, 4 April 2021**

A beautifully sunny Spring morning and once again our streets and fields were filled with laughter and fun as Chediston’s children enjoyed the Easter Sunday trail and games created by Wendy Burroughes.

‘New Dawn’ provided some delicious cakes and snacks for those who needed more than chocolate and showcased a range of plants and homegrown vegetables for sale, and Danny (New Dawn Gardening) was on hand to answer any gardening-related queries.

Thank you so much to Wendy and family (including Peter who was running back and forth directing families to the starting point) and to the Chediston Charity for providing chocolate eggs to reward our exhausted but happy children at the end!

**Chediston Community Vegetable Garden**

I am thrilled to be able to tell you all about the new Chediston community garden! Jo Wareham is converting some of Herne Hill’s land, on the edge of the village into a community vegetable garden. Herne Hill is farmed entirely organically and the community vegetable garden will also be an organic garden.

The aim of the garden is to provide somewhere villagers can share in the development of the garden and growing and care of the fruit and vegetables and will then be able to benefit from harvesting and eating the food they have helped to grow.

Everyone can join in, have fun and benefit from our garden – from toddlers to our eldest community members.

Huge thanks to Jo for coming up with this fantastic idea, allowing the use of her land, and managing what we hope will be a great project for our community!

**How can you help?**

Jo has purchased plenty of seeds (organic of course) following input from some of the villagers.

Perhaps you, your children or grandchildren would like to start off some seeds on your windowsill ready for planting once they are sufficiently grown (organic compost and pots will be provided).

Call Jo for some seeds and pots. **To contact Jo - Email:** joanna@hernehillfarm.co.uk

 **Phone: 07711 066727**

*The Chediston Community Garden will be on the field next to the recreation ground, on the village side of the river, sometimes referred to as Bishop’s field.*

Please note that the 'Chediston Community Garden' is on privately owned land. All gardeners are welcome, but no dogs are allowed and there is no access for dog walking.Please help us to keep this project running by leaving your dogs at home.