

The Anchor



The Mudeford Arts Festival weekend July 2026 was followed by Songs of Praise at the Mudeford RNLI Station. The weather was fine and the All Saints Community demonstrated their usual commitment to everyone visiting the Church Tent. More inside this magazine and next month, as we celebrate more milestones towards our new church building.

From The Editors.

Please read all the varied and interesting articles in this 40 page magazine. Well done to everybody and welcome to new authors from our congregation. This edition continues to celebrate the 150 year of the Mothers Union. Don't forget to look for the regular events and the advert for the Parish Picnic this month. (page 14).

We have also included some useful local information and news, courtesy of our friends from Friars Cliff Residents Association. (page 23)

Next month (September), we will report fully on July events, including the Avon Reach BBQ and the Mudeford Arts festival, followed by Songs of Praise. We will also welcome back Rev Kathy and Richard from their travels. We include a snapshot of MAF and Songs of praise on Pages 8, 29 and 36.

Next Edition: Theme: Clothes that bring back memories. (inspired by the t-shirts at MAF!!)

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Having seen so much interest and excitement about the Pentecost Window at Mudeford Arts Festival, we thought that in lieu of a foreword you would be interested in this explanation of the spiritual significance of the window from Sarah Knighten of Holy Well Glass'.

Muddeford, All Saints

The Pentecost Window

The design for the west window, positioned above the new west door, has been worked up from initial design ideas and sketches by local artist and congregation member Sylvia Kent. They had depicted a strong burst of energy radiating outward from a central point of the Holy Spirit representing Pentecost and designed to inspire worshipers to go forth and carry out the mission of God.



Central to the theme of Pentecost is fire. It symbolises a dualistic force representing both destruction and creation; a transformative elemental power. This theme is very personal and emotive for the congregation at All Saints since the destructive fire of 2022, leading to the ambitious rebuilding works. Fire is a divine energy that leads to purification, knowledge, and spiritual light. The Holy Spirit radiates this power outward from the centre of the design, with bright flames and light rays forming a cross, contrasted with a blue-sky background. Behind the dove is an image of God's creation depicted as a globe containing further elements of water earth and the spiritual realm.

These elements are also represented in bands as the circular radiating design pushes outwards with a ring of vines that symbolize earth, life and interconnection. The next ring represents the spiritual element represented by the night sky and stars, containing the command:

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

At the base a raging sea is depicted, that has become calm in the centre under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The transition between the verse and the sea is a bright atmospheric glow as the rays of light disperse and "bleed" into the sea, to create a soft, warm, and highly luminous transition.

Continued overleaf.

The concept has been executed in an Arts and Crafts style. The design takes inspiration from artists such as Christopher Whall, Karl Parsons and Edward Burne-Jones. Key features of the movement include use of natural materials and motifs, and a strong connection to the surrounding landscape befitting Mudeford with its strong connection to the sea.

***Design executed by Sarah Knighton ACR, BA (Hons), AMGP
Director and studio manager at Holy Well Glass***



We enjoyed meeting up with Chris, Veronica and their family after a gap of several years.



Update on All Saints Re-build and Fundraising

You only have to pass our much-loved old home to see the progress being made. The picture, taken by Paul Smith from his drone in July, is one of a sequence we now have from the time of the original fire. Tony Eden told the last PCC meeting that next month will see the start of the roof being close



boarded and then tiled. The rear roof will have a metal finish. The builders have had problems recently with bricklayers suffering from the heat. The aim is to make the building waterproof as soon as possible. These should show some possible savings in “drying out”. This was the subject of earlier discussions about the drying out of the old walls.

Tony leads the Steering Group with regular meetings with the builders, architects, loss adjusters and insurers. It is good to see detailed discussions and close monitoring.

The church finances are complex. Invoices sent for payment by the builder are paid direct by the insurers and there is a much more complicated throughput of money, re-build or otherwise. Overall, we are in good shape, although no doubt there will be future obstacles before the building is complete. Paul Clifford sends me monthly reports as he moves money from our designated bank account to one earning more interest. Hence, I am able as far as possible to ensure money given for re-build and re-furnishment, goes to the right place.

Our church activities are very different from when we had a home, and it is likely that everything will be more expensive when we have a new home. Therefore the emphasis of fundraising changes to our re-furnishment needs. We need to think about how we open our doors ready to operate, receive visitors and welcome back lost groups. Paul Smith has been appointed to co-

ordinate the re-furnishment programme, room by room. He will work with PCC members who are currently responsible. He will manage each separate budget with our treasurer, Paul Clifford. The insurers have been very co-operative, but we are still looking to make savings from the original estimates. Peter Neal, who has been at the heart of procuring money for the contents lost in the fire, will be closely involved.

The fundraising team are currently working with Avon Reach who have made us Charity of the year 2026. We enjoyed a great BBQ on Sunday 19th July. Mudeford Arts Festival provided us with a great platform to talk to people and hand out trifold leaflets to visitors and local residents. We will report fully next month.

In the Autumn, we plan to distribute leaflets to 3500 Mudeford residents through a local contact made by Sue Rigden. Some small businesses have been wonderfully helpful. We hope as the construction progresses, more will feel inclined to follow the lead.

Tony Ruffhead has been working for months on a detailed history of All Saints and we hope to have this ready for next year. Pauline Ruffhead is currently proof-reading and when finished it will become a very important part of the church archive.

Rev Kathy will help on her return from her sabbatical with access to a young person, who knows about crowdfunding.

Finally we have been encouraged to approach the Joseph Rank Trust about funding for a children's worker appointment. There are no guarantees of success and application is not possible until October with a result in January 2027.

As always, we are eternally grateful to you, the congregation, for the amazing support.

John Ward, Chair of Fundraising.

Encounters with Wild Animals

My encounters are on an everyday basis as I potter around the garden and very much of the 'small' variety. As a child walking to school with friends, we always enjoyed seeing the brightly coloured snails on one area of the hedge we passed. The large brown with cream stripes we called humbugs after the sweets. My favourite ones were yellow, often as small as my fingernail, I have a few in the garden plus some of the 'rainbow stripes' and keep their patch slightly damp during the hot weather. The ordinary garden ones don't appeal on the same level.

In May the occasional 'doodle bug' cockchafer take flight, I only saw two this year and I worry for the welfare of the stag beetles as the bank where they usually can be found is so dry.

When I look back over all the years when the children were growing up, I see so many gaps; there are no snail shells around the stone anvil the thrushes used to use and I don't see the blackbirds as often as I would like. One used to imitate the chatter of the guinea pigs we once had, and thinking they had not been fed on time any one of us might top up their bowls. We had very plump guinea pigs until we realised.

The creatures are very comfortable with my presence. The gulls are like barnyard chickens and if I am hanging out washing they get behind my heels just in case I might have something for them. This year's baby robin bounces up and down far too close to my rake as I clear a new patch of soil for him to explore and the fox who suddenly appeared by my side one day gave me time to say a polite 'good morning' before he went strolling ahead and hopping over the fence.

When David and I were volunteers at Marwell Zoo there were very strict rules in the Education Centre about showing small creatures to the pupils. Minutes to handle them, rest and return ensured they were not over-exposed or stressed.

I read recently that Chris Packham writes to Ant and Dec each time that 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' is shown about the welfare of the live creatures used. The article reported that he never gets a reply.

Keep the long grass. Provide the water bowls. Plant the flowers. Protect and foster our small creatures.

Josie Stevens



A brief Summary of The Mudeford Arts Festival 2026 and our involvement. Paul Clifford caught the early morning rainbow at the beginning and the rest of us followed with a tremendous team effort, raising our profile in many different ways from the children's craft activities to the continuous supplying of drinks and cakes and the sales of T-shirts, Water Bottles and Tote bags, all with the west window logo. More on Page 36 and a much more detailed article and pictures next month.



Mission Pot: Kinkiizi BWANJA HOUSE PHASE TWO



Bwanja School House (also known as the Bwanja Staff House) is a newly constructed teachers' accommodation building located in the remote village of Bwanja within the **Kinkiizi Diocese (Kanungu District) of Western Uganda.**

Phase One of Bwanja House is complete! Thanks to you all, teachers



who previously struggled to reach the school in this remote mountainous village now have a room to stay in on weeknights. But they need more than a room...

They still need:

Latrines, Rain
harvesting, Cooking



Shelter, Boundary fencing, Solar panels for lighting.

If you can **help support our appeal** please speak to Christina Cutler your Kinkiizi Action Group representative to donate **OR** to donate directly online: **Christchurch Deanery Synod, Sort Code 52-21-34, Account no: 25750607 Ref 'BH Phase 2'.**

We are focusing on our Kinkiizi brothers and sisters in Christ, supporting them especially in need and prayer. One of the challenges the Kinkiizi folk face is the selection of a new Bishop as Bishop Dan approaches his retirement. **We ask you to pray** as well, particularly for the selection of the new Bishop. The nominations committee has been chosen and now start their work to identify the two candidates the House of Bishops will eventually decide between. The name of the chosen one will be announced in December or January.

Encounters on the Wild Side

When Stephen came home and announced that he had been offered the chance of lecturing at Makerere University in Kampala, I was horrified. Our daughters were only two and three and all I could think of was the heat and snakes. Anyway, we still went and it was hot and there were snakes.

If you don't want to read about them, please skip to Stephen's report about the wonderful wild life we saw.

My scariest encounter was when we were on safari. Stephen was driving and I was in my usual sight seeing position leaning out of the car window. Suddenly a cobra reared up and spat at me. I retreated quickly and yelled at Stephen to speed up but he reversed to see it disappearing into the undergrowth.

One day we came home to find our garden full of house boys thrashing around. Apparently one thought he had seen a black mamba snake. It was never found and we suspected that it was just an excuse to have some fun time together - we hoped so. Our garden was full of beautifully coloured trees, bushes and plants and one tree was struck by lightning. When our gardener went to remove it, there, underneath, was a bright green snake another casualty of the storm.

Another time I was in the garden and went to investigate what looked like a new plant. On closer examination, I found a dark green snake had wound its way round a stem and was staring at me with red eyes. Just before our return to England, we were looking out into the garden when a long black snake slithered down a post of our veranda. It was time to go home.

In England I have experienced grass snakes in our gardens, I've trodden on one and even had one sliding out from under the bench on which I was sitting.

In the heatwave of 1976, people in our road with swimming pools were

unable to use them as they were full of snakes escaping from the heat of the golf course across the road.

Now, perhaps, you can understand my reluctance to go to Uganda.

Marion Hart



Animals

We encountered many interesting animals during our stay in Uganda many years ago (1972-4). Since then we have been amazed by fruit bats and reef sharks in the Maldives, the splendour colour of the fish in the Red Sea, pelicans strutting around on the quay in Miami and howling monkeys in Costa Rica.

Returning to Uganda, not all animals need to be large to create a memory. Marion opened a bag of flour to find the contents moving and cockroaches scuttled into hiding in the kitchen when we put the light on. More welcome visitors in our bungalow were geckos which were a good form of pest control.

We were in Uganda at the time of Idi Amin, when the Asians had been expelled and there were no tourists, so the game parks were almost empty. On our first trip into a game park the first animals we saw were warthogs - and our two girls cried, not a good start! Warthogs belong to the pig family but they are rather ugly with large tusks. In subsequent visits to all of the game parks we travelled in our second hand Datsun estate with no guides. We had two spare wheels, petrol, water and a tow rope but obviously no mobile phone and never told anyone where we were going. In retrospect we were not very responsible parents with two young daughters.

We saw many elephants and followed the warning that "elephants have right of way". They seemed to enjoy wandering around the safari lodges and

one "big John" was very inquisitive and had no fear of humans.

Lions were seen in the distance until one day we were off the beaten track and came across a pride, including cubs. The children were told to wind their windows up. Another time I was lucky enough to come across a pride resting in trees. On another occasion we turned a bend on an unmade up murum track to find a female rhino plus young in front of us. We followed them for about half an hour before a park ranger in a land rover shoed them off the track.

On our first boat trip on the Nile we were keeping a look out for any animals and were surprised when the guide took the boat close to the side of the river where all we could see were logs, they were in fact large crocodiles, very impressive creatures.

En route from Nairobi to the coast we stopped for a picnic lunch and were quickly surrounded by a troop of monkeys forcing us to retire to the car with the windows closed.

The elephants, rhinos, crocodiles, water buffaloes, giraffe and many of the antelope family were memorable, especially as they were in their natural environment, but in some ways we gained greater pleasure from the birds and butterflies. We saw the elegant crowned cranes which are the national emblem of Uganda and also nearly a hundred of other species (I've just found the list which I made in Uganda and Kenya). To see vultures, African spoonbills, wood ibis, fish eagles and the smaller song birds, such as humming birds, was a great privilege.

Looking back I am amazed at some of the trips we made (Kampala to Nairobi in one day) and some of the tracks we followed in the game parks. Maybe we were not very responsible parents but we certainly enjoyed the animals of Uganda.

Stephen Hart

Encounters with Wild Animals - all in our bungalow.

Having a cat who seems to be better at catching wildlife than killing it or holding on to it, we have had lots of encounters with wildlife without leaving home. Birds, frogs, and most of all mice. Leaving home to return it to the wild follows once we have caught the creature.

About a fortnight ago I came home to find a live mouse sat on the inside doormat. It seemed a bit subdued, possibly because it hadn't had anything to eat or drink in about two days, but was happy to run under a bush when I took it to the Mudeford Wood "Mouse re-homing zone".



Earlier in the year a different mouse almost got too much to drink. One evening I glanced in the toilet bowl and saw a mouse, desperately trying to keep its nose above water. It must have climbed up the spare toilet roll, jumped across to the toilet seat, then fallen in. Using an

old container, I managed to scoop it out, then pour out the excess water before putting in some paper for the mouse to dry itself on. I then took it to Mudeford Wood. Why do these encounters usual happen after 23:00 when you are all ready for bed?

Duncan Layne

**All Saints Church
Parish Picnic**

Come and Join Us!

Stanpit Cricket Ground

All are Welcome!

Date: 12th August 2026

Time: From 12 noon

**Bring your own lunch
and any garden toys.**

Have some fun!



Rocky The Crow

In 2021 my grandson, Silas was playing with his two dogs when he noticed that one was sniffing at something. Silas immediately realised that it was a young crow that had fallen from a tall tree.

He scooped it up and carried it indoors where he continued to care for it throughout the next 2 to 3 years.

"Rocky" the crow appeared to have an injured wing and thus wasn't able to fly plus the fact that it was thoroughly spoilt and chose not to leave.

During the winter months it sat on a perch in the middle of the large kitchen, whilst during the warmer months it resided in a purpose built Avery on the patio outside.

It was able to wander about freely but then one day just took flight.



Lesley Wright



Wildlife Home and Abroad by Tony Ruffhead.

Nowadays I enjoy local wildlife but remember at the tender age of sixteen seeing an adder on Cranemoor Common-the part now fenced off. It was shedding its skin. I walked home got my first camera a brownie box and Mum and I walked back to take this shot.



There is plenty of wildlife around us.



A week ago I saw this beautiful goldfinch whilst my friend was parking the car- Pennington Marshes.

My wildlife encounters are through the "safety" of a camera lens.

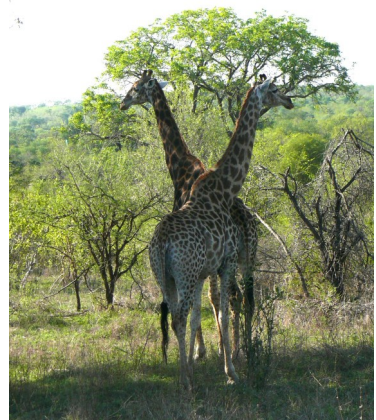
A crocodile was "shot" from the safety of our boat on the Daintree River North Queensland.



My daughter says it was close enough to touch-not advised.

In South Africa, at the Sabie Sands Reserve, the driver drove almost to the nose of a rhino relying on poor sight.

Giraffes were happy munching.



Home and Abroad by Ann and Paul Smith

Ann is always willing to handle wild animals and was pleased to hold this small Nile crocodile in Egypt and this larger Alligator in the Florida everglades.



Knowing our interest in photography, our children bought us a special ranger led tour of the wildlife park in Woburn Abbey. The rangers took us in their vehicles, with windows open – around each of the animal areas to get close up to them. These are just two of the more intimate views we took.



However the female lion was a bit too interested in us and the cameras so the ranger put the windows up and reversed to safety – beautiful but needing their own space.

Fox Cubs by Mary Thomas

There has always been a fox hole under the big conifer hedge and another under the Choisya bush. Ever year or so great excavations would be apparent in a huge heap of soil... well, it's sand here really.... but I seldom saw a guilty party. Then in 2019 suddenly mid-afternoon, just outside my sunroom door, were 3 fox cubs, too young to be allowed



out alone, but enjoying every unsupervised moment. They grew and in the course of time vanished to make their own ways in the world, in the manner of all wild youngsters.

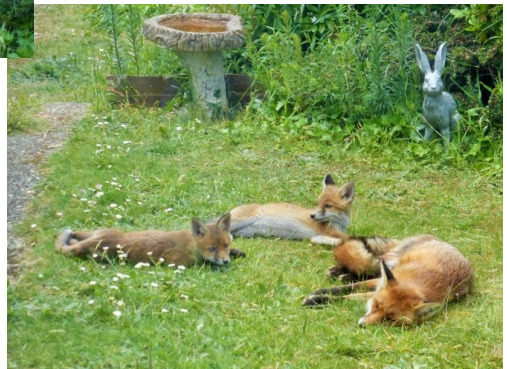
The next year there was no activity under hedge or bush. Then came the pandemic, but the fox world knew nothing of instructions to keep your distance. They were back, six cubs this time, who took over the garden and gave me entertainment every day and into the long light evenings. Even at night they continued their endless games.



They adored the bird-bath and could hardly bear to pass it without pretending to need a drink. Sometimes they tipped the bowl off the stand, which must have given the culprit a fright. But the heavier they became, the more skilfully they balanced it.



Eventually they too were capable adolescents and vanished to independence, who knows where? Luckily I'm not particular about the state of my garden, because they did flatten nearly everything and there were new holes everywhere, but it was definitely an honour to have hosted them.



Art Group

The All Saints Church Art Group now gathers behind Stanpit Village Hall, in both the Maberley Room and the Harbour View Room above it, on the fourth Saturday of every month from 9.30-11.30am.

We have a concession from the Club opposite to park in their forecourt. We must vacate it before midday please and they ask that we park towards the front.

This group welcomes everyone with an interest in sketching and painting, from beginners to those with years of experience. Pictures for inspiration will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own photographs of any subject that interests them.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 22nd August

The subjects are Steam Engines, Old Machinery and Rusty Surfaces

In September we will tackle Still Life, Shells and Hands

For more information please contact Mary Thomas

BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday evening Bible study group meets at 7pm at 3 Minterne Road, where Judy and Tony Eden kindly welcome us to their home.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mary Thomas

Newcomers are always very welcome.

Local News.

Parking charges at the Sandpiper pub

The requirement to enter your car registration when parking and using the pub has been in place for some time. But it is now apparent that even driving in to drop someone off triggers the ANPR system and we have had reports of several £100 fines being issued. So far the pub has been great at cancelling these via the parking contractor, but this may not continue. So register if parking there, but if dropping off then best to not enter the car park.

Car Park security

The failure of BCP to lock both grass car parks at Southcliffe Rd and Steamer Point overnight has now largely been sorted, and we have a BCP contact that has been very helpful (Thanks to Nigel & Anne G for finding this contact) although there are still some glitches happening. Any issues with locking/unlocking can be reported via:

01202 127077

Peter Neal is responsible for this photo of the Site Foreman!!

We all know who it is, really.

John is very knowledgeable about the re-build and passed on information to people visiting The Church Tent at the Mudeford Arts festival.

Thanks John



Mothers' Union Deanery and Branch

Why not think about joining the Mothers' Union?

It's not just for mothers, everyone is welcome.

There are 4 branches of the Mothers' Union in the Christchurch Deanery: Hyde, Ringwood, Priory and Mudeford.

There are 2 type of membership: Branch members, linked to their church, who can attend meetings and enjoy fellowship and Diocesan members, whose church has no branch, they receive information digitally or by post and are welcome to attend any events or meetings in the deanery or diocese.

Deanery Events

We hold 2 Deanery services a year, each branch taking a turn at organising and hosting;

A Lady Day Service on 25th March, this is part of our commitment to the MU, based on the dedication of the founder, Mary Sumner, to mothers and families.

An Advent Service to which we bring gifts for the homeless who are supported by the Salvation Army at Winton.

We also get together 2 or 3 times a year for a picnic lunch followed by a prayer meeting, hosted by each branch in turn.

Individual branches may hold fund-raising events, to which all are invited.

For example, Hyde hold a Tea-Party in someone's beautiful garden bordering the Forest each year. They have a raffle and plant sale and provide a generous spread in the shelter of a large marquee.

Diocesan Events

Each month a short service of prayer is held in the Epiphany Chapel in Winchester Cathedral. Branches or groups take turn in leading.

Twice a year an Information Day is held, the venue varies throughout the Diocese. This is an opportunity to hear more about the ongoing work of the MU both in Britain and abroad.

There is an annual Festival Service for members from the whole Diocese. It used to be held in the Cathedral, but is now in St Lawrence Church, which is a smaller; a quieter space, more appropriate in size for the number of people able to attend.

A few members from each branch meet together 3 times a year to plan our Deanery events and Cathedral Prayers.

Mothers Union Mudeford Branch

There are 15 members in the branch this year.

We meet weekly for prayer, considering ourselves mainly a praying unit, supporting the work of members in their work throughout the world.

Each month we hold a longer, branch meeting and over tea and cake are entertained by a speaker, who often shows photographs via the projector. It may be someone telling us about a recent holiday. It is sometimes someone talking about some aspect of MU work or other religious topic. Or we may just share prayers, poems and readings with each other.

At some meetings we have a service.

In January we hold a Wave of Prayer Service, when pray especially for our link dioceses of Mauritius, Kericho in Kenya, Kumasi in Ghana, Katsina in Nigeria, Nandyal in India and all the branches in the Winchester diocese. For 3 days every member in the world (now more than 4 million) is praying for us. Every day we have 5 Diocese, from all over the world to pray for individually and collectively when we have a meeting.

In May we hold a Novena Service, the international recognised 'Thy Kingdom Come' for the 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost.

In December our Service is praying in support of action against gender violence. Again this is a world-wide initiative spread over 16 days from 25th November to 10th December.

Some months we hold an extra prayer service. Last year it was one for peace in the world.

There is an annual subscription. It was £36 this year. For that we receive a monthly diocesan news-letter and twice a year an MU diocesan magazine, also twice a year, a Mothers' Union magazine, with news from all over the world. There is an MU shop and we receive catalogues several times a year.

Each year we have a prayer diary, telling us who to pray for each day and containing additional daily and weekly prayers. The rest of the subscription goes on administration and the work of MU initiatives

Our banner was remade as the first one was lost in the fire **Mary Thomas**



Mothers' Union



The Mothers' Union usually meets monthly at 3.30pm in the lounge of the Methodists' Church in Mudeford Lane, also weekly for prayers at 10am on the remaining Mondays. All meetings are open to anyone. If you are interested and would like to know more about this world-wide organisation, please speak to Mary Thomas or any of the members.

On 5th July there was a Deanery Songs of Praise Service at St John's Church, Poulner, in celebration of the 150th year of the MU.

There was a splendid turn out and excellent tea and cake afterwards.

At our July branch Meeting, Christine Clode, who is Diocesan archivist, spoke about the history of the MU.



As Part of the 150th year celebrations

On Mon 3rd August at 3.30pm, instead of the usual branch meeting,

Valerie and John Young have invited members to a Tea Party

at 23 Smugglers Wood Road, BH23 4PJ

This will be in the garden, but inside if the weather is wet or chilly.

There will be a raffle to raise money for the

Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Programme,

which does amazing work for women in developing counties.

All are welcome,

but if you are not a member of Mothers' Union, and would like to attend, please contact Valerie on 01425 501005 for more details and to help with numbers for catering.

Mary Thomas

Snakes and other Creatures

Wild animals, yes I think this maybe one!

There are many snakes in Sri Lanka, This is one of many, at the Snake Temple in Penang, Malaysia.

One day whilst staying in my son's flat in Columbo, Sri Lanka, it had been raining heavily. A snake came up the toilet bowl and was trying to crawl out into the bathroom. A Tuk-Tuk driver was outside the flat. We brought him in. He knew how to pick up the snake and he threw it outside onto some shrubbery.

Snakes are often sedated and their venom removed, then a local will play a whistle and the snake will come up out of a wicker basket.

At the Red Cross Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, there is a regional anti-venom snake department. They produce the antidote for snake bites in the region which saves many lives, if the antidote can be sent in time. Tourists can view the snakes in pits, for a fee and this helps raise money for this service.



Another time in Penang after heavy rain, a water monitor came up a drain along the main road and was scampering amongst the traffic. The Asian water monitor is a large highly intelligent lizard. I have seen lots of them about. They usually run away from humans. I like to see them, they are not dangerous like crocodiles and some people have them as pets.

My presentation, "Travels to the East" is still available, if any groups would like to hear more adventures!

Valerie Young.

Sea of Faith

Yes, even in the darkness of bleak midwinter
Jesus undiminished light always prevails.
And sailing to heaven across the sea of faith
His love is the energy billowing the sails.



Tom Murphy This lovely poem was read at the funeral of our dear friend Muriel Dewdney on Friday 26th June.

Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise in the Lifeboat Station

After a very busy two (or three) days at the Mudeford Arts Festival, on Sunday 26th July we retired to the Lifeboat Station for an uplifting service of thanks and praise. It was a beautiful evening and the view across to Hengistbury Head was stunning.



As usual, the hymns were chosen by members of the congregation who, if they wished, explained why they had chosen them. Explanations ranged from memories of school, Sunday School and a wedding to an encouragement to think carefully about the words.

These are the hymns that were sung:

There is a Redeemer, All Things Bright and Beautiful

Lord Jesus Christ, Faithful One

Jerusalem, The Servant King

He Who Would Valiant Be, 1000 Reasons

AND the RNLI Anthem, Will Your Anchor Hold? We would like to thank Revd Wendy, Graham Tucker and the band for leading us in this very uplifting service.

Vikki Miller

Wild Life-at Home and Away



I was originally only going to send a picture of the Common Toad but inspired by the first programme Chris Packham's Evolution I have added the Dassie.

When I first joined All Saints in the early nineties I lived in a small terraced house in Comet Way. The toad, whom I called Alfie, lived by my kitchen door. I didn't have a pond but occasionally the garden flooded so that was probably what made him stay.

The picture of the Dassie was taken on top of Table Mountain on my first visit to South Africa. A friend and I were visiting South Africa and initially thought we would have to forego visiting the mountain because of cloud but the skies cleared and up we went. The Dassie was sitting on the rocks posing for photos!

We are blessed daily with the amount of wild life we see around us in the garden - the bees buzzing round the lavender, the ants which appear when a flower pot is moved, the butterflies, the damselflies, a little field mouse who occasionally scuttles across and many more we don't see. May they continue to live and evolve for many thousands of years to come.



Pauline Ruffhead



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More from Ann and Paul.

Ann and I have always enjoyed meeting animals and encouraging our grandchildren to lose their natural fear of wild things. Perhaps the most memorable is a

2013 visit to

Burghley House park
in Stamford with our

granddaughter

Elizabeth. She was

enchanted by the

many free roaming

deer and the local

wardens pointed

out this friendly stag

who enjoyed taking treats.



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Mudford, Christchurch, BH23 3HS

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Wednesday: 10am at St John's, Purewell.

First Sunday in the month Church In the Round, an informal service at 5-30pm at High Cross Church, Somerford.

4-30pm in the winter.

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