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**Plant of the month – Viburnum**  
*Viburnum plicatum f. tomentosum 'Shasta'*

Strictly speaking, this shrub should have been in our May issue as it will be nearly past its peak by the time you read this but it began flowering just too late to meet our May deadline. So I have sneaked it into June instead as it has been so beautiful this year that I wanted to show it to you all.

Also known as the Japanese snowball 'Shasta', this stunning hardy shrub has pure white lacecap flowers held above layered horizontal branches to form a striking tiered effect. In my experience, it takes a few years to begin to show its potential but is well worth the wait. It is a wide-spreading, deciduous shrub and after flowering, bright red fruits mature to black and the rich autumn foliage is plum/maroon. It can be grown in a mixed border or will make a beautiful specimen plant if you have the space. It flowers in early/mid-May and may continue on till early June if conditions are to its liking.

Grow in sun or partial shade, it will sit quite happily with little interference and slowly mature. When older, it will also tolerate hard pruning if necessary to keep it within bounds. When it is young, the shrub looks as if it will never achieve its classic tiered growth, but be patient! Its vertical stems will suddenly become horizontal and away it will go. Its ultimate size is 2.4-5m high, 2.4-5m wide after 5-10 years.

Sexy Saxifrage is standing in for Mophead Mildred who is away this month.



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# Our Queen – a personal reflection

By the Revd Colin Fox – Teffont Evias

MY FAMILY HAS HAD A SPECIAL CONNECTION with the Queen’s Chapel of the Savoy going back to the 1930s. Perched on the top of the gentle rise of Savoy Hill it has remained largely hidden from public view since being surrounded by tall office buildings and the Savoy Hotel during the early part of the last century. It is a small chapel, built in the 16th century as part of a charitable foundation under the terms of King Henry VIII’s will, which today offers a place of quietness and peace in the bustle of the City.

Since 1937 it has been the Chapel of the Royal Victorian Order which was instituted by Queen Victoria to honour those who give significant personal service to the Sovereign and other members of the Royal Family. It continues to do so today and members of the order meet for an annual service in their chapel.

My grandfather, who had been a MP, was kicked upstairs to the House of Lords and became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (1931-1937) and responsible for the Chapel to which he devoted much time. It was in poor condition; he commented that it fallen into ‘a slough of despond, not for the first time’ and set about restoring it to its rightful status as a possession of the Sovereign. With the agreement of King George V the Chapel was dedicated to the Grand Cross of the



Interior of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy.



The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy surrounded by tall City buildings.

Victorian Order besides remaining as ordinary chapel open to the public.

My grandparents’ ashes are buried there, my parents were married there in February 1943 and my eldest sister was baptised there in 1944 just before my father departed for the invasion of Normandy and the allied advance through North West Europe to Germany. As grandchildren, we were frequently taken there by our grandparents in the 1950s and I remember being given a reward if I behaved!

In the early 1950s, as a family, we lived in Jamaica, my father being Archdeacon and Rector of Montego Bay; it was an idyllic life for a child at that time. I was five years old when King George VI died and I remember my mother bursting into tears, one of the few times I ever saw her cry, when the news came over the radio.

On that fateful day, on the other side of the world, the young Princess Elizabeth was enjoying a short break in Kenya with her husband before starting a tour of the Commonwealth. In the party accompanying her was Colonel Jim Corbett who recalled staying at the Treetops Lodge and viewing the wild



Treetops Lodge, Kenya, 1953.

animals at the waterhole below it. On leaving he wrote in the visitor’s register:

*‘For the first time in the history of the world a young girl climbed into a tree one day a Princess and, after what she described as her most thrilling experience, she climbed down from the tree the next day a Queen – God bless her’.*

Shortly after her Coronation in 1953 the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, came on her first Royal Tour to the Caribbean where I was living with my parents. Jamaica, one of her major stops, went mad with excitement and my sister and I waved our flags frantically. My father amongst many other dignitaries was presented to the Queen and the Duke and there was further excitement; we drove across the island to Kingston to watch The British West Indian Regiment parade for the Queen at Uppark Camp under the magnificent Blue Mountains. As a 5 year old my eyes were popping out of my head and I count myself lucky to have been part of an era never to be repeated. The pride in our Commonwealth ran high with genuine love and affection.

Enough of the past and back to today. Due to my family connection to the Chapel of the Savoy, I was invited to preach there in February on the anniversary of the day the Queen ascended the throne 70 years ago – her Platinum Jubilee. This is a summary of what I said.

*“The monarchy has had many turbulent times, never so great as in the 17th century and the Commonwealth period, when under Cromwell we were without a monarch and, despite the poor quality of some of our kings and queens, the*

*monarchy survives. Some claim cynically that the Queen is only a constitutional ornament to add colour and romance, while the real business of Government goes on in the House of Commons and Lords. How mistaken they are, for the Queen is not a constitutional ornament, the Queen secures the integrity of the nation just as her ministers secure the integrity of their departments.*

*When we pray for the Queen and our country we are praying for one and the same thing. The Queen embodies the nation, in all its rich diversity, which is something beyond the latest round of trade figures, the value of the pound or the coming and going of her Prime Ministers.*

*The laws of the land are the Queen’s laws and we do well to remember the words which she used during the Coronation service on 3rd June 1953, words symbolising ‘sacred kingship’ and ‘kingly dignity’ which take us back to the anointing of kings in the Old Testament. By her actions and oaths taken that day we can be assured that the Queen sees her*

*role not only as a religious duty but an act of selfless dedication to the good of all her peoples. How magnificently she has proven her word over seven decades on the throne.*

*The historic English Settlement of 1701<sup>(1)</sup> ensures that the Queen is both Queen and Supreme Governor of Church and State. As defender of the faith she stands for the reality of truth, the truth of the Christian Creeds. How*

*blessed we are for her devotion to all that we perceive to be of value”.*

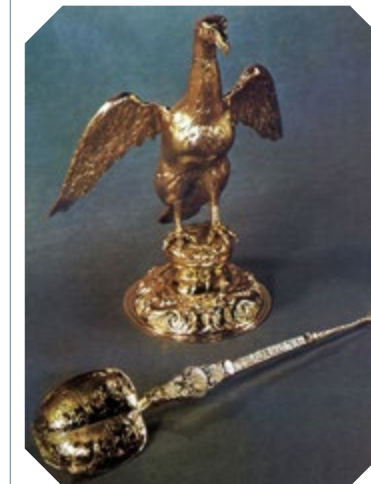
*I ended my talk with a quote, using the Queen’s own words from ‘The Servant Queen and The King she serves’ – a tribute to her on her 90th birthday<sup>(2)</sup>.*

*“I know how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad; each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best to all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.”*

May we all live by that example. Long may she reign. — CF



The Queen and Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh visit Jamaica, 1953



Coronation regalia used to anoint the Queen with sacred oil during the most solemn part of the Coronation service. The spoon, a remarkable survival from the past, was made for either King Henry II or King Richard I in the latter half of the 12th century, the ampulla was made in 1661 for Charles II’s coronation to replace the one destroyed by Cromwell.

## Notes

1. The Act of Settlement, 1701, settled the succession to the English and Irish crowns on Protestants only. The Act of Supremacy 1558 had confirmed the Church of England’s independence from Roman Catholicism under the English monarch
2. ‘The Servant Queen and the King She Serves’, published by the Bible Society in 2016 uses the Queen’s own words to highlight the strength she draws from her Christian faith and the Bible.



# A swarm of bees in May...

Richard Willan – Compton Chamberlayne

There is an old saying among beekeepers,

*A swarm of bees in May, is worth a load of hay.  
A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon.  
A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.*

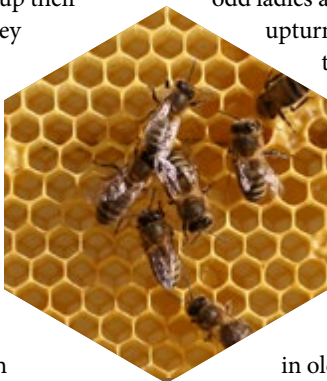


It underlines what a relatively short season we have in this country for bees to build up their numbers and then their stores of honey for the winter. The further south one goes, the longer the season until the warmth of the tropics enables round-the-year beekeeping.

Last year, spring was cold and late and my two initial colonies arrived in late June. The colonies comprised a queen and a few hundred workers and a few drones. My ambition was to get them through the winter and in a fit state to build up this Spring. I fed them copious amounts of sugar syrup and they did produce some honey, which I left on the hives for them to use over the winter months. Come February, there were signs of activity and when I had a look inside the hives in April, the queens were laying and there were plenty of capped cells indicating the two colonies were already growing towards their likely full compliment of around 50,000 workers.

May arrived and the two hives became very busy with oil seed rape, dandelions and all

the other spring flowers providing nectar and pollen. Then came a call from Teffont, 'I've got a swarm, do you want it?' I did indeed! It was popped into a hive that evening and the following day a text came from the alert Compton Chamberlayne shepherd, 'There's a swarm in Quarry field, do you want it?' Again I jumped at the chance and coaxed the 15,000-odd ladies and their handful of boys into an upturned cardboard box. That evening the contents of the cardboard box were introduced to another hive and lo and behold the apiary had now doubled in size to four colonies.



In the meantime production was gathering pace in the first two hives, enabling me to take off just under 13kgs of honey (27lbs in old money). It looks as though there will be the same to collect again in a few days time. One piece of advice, if you are thinking of keeping bees, make sure all your preparation is in place by the end of January. Keep your eyes open for second-hand hives and other kit, as buying new can be very expensive. Most of my stuff dates back to 1938 when a prescient grandfather read the storm clouds over Munich correctly and set himself up to be as self-sufficient as possible.

I thank my lucky stars that all the kit he bought has been preserved.— RW



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Species of the month

# FOXGLOVES

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

**A WORD OF WARNING to those of you who keep free range chickens – June can be a dangerous month. Why? Well, June is the month that foxgloves come into full bloom and sometimes bad fairies give the bell-shaped flowers to foxes, so that they can wear them on their paws as fox ‘gloves’, to enable them to silently creep up on chickens with even more skill than usual!**

Foxgloves are found throughout the British countryside, but are perhaps most associated with woodland, especially where an area has been felled of trees and the soil disturbed, allowing light back onto the woodland floor once again. The seeds can remain dormant in the soil for many years, waiting for just such an event to take place, and considering that a single plant can produce between one and two million seeds, there are plenty to take advantage of the opportunity to spring to life once the right situation is created.

The foxglove is a biennial, meaning that in year one it simply produces a clump of leaves, but then in the second year, it sends up a long upright stem, sometimes as tall as a man, covered in beautiful purple/pink tubular flowers. These blooms have evolved to be highly attractive to bumble bees, which land on the specially designed large bottom lip of the flower and then follow the spots on the inside, which lead them to the nectar. The reproductive parts of the plant are all situated in the roof of the flower and as the bumble bee



is a large insect, it has to push its way in to reach the nectar and in doing so, rubs its back against the pollen covered stamen. The process is repeated when the next plant is visited, but this time the bee also leaves some of the previous plant's pollen on the stigma, thereby pollinating the Foxgloves as it flies around the woodland glade.

The foxglove needs an insect the size of the bumble bee for this process of pollination to work. However, it has to stop smaller insects like hoverflies from entering as they could wander in and out and consume all the nectar, without brushing against the roof of the flower. Closer inspection of the landing strip used so readily by the bumble bees, reveals that it is covered in very fine hairs, known as guard hairs, which deter the smaller species of insect from landing there.

The foxglove has also insured itself against bad weather during its flowering time. You may well have noticed that the blooms start to open from the base of the stalk first, slowly moving up the stem so that it is some weeks later that the final flowers open at the top of the spike. This ensures that if the weather is particularly bad and few bumble bees are active, hopefully there will still be flowers open to pollinate once the conditions improve.

The whole of this beautiful plant is, however, full of the poison digitalis – the well-known cardiac stimulating

compound which helps many heart patients to stay alive. Get the dose wrong though and the plant can kill. Browsing animals such as deer know this only too well and leave the plant well alone.

There have been occasions when people have gathered foxglove leaves, in the belief that they were actually comfrey leaves (they are very alike), going on to brew the leaves into a 'comfrey' tea... with deadly consequences.

So, if someone invites you round for tea this June, lock up your chickens before you go, then decline the comfrey tea if it is offered and go for good old Tetley's instead!! — PT

Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. You might also be interested in reading his blog: 'Fresh Air Scribbings' <https://freshairscribbings.blogspot.com>

Reference the Village Buzz article on hedgehogs in the May issue - should you see a hedgehog in the Village Buzz area – do please send me the date of your observation and a place (either a house number/name and post code or an ordnance survey grid reference). Send the info through to either my email: [peter.gl.thompson@outlook.com](mailto:peter.gl.thompson@outlook.com) or text me on 07710344340. Thank you.

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Soprano

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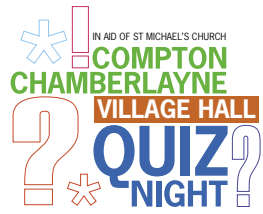
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**Richard Willan**

Quizmaster Chris Nutting is already enquiring about the date for 2023.



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SUNDAY	Pentecost			Trinity Sunday			Trinity 1			Trinity 2			Saint Thomas		
SOUTHERN AREA															
Ansty	-	-	-	11.15	PC	GS	11.15	HCBCP	GS	11.15	AAC	MH	11.15	MBCP	
Compton Chamberlayne	09.30	PC <sub>T</sub>	GS	-	-	-	15.00	SoP (Saturday 18)	JA	-	-	-	09.30	PC <sub>T</sub>	
Fovant	16.00	Jubilee Service	GS	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP	GS	09.30	PC	GS	08.00	HC02T	
Sutton Mandeville	18.00	Jubilee Service	GS	09.30	PC02T	GS	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP	
Swallowcliffe	09.30	Jubilee Service	GS	18.00	EBCP	GS	08.00	HCBCP	GS	11.15	Patronal Festival MBCP	LAY	11.15	PC <sub>T</sub>	
NORTHERN AREA															
Barford St Martin	11.15	AAC	EB	09.30	McW	LAY	09.30	HCBCP	CF	09.30	AAC	TF	11.15	AAC	
Baverstock	18.00	EBCP	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chilmark	17.00	EBCP (Saturday 4)	EB	09.30	AAS	EB	11.15	AAC	EB	11.15	MPr	LAY	11.15	AAC	
Dinton	09.30	AAC	CS	-	-	-	09.30	AAC	EB	09.30	McW	MH	09.30	AAC	
Teffont Evias	-	-	-	11.15	AAS	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	09.30	AAS	
Teffont Magna	14.00	Jubilee Service	EB/TF/ CF	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	TF	-	-	-	-	-	
WESTERN AREA															
Chicklade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hindon	09.30	PC	JN	09.30	AAC	JN	18.00	EBCP	EB	09.30	Patronal Festival PC	SE	09.30	PC	
Fonthill Bishop	17.00	EBCP	JMH	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	09.30	MBCP	JA	-	-	-	17.00	EBCP	
Fonthill Gifford	08.00	HCBCP	MH	11.15	M Feast of Title	JMH/JA	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	11.15	MBCP	JMH	08.00	HCBCP	
Tisbury	09.30	AAC	JMH	09.30	PC	MH/JA	09.30	PC	JMH	08.00	Patronal Festival HCBCP	+JM	09.30	AAS	
										09.30	PC	JMH/ +JM			
							18.00	Choral EBCP	JMH						

## SERVICES

<b>AAC</b>	All Age Communion
<b>AAS</b>	All Age Service
<b>BCP</b>	Book of Common Prayer
<b>CbE</b>	Communion by Extension
<b>CW</b>	Common Worship
<b>E</b>	Evensong or Evening Prayer
<b>FC</b>	All Age Family Communion
<b>HC</b>	Holy Communion ( <i>said</i> )
<b>HC02T/C</b>	Order 2 Communion, <i>traditional/contemporary</i>
<b>M</b>	Mattins or Morning Prayer

<b>MPr</b>	Morning Praise
<b>PC</b>	Order 1 Communion ( <i>with hymns</i> )
<b>PC<sub>T</sub></b>	Order 1 Communion, <i>traditional language (with hymns)</i>
<b>PC02T</b>	Order 2 Communion, <i>traditional language (with hymns)</i>
<b>PC02T/C</b>	Order 2 Communion, <i>traditional/contemporary</i>
<b>RS</b>	Reflective Service
<b>SoW</b>	Service of the Word

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## Barford children celebrate as village playground funding approaches its goal!

The village children of Barford St Martin were out in force recently to celebrate the fact that a long-awaited playground in the village could soon become a reality.

The Barford St Martin Community Fund committee, which was set up earlier this year to raise funds for much needed village amenities, is delighted to announce that the prospect of the new playground in the village is now a step closer. This week a local charity, the Nicholson Trust, voted to support this important community asset by approving a grant to fund the installation of a specific piece of equipment in the playground.

A number of other funding organisations have also stepped in and awarded grants for the playground including Wiltshire Council's South West Area Board.

Morag Walker, Chairperson of the Barford Community Fund explains, "We are thrilled with the generosity of grant-giving organisations so far, but we still need to raise a further small pot of money to ensure that we can install the playground this year. We are now on a drive to organise exciting events and activities that visitors and residents can all enjoy in order to raise further funds for the playground. This will include an action-packed fête during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on

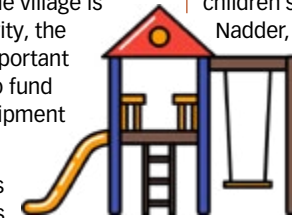
Saturday 4th June and a Big Village Lunch on Sunday 5th June. Both events will be held in the Barford Playing field off Duck Lane."

The Barford St Martin Fête on the Saturday is guaranteed to be a fun day out for all the family. Highlights will include a fun dog show, being organised by expert dog breeder and judge, Vicky Wand. Other activities include children's face painting, a duck race along the River Nadder, a coconut shy, a village Bake-off, tombola, plants and cake stall and much more besides. The Barford Inn will be providing beer and wine, and the village's nursery school will run a special children's crafting and games area. There will also be a delicious BBQ and music provided by the Royal British Legion Band.

In addition, Barford St Martin's church will be holding an art exhibition during the fête showing paintings, ceramics and photography by renowned local artists such as Magda Gordon, Paul Watts and Pily Batt.

For those interested in helping to run stalls at the fête, sell raffle tickets, for some amazing prizes, or for further information, please get in touch with Stephanie Wheatley on 07840 438832 or email stephanie.stephanian@hotmail.co.uk

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# A Royal Family Truth

Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR BELOVED QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE we can be forgiven, in view of her age and frailty, for casting our thoughts forward to her successors. In doing so we should remind ourselves that neither she nor her heir, The Prince of Wales, are descended from King Charles II.

This is not relevant to the Jubilee but it is timely as this edition of Village Buzz follows last month's article about various days in May, one of which was Oak Apple Day. Although not descended from King Charles II, who had no legitimate heir, the Queen or members of her family regularly attend the annual ceremony of Founder's Day (Oak Apple Day) at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and thus honour Charles II's memory as the founder of that great establishment in 1682. It had been the inspiration of one of his most trusted advisers, Sir Stephen Fox, Paymaster of the Forces<sup>(1)</sup>.

King Charles II, our Merry Monarch, was no ordinary king, he acquired a 'reputation'. We should not, however, overlook the achievements of his reign,



King Charles II, aged 20 in 1650, a year after his father's execution and a year before his dramatic escape after the Battle of Worcester. After Adriaen Hanneman



Too close for comfort. The outlawed King, in disguise, brushed with Roundhead troopers (beyond the tree) on several occasions during his escape. By Isaac Fuller 1660s.

his personal qualities and what set him apart from other monarchs. Besides anything else, like his father before him, he had been declared an outlaw and the most wanted man in England.

After an extraordinary childhood, on one hand of great privilege and on the other, of great turbulence and a costly civil war<sup>(2)</sup> he ascended the throne knowing his people better than any previous monarch. Unlike them he had lived amongst ordinary people on whom he came to depend and, albeit disguised after the Battle of Worcester in 1651, he had witnessed, first-hand, their loyalties, feelings, hopes and fears. He had watched people closely as he travelled amongst them, had talked to

them incognito and passed the time of day with them using a local accent. As he travelled through nine counties on foot and horseback, he had worked as a servant in kitchens and as a groom in stables. He had been at the bidding of others, fetched and carried for them and been treated as any common man would have expected at the time.

In deep disguise for the full six weeks of his escape, he successfully evaded the cavalry patrols of the Parliamentary Army which roamed the country looking for him<sup>(3)</sup>. Physically, it was as challenging a time for him as any of today's soldiers might experience in their first weeks in the Army. He suffered from seriously blistered and bleeding feet, hunger, cold, wet clothes and sleep deprivation (five nights was the longest stint). Additionally the ever-present risk of being identified or betrayed, the need to be instantly ready to move, physical exertion and tiredness were his constant companions – and yet he never lost his

composure nor his concern for those sheltering him. He remained cheerful under pressure, cool in the tightest of moments, bluffed his way bravely when in close proximity to Roundhead troopers and took unexpected risks for one so vulnerable and young. It is hardly surprising that he was admired for his courage and charm.

He was only 21 at the time and, as he grew older, he came to realise that he had been at his best. He was as rightly proud of himself as his loyal helpers were proud of themselves and the part they had played in his escape. They, of course, had been unable to talk

about it until the Restoration in 1660 – a full nine years after the event; to have done so would have invited arrest, imprisonment and execution. Not one of them gave the King away in spite of the potentially life-changing reward of £1000<sup>(4)</sup> offered by Parliament for the capture of 'the traitor Charles Stuart'.

He had been miraculously delivered from the Great Rebellion so it was to be expected that, following the Restoration, he talked often about this extraordinary episode in his early life. Twenty years later in 1680, five years before his death, he recounted the tale to Samuel Pepys whilst racing at Newmarket; Pepys recorded the King's account in shorthand.

The part of the escape which stood out in his mind more than any other was the time he had spent with the Penderell family in the first five hectic days after the battle, a period which today we might call 'hot pursuit'. Its constant dangers, alarms and discomfort were typified by the day he spent in the oak tree near the Penderell's farmhouse at Boscobel in Shropshire. He was taken

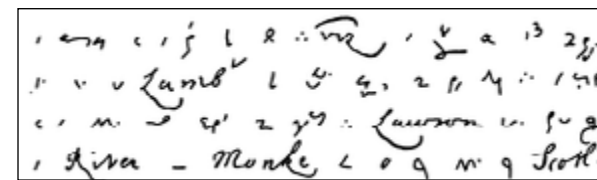


Three future Kings. Princes William and George will be the first two British monarchs to be descended from King Charles II.

there by the courageous Royalist officer, Major William Careless, who had been the last man out of Worcester on the day of the battle. Careless's home was within a few miles of Boscobel and knowing the Penderells and trusting their royalist sympathies, he had gone to them as a fugitive in the hope of being given food and shelter. Near their farmhouse he had spotted an oak tree which had been pollarded a few years earlier which by then had become thick and bushy – a perfect hiding place. Early on the third morning after the battle, unknown to Careless, the

King was being guided towards Boscobel Farm by Richard Penderell. Soon, after meeting and a quick breakfast, Careless and the King clambered by ladder into the tree to share the hiding place and remained there for the day with the sleeping King resting his head on Careless's arm. At one moment of high drama with troopers of a cavalry patrol in earshot, Careless had to wake the King to avoid any sudden noise or movement which he might otherwise have made and given themselves away<sup>(5)</sup>.

Five years later, in 1656 while in exile, the King raised his own regiment of Guards and appointed Careless as Captain of one of its 12 companies. Soon after the Restoration in 1660 he raised a second regiment of Guards of 12 companies and combined it with the first regiment to form the King's Own Regiment of Guards, now the Grenadier Guards. To each of its 24 companies he gave one of the many royal badges used by earlier monarchs to emblazon their Company Colours (battle flags). Pointedly, to mark his own reign, he assumed a new badge of his own design which was a very personal reminder to him of his



An example of Samuel Pepys's shorthand

# A Royal Family Truth – continued

Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove



Badged assumed by King Charles II to denote his reign; his crowned head in an oak tree. Still used today by the Inkerman Company, Grenadier Guards.

escape and a perpetual reminder of it to future generations; it was of his crowned head set in an oak tree. The badge, given by him to one of the companies, is still used in the Grenadier Guards today and is a constant reminder to all ranks of their founder, a once fugitive King.

We get a further sense of how much the oak tree episode meant to the King when, after the Restoration, he expressed his wish to create an order of Knights of The Royal Oak, an honour to be bestowed on those who had helped his father King Charles I and himself during the Civil Wars and Protectorate. He was advised against this on the grounds that establishing such an order would prolong and not heal the deeply held personal and political affiliations of that turbulent time so wisely he dropped it.

During the desperate days of the 'great rebellion' the people of England, in the main, had lost hope of ever being able to return to the less dangerous,

more settled and merrier days of a monarchy. After so long a time and such radical political change the restoration of the monarchy was something they thought they would never see. Thus, unsurprisingly, when the King returned to Whitehall (on his birthday 29th May) there was a wave of relief and it was not long before an Act of Parliament declared 'a Perpetual Anniversary and Thanksgiving on the Nine and Twentieth Day of May' and that it be held for ever as 'a holy day and a public holiday'. It became known as Oak Apple Day and, in our churches from

1660 to 1859, the Book of Common Prayer included "A Form of prayer with thanksgiving to Almighty God, for having put an end to the Great Rebellion, by the Restitution of the King and Royal Family, and the restoration of the Government after many years' interruption, which unspeakable mercies were wonderfully completed upon the Twenty-ninth day of May in the year 1660<sup>(6)</sup>."



The statue of King Charles II at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, garlanded with oak branches on Founders Day.

Finally, to return to the royal succession. When the time comes for the Duke of Cambridge to ascend the throne he, as his father and grandmother, will do so by descent from King James I via his daughter Princess Sophia who married Ernest Augustus, Elector of Hanover. We do not know how he will wish to be known, possibly King William V, but what we do know is that he will be the first



The Queen inspects In-Pensioners on Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in 2008.

British monarch to be descended from King Charles II. This will be through his descent from two of his mother's ancestors, the Duke of Grafton and the Duke of Richmond, both illegitimate sons of King Charles II. Long live merry monarchs, they have their uses! — PC

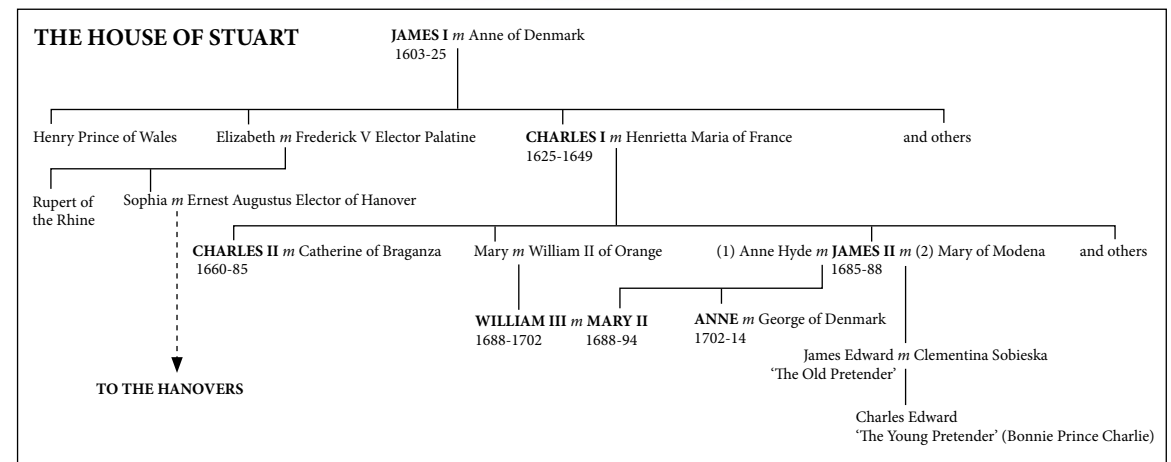
### Notes

1. Sir Stephen Fox, born in Farleigh to the East of Salisbury, came from humble origins. He was a boy chorister in the Cathedral, was knighted and became one of the richest men in England. His wise management saw the landmark Royal Hospital building we know today completed in 1692, seven years after King Charles' death.
2. A larger percentage of the population of England was killed between 1645 and 1660 than during the First World War. Besides violent death in battle, in prison or indentured labour, the Common Law was put aside and many unjust and brutal verdicts were passed during the 'Rule of the Major-Generals'.
3. Two days after his arrival in France, the King's disguise was still so deep that he was not even recognised by his former tutor who was living in Rouen.

4. £1000 in 1650 would have an approx. value of £70,000 today or more.
5. The farm at Boscobel and the offspring of the Royal Oak are managed by English Heritage. 6 miles away Moseley Old Hall, where the King sheltered after Boscobel, is managed by the National Trust. Both places are well worth a visit.
6. The Public holiday was abolished under the Anniversary Days Observance Act 1859.
7. King Charles II was restored to his rightful throne by unanimous vote of Parliament in April 1660. He landed at Dover from Holland on 25th May and was fêted by the ringing of church bells and joyful crowds lining his way to London. He skilfully arrived at Whitehall on his birthday 29th May by stopping in Canterbury for two days.

### Recommended reading

1. 'Charles II and his Escape into Exile' by Martyn R. Beardsley, published by Pen & Sword, 2019. This book conveniently combines the King's own account as recorded by Samuel Pepys, other contemporary texts and the author's own commentary.
2. 'To Catch a King, Charles II's Great Escape' by Charles Spencer, published by William Collins, 2017.



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Start of what, do I hear you ask? Well, it was to meet up for an amazing 'walk'n'talk' led by Peter Thompson on the subject of birds in the Nadder valley and how to recognise them and their glorious songs. All the proceeds went towards Barford's Children's Village Playground (see also page 17). The early Sunday morning rendezvous was in the car park of the Barford Inn and the weather was cool, cloudy and ominously threatening rain. Around twenty eager twitchers and accompanying dogs turned up suitably attired for whatever weather the morning had in store for them.

No sooner had we all set off than Peter began to pick out individual birds around us that we could hear but not see. He colourfully described their plumage, habits and migratory movements to give us all a fascinating insight into each species. Well, he certainly knows his stuff! As we walked, he continued to pick out the songs of more birds that we could hear but still not see! It's really amazing that some tiny birds, for

example the wren, have a song that is totally disproportionate to their size. Walking along the lane to Grovely Woods we heard and, in some cases, were lucky enough to glimpse, birds that we hadn't realised were 'locals' to the Barford area. As we stopped next to a vast field of oil seed rape for one of Peter's lively 'talks' before we turned back, he mentioned that we were unlucky not to have seen any skylarks or heard their wonderful song as they soar higher and higher until they are just a speck in the sky.

Arriving back at the Barford Inn car park, rather damp and muddy, we were unexpectedly graced with the presence and song of a spotted flycatcher perched in a tree – and we could actually see it! What a perfect end to Peter's fascinating 'walk'n'talk' from which we all learned so much. And even better, we were all invited back for tea, coffee and delicious bacon butties in Peter and Morag's beautiful garden – all greatly appreciated after the early start.

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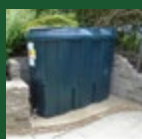
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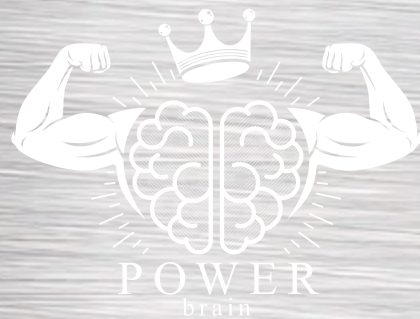
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