

## Parish News – April 2016

First of all, many thanks to all those who contributed generously to the Benefice Food Bank in February. June Goatley was extremely impressed with the quantities donated which were obviously gratefully received by the needy.

Further to last month's sad news of the death of Marcin Abram, a Memorial Service was held in the School Chapel which was well attended by his many friends from school, former staff members, the football club and from further afield. It was felt that he had a good English send off following his Polish funeral.

The Summer Term Lecture at Westonbirt School will be held on Friday 6th May at 7pm. The presentation will be given by Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent a travel writer and lover of lengthy and arduous journey and is entitled "Alone in the jungle - The Ho Chi Minh Trail by motorcycle". A cash bar is open from 6.30pm and post lecture supper is £15. Admission is free but to book a place or supper ring (01666) 880333.

As flagged in last month's newsletter, the Spring Drinks Party will be held at 6pm. on Saturday 16th April at the Beaufort Polo Club courtesy of the Tomlinson family. Tickets will be £5 for adults and free for under 16s. Donations of raffle prizes and plates of nibbles on the evening will be gratefully received. Tickets can be obtained from Geoff Fitch (880511), David Hewett (890296), Doris Baber (880262) and June Gear (880309).

More good news from the village street- Postie Anne and her husband Nick are moving in to Japonica Cottage having resided very briefly on the eastern edge of the village. Much closer to us all in the west and possibly able to help limping, stick-bound Ian Hilton, her new near neighbour, who is recovering from a knee operation and who we all hope will soon return to the normal stride of the youngster he really is.