

Barbecue

It was a bright and early start for everyone here on Sunday morning getting ready for the BBQ before the Lionesses started. I think it's safe to say, postponing by 2 weeks was the right decision. We were extremely lucky with the weather and there were nearly 30 of us altogether enjoying the burgers, hot dogs and cake! The geese were not thrilled about having to be shut up before guests arrived, the horses were confined to the top of the field so that cars could park on the grass but the chickens were more than happy to help Arnie on the BBQ. Leonie even got to see Marley the cat for a fuss (she gave him to us 18months ago as he was much more of an outdoor cat). Thank you to everyone who came and made it a lovely way to spend the afternoon (even if the England girls didn't win it for us).

Grace



We held our annual bbq on Sunday 20th August,

The sun shone, the food was great and 24 of us from young to a little older enjoyed a lovely time of fellowship together.

Kath

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An email received by Kath about the recent pilgrimage:

Dear Kath

On behalf of the Cistercian Abbey pilgrim party, I write to express our sincere thanks for your assistance on Saturday morning. To be welcomed by the group at St Chad's, to look inside St Chad's and to pray together were all a blessing. Please thank the folk on our behalf.

We successfully completed the 42mile pilgrimage on Sunday evening, having visited Dieulacres Abbey and a number of churches en route.

Apart from a couple of hours' light rain on Friday morning we walked in dry and pleasant conditions throughout.

It seemed appropriate that the pilgrimage took place on the weekend that marked the 870th anniversary of the death of the great Cistercian leader St Bernard of Clairvaux.

With much appreciation
Robert

Ecumenical Officer for Birmingham, the Black Country and Staff

Masterclass in flower arranging.....

If you're in church this weekend, take a moment to look at the flowers please. Because this week I had the help of Sheila Tipper. Sheila is one of many who says "I wouldn't know what to do with a bunch of flowers" but she took up the challenge to see how simple it can be and I think she did rather well don't you? Who's next to take the challenge? Thank you for the help Sheila, it was much appreciated!

Barbara



I had a great morning and very much enjoyed doing (or rather, helping to do) the flowers. I admit that the one on the altar is all mine (and even that I copied from Barbara) but the others were definitely a joint effort and I did learn a lot.

Give it a go sometime.

