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Description

Well, we had our first frost. Then the sun came out and it's been mild ever since! Anyway, we still need some suitable reading material as the days have shortened and the nights are longer.

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GARDEN GURU: Revd Doreen Hare has made an impact in the worlds of preaching, planting and pruning

*REVD DOREEN HARE
CELEBRATES 40 YEARS SINCE
HER ORDINATION, JUST AS THE
METHODIST CHURCH MARKS 50
YEARS OF ORDAINING WOMEN
AS PRESBYTERS*

of local preachers, well-known minister Revd Frank Thewlis retorted, 'All I have to say is, did the end justify the jeans?'

The answer proved to be a resounding 'yes'. Doreen qualified as a local preacher and became part of the first wave of women ordained by the Methodist Church

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Doreen contributed to a study that revealed how women were largely excluded from the Church's patriarchal system. The paper wasn't accepted.

Still, her work blossomed – particularly on the horticultural scene. Photos of her garden have received a fanfare on

For that reason alone, the autumn edition of *Roof 'n' Roots* is worth downloading! Here are the key contents...

- How Revd Doreen Hare's garden became a hit on Facebook;
- Why Revd Robert Davies has written an A-Z about Wrexham AFC;
- How a new street has been named after a former MMHS resident;
- Why you should take the opportunity to declutter your home.

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