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THE DIARY

Please let Robin know of any Social Dates you have so they can be included in the diary. We deliver this magazine door to door to all our ten villages, and the editorial team would love to have a greater overview of what is going on in the villages.

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2018 WYLYE VALLEY CALENDAR

The 2018 Wylve Valley Calendar is now available. Last year, sales of the 2017 calendar raised a total of £4,317 for Hope and Homes for Children (registered charity no. 1089490) and all proceeds this time will again go to the charity. With 12 full-colour photographs by landscape photographer Chris Lock, and additional images on each dates' page, this beautifully produced appointments' calendar depicts the valley in all its seasonal glory. Measuring 34 x 23cm (approx. 13 x 9 inches) and opening to double that size, the calendar comes with a sturdy mailing envelope included in the price of £10.50.

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is Wednesday 11th at 11am.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION HEYTESBURY BRANCH

Our next meeting will be held on 25th October 2017 in the Residents' Hall of the Hospital of St John and is our AGM and Poppy Tea. Visitors always welcome.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**CODFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH,
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
SERVICE AND LUNCH,
12TH NOVEMBER 2017**

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at St John the Baptist Church, Stockton on Sunday 12th November 2017 at 10.45 am. The Marching Party are to form up behind The Standard at 10.40 am.

A wreath which will be laid by the President, Robin Grist, on behalf of the Branch and a list of the war dead on the Stockton War Memorial will be read out during the service.

A curry lunch will be served in Chitterne Village Hall at 12.00 pm. Tickets will be available from the Post Office Counter, Budgens Store, Codford, from 17th October 2017 at a cost of £14.00. Please indicate when purchasing your ticket, if vegetarian meal, or alternative to curry is required.

HEYTESBURY BONFIRE

We are delighted to announce the lighting of the annual Heytesbury Village Fireworks on **FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER** at The Red Lion.

Once again, as we gather under the darkening gloom of a November sky, our uplifted eyes will be mesmerised by an incandescent pyrotechnic spectacle leaping vividly into the void. Our glowing faces warmed by the flames of a mighty fire as so recently summited by the perfidious Guy Fawkes and his equally devious henchman. And there will be burgers and other refreshments.

The procession from Old Forge Close will begin at 6.30pm with the assembled village processing to the Blind House to be harangued and rabble-roused, as the miscreants are brought out to be wheelbarrowed to the pub. Please do join us this 3rd November. Tickets available on the night or in advance from Heytesbury Post Office or The Red Lion.

SUTTON VENY - A HISTORY

will be launched at a reception in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November at 6pm by Andrew Murrison MD MP. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

MINISTRY LETTER

This is the season for Harvest Festivals, and there is plenty to thank God for - the Produce Stalls in Heytesbury and Sutton Veny have been groaning with a colourful and succulent range of garden fruit and vegetables; the herbaceous borders are a blaze of colour, and the apple trees are laden. God is very good, and we are very blessed.

But, as I write, the earth elsewhere is groaning. Mud slides in Sierra Leone, catastrophic floods in Nepal, Bangladesh and north India, hurricanes in the Caribbean and Florida, earthquake in Mexico. We are much more aware now of the fragility of God's creation around us, and our responsibilities as stewards to respect nature, protect its diversity and reduce the threats to its integrity. For "God so loved the world"...not the human race, but the whole of the universe He so carefully and lovingly fashioned...and as Paul says, "all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth"...and "creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his sons" - i.e. for us to show ourselves true to our nature, made in God's own image and responsible for his creation.

The natural world has been called "the other Bible". In parallel to the written word of the Bible, Creation speaks

to us of God's overflowing generosity and his beauty, but also of the interdependence of all nature and the fragility of its balance - balance of oxygen and carbon, high and low temperature, rain and drought. The storms, the sea level surges and the droughts are evidence of what happens when that delicate balance is upset.

The Christian environmental charity, A Rocha, has spearheaded a scheme called Eco-Church in which churches who demonstrate their concern and practical action for the environment can work towards bronze, silver and gold awards. Some of our churches have already signed up for this - has your church? If not, would you join in encouraging them to go for it? As it has been said, not caring for our environment is like not paying the rent -

you end up with nowhere to live.

So as we give thanks for the bounty of nature we enjoy, remember the words of Chief Seattle (in 1854): "The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

Jane Shaw

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel ch. 16 v7

Robin Hungerford

ECO CHURCH IN THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

It all started with the Environment Day Team service at Sutton Veny last October, followed by a seminar in the Village Hall. Dave Bookless from A Rocha and speakers from other charities opened the attendees' eyes to the local and global environmental issues that need to be addressed, and the ways in which Christian communities can play an active part. Peter Harris, one of the founders of A Rocha, reinforced this when he spoke at the Men's Fellowship Breakfast in February. ('A Rocha' is Portuguese for 'The Rock'.)

So, how does Eco Church work?

At the heart of Eco Church is an online survey that enables churches to record what they are already doing to care for God's earth, and to reflect on what further steps they can take.

The survey covers all aspects of church life, and extends into areas where the church does (or should) engage with the wider local community. Sutton Veny's

scores, after the first meeting of the Eco Church group in September 2017, are tantalisingly close to achieving Bronze, but achieving the required scores in a cold Victorian church is a challenge!

The actions recommended in the five areas covered by the survey include: guides on food co-operatives, looking after church land in wildlife-friendly ways, a lifestyle audit, youth materials and sermon outlines. Sutton Veny has been joined by Heytesbury and St Peter's Codford in aspiring to achieve the Bronze level.

We're on a roll, and perhaps a bit of inter Team rivalry may spur us all on even faster!

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TURBO'S TALES (the Dog Blog for August)

The Guvnor has had a birthday. His wife and daughters and their female friends sent him cards, which was very kind and typical of women. Men ring up, if they remember or are reminded, and agree to 'meet up in the pub soon'. I've been looking at the cards which are arranged on the sideboard next to my bed. The nearest one says, 'If a man says he'll do something, he will; there is no need to ask him every six months.' Another told him he wasn't ageing but marinating and yet another, that he was at an awkward age - too young for a cardigan but too old for a hoodie. I could reveal that he has had a couple of 'cardies' for years, but that might be betraying a confidence. His grandchildren's card was very complimentary, respectful and generous; it said he was a legend - a 'vintage chap who is aged to perfection' but then it had a bracketed addendum underneath 'if not normality'. He was thrilled, as his view is that everyone over the age of 70 should be considered, at least, slightly eccentric and he certainly wears that badge of honour with pride.

His wife gave him a new iPad; his old one was a bit like him - slow to wake up, doesn't hold a charge, sluggish in its response and generally not the sharp and useful tool it used to be.

The accompanying card showed Moses coming down the mountain clutching a couple of tablets and the Israelites shouting, "Is that the new iPad?"

His brother rang him up and told him: "Forget about the past; you can't change it. Forget about the future; you can't predict it. Forget about the present; I haven't got you one." His brother also reminded him that the best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once. What that has to do with his own birthday, I have no idea, but his brother is a bit weird. Thinking about it, why doesn't that surprise me?

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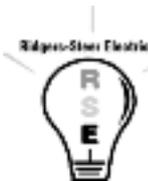
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Woodhenge is on the A345, not far from the Solstice roundabout. It has a free car park, plus roadside parking.

The path to Stonehenge is not specifically marked, and the notice boards which show the ancient cursus don't help. Half of the walk is on grass, the rest on white roads. [Timings given are continuous.]

Fifty yards to the right of the Woodhenge entry is a pedestrian gate into a field with a National Trust notice saying 'The Cuckoo Stone'. Walk beyond the Cuckoo Stone to the top RH corner of the field [10 minutes]. (The skylarks were in full song as we crossed.) Through the wooden gate, go left down a short slope, and right along the wide lane, the route of a dismantled railway. Take the left fork part way along the route, and continue until the ways divide (having passed houses on RHS).

After 25 minutes you will get your first view of Stonehenge on LHS across the field, with the main road (and cars) behind it. Where the wide track turns

right up a lane (with a big closed gate), take the field path ahead through the pedestrian gate, passing a big National Trust noticeboard saying 'Stonehenge cursus and long barrow'. Walk through the field, with a band of trees on your right (followed by a sewage works the other side of the fence). A second small field [40 minutes] and a third larger field all have a wide mown pathway (and probably some sheep).

In the third field, walk slightly leftwards along the mown pathway to the pedestrian gate at the far end [45 minutes], and turn left down the 'white road' which may have a few travellers' vans parked up. A noticeboard says 'Stonehenge cursus'.

At the Stonehenge arrival point, a shuttle bus will take you to the Visitor Centre if you want a ticket* to visit Stonehenge itself. (The friendly custodians will explain this.) Otherwise, take the field gate on your left which brings you close to Stonehenge (and allows a photo opportunity). After that, there is a diagonal mown pathway to a National Trust notice saying 'Stonehenge Avenue'. Beyond this, you can see a pedestrian gate leading into a field, and onwards to the cycle path, but we avoided this because of cows with their calves.

**Members of English Heritage and National Trust get free entry, but you will need a ticket. The Stonehenge website says that tickets are timed.*

Katherine Venning

ANGLING NOTES

The forecasts implied that my day was going to be overcast but in fact it turned bright and hot. There were some grayling rising in one pool. They were taking something, which I could not see. I tried them with the large orange-bodied fly, which has served me well this summer, but they ignored it completely. I also tried them with a Wylie Willie which is an ephemeral imitation, they ignored that also. By this time, I had concluded that they were taking aphids (green fly). My imitations are dressed on such small hooks that I am no longer able to thread them onto the leader so I compromised and tried them with a very small sedge pattern. They rose to that, nudged it, slapped it with their tails but never actually took it into their mouths! I ended the visit with one small trout. There were lots of kingfishers about and it appeared that a good sized brood, perhaps as many as 6, had fledged.

The river was in good order.

Robin Mulholland



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SIEGFRIED SASSOON'S HALF-CENTURY

On Sunday 3rd September the village commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the war poet and novelist, Siegfried Loraine Sassoon CBE MC (8 September 1886 - 1 September 1967).

Siegfried lived much of his life at Heytesbury House, moving there with his wife, Hester, in the early 1930s. Very much part of the literary and social set, the Sassoons entertained many a noted figure of the time, as the visitor's book on the piano in the library recorded. Not least T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) with an anecdotal claim that he was on his way home from Heytesbury to Bovington when

he was involved in the fatal motorcycle accident.

Siegfried was passionate about the village and wrote a number of poems directly related to Heytesbury including 'In Heytesbury Wood' and 'On Cotley Hill' but his driving passion was cricket. It was, therefore, appropriate that the village commemoration was held on the same cricket pitch where Siegfried would invariably turn up, as the mood took him, to demonstrate some, not necessarily advanced, cricketing ability.

At the commemorative event, there was a marquee with an extensive selection of items from Sassoon's life including some original cartoons, rare books, family albums, 18th century architectural drawings and images from Heytesbury House and assorted personal items. On the front page is an image of a painting of Siegfried by Hester that was never completed which serves as a rather

poignant reminder of the failure of their marriage.

The weather on the day was rather unkind with a worry that BBC Radio and TV and other media would outnumber the villagers present, but we persevered and by the time that the Last Post sounded out across the pitch, as we stood in silence and remembered, the feeling of those present was that organising this village event had been more than worthwhile. A duty to the past that the present can so easily forget.

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IMBER REMEMBERED

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How on earth did we sit comfortably, with our knees rubbing the back of the seat in front, heads touching the ceiling as we moved down the bus? The rush to try and get front seats upstairs, disappointment for a few seconds when we realised they had been taken.

The journey began, feeling every bump in the road and ducking every time a tree brushed along the bus' roof. Waiting for other buses to pull into passing areas and looking at a scarred landscape, littered with burnt out, rusting tanks and other military hardware. Then the church appeared in the distance.

A silence invaded the chattering voices as we approached Imber. The dilapidated buildings on the approach, people walking, looking and pointing out houses, farm buildings. Warning signs everywhere and yet some members of the public were trying to enter some of the houses with children in tow! But the Police were on hand, as were some members of the public who emphasised the dangers to these parents.

Then we went to the church of St Giles, passing the wonderful group of volunteers who were using the time to clear the churchyard, hard at work on quite a warm day. Inside the church there was a chance for a cup of tea and some cake and a whole variety of displays.



The letter was the one that intrigued our family and led to some interesting discussions about compensation and ambulance chasers. You can read it below, transcribed from the original. Even since the war, the change in language style stands out, as does the use of some nouns.

Another facet that intrigued the younger members of our group were the display boards on the owls and kestrels. This started a 'do you remember' discussion about travelling across the plain at night and seeing owls sitting on posts being caught in the headlights.

(You can read about the wonderful work which has been done on conservation in another article on page 8 *Editor*)

The removal of the knight was also up for discussion. Then came the question the adults could not answer, "Why was his leg crossed?" The children remembered the one in Castle Coombe which was in a similar position. "We

will google it when we get home", came the youngest voice in our group.

This was certainly a day to remember and a day to reflect on the inhabitants of Imber who were displaced without choice!

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Further, the Department is prepared if you so desire to take over from you by valuation, any produce in your garden which you are unable to harvest and take with you, and I shall be glad if you will let me have as soon as possible any claims you wish to make under this head.

Yours faithfully

Signature
Lieut. Colonel
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RAPTOR AND OWL GROUP

This has been an exceptionally good year so far for the kestrels and owls on Salisbury Plain. There are 54 breeding pairs of Barn Owls, which is the highest number for eight years. There are 18 pairs of Tawny Owls (now Amber listed) which is a good number considering that the Plain is mainly a chalk downland. The same number nested in 2009 and 2012 but less than the 21 pairs in 2014, which means that this owl, listed as of conservation concern, is not just stable but doing well on the Plain. Sadly only one pair of Little Owls, this pair in Warminster, was destroyed at the egg stage (3 eggs) by a grey squirrel that moved into the box.

There were 28 pairs of Kestrels which exceeds the 10 year average by 8 pairs and is one pair less than the highest for this period. Overall, apart from the Little Owls, this is the best breeding year we have had on the Plain in the last 10 years.

This has been possible because their common prey, the short-tailed vole, has been breeding in abundance. It is said to be a 'vole year'; it happens every three to four years. 2014 was the last one. The first half of this year was exceptionally good, the voles were there to be caught and the calm weather made it possible. However, for the last month, possibly six weeks, the heavy rain, especially at night, has made hunting difficult especially for the young immature owls; this year's fledglings whose feathers are not yet waterproof need reasonable weather to learn what to do and become strong.

Despite the recent change in the weather, we are hoping that some of the adult pairs will double brood and succeed with a second family.

Now in between the two breeding cycles, we have been replacing nest boxes that are no longer fit for purpose either because they are too old and disintegrating or because the original design with the 'bottom' entry which enables the young to come out onto the landing platform where they are vulnerable to 'falling' off or being 'pushed' from behind! We will replace all these boxes when we have the resources.

New boxes have been funded by the Guinness Trust and are made in Norfolk to our design by the Hawk and Owl Trust. The deeper boxes are designed to keep the owlets inside the box for as long as possible, hopefully 6-8 weeks, so that when they do come out they are older and more capable of looking after themselves. The parents feed the owlets for 11 weeks at which time they are fully grown can fly well and will then leave home permanently.

Nigel Lewis 24 August 2017



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The parish registers for Boyton with Corton have been transcribed. There are seven registers covering baptisms, marriages and death dated from 1561 and hopefully in chronological order. There are some gaps because at least one register could not be found at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, where the original registers for Boyton with Corton are held. The last entry is 1990 when a burial is recorded. The current registers are also at the church of the Blessed Mary of Boyton. Included with the registers are the recordings made by the Baptist Church, Corton, dated from 1828. These are mostly baptisms with a smattering of information concerning marriages and burials.

Interested? Then please contact the Church Warden, Mrs. Susanna Maitland, on 01985 851191.

CODFORD

AN APOLOGY

At this point, I must make an apology. Last month our proof readers lived up to the phrase of too many cooks (Please excuse the pun) and we inadvertently made the Tuesday Café and the Thursday Café into one café!

I apologise whole-heartedly and hope that the two pieces below go some way to resolving the issue. Editor

TUESDAY CAFÉ

Tuesday Café meets in Greenlight (home of Wylve Coyotes) in the grounds of Wylve Valley School on a Tuesday morning 10 - 12 noon and has done so since 2011. This is the cafe that has recently donated £700 to the named charities through the sale of coffee and cakes - a lovely, friendly group, everyone welcome!

THURSDAY CODFORD CAFÉ NEWS

We are now into our fourth month of operating so how have we done?

Well - we have LOTS of friendly and happy volunteers! We also have a good, and growing number of customers! Customers range in age from under 1 to over 90 - amazing!

We are looking to distribute 'profits' to local charitable causes - please let us know of any suitable good causes. The home-made cakes and scones are appreciated - each week a different recipe to savour!

Do come and join us from 9am to 11.30am every Thursday in Codford Village Hall.

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HEYTESBURY UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM BELLS OPEN DAY

There is an urgent need for more bell ringers for the Team, so a Bells Open Day was held in Heytesbury Church on Saturday, 9th September. Conducted by Nick Claypoole, Jo Pearce and Anthony Bainbridge, it was a great opportunity for people living in the area to learn something about Heytesbury's fine set of six bells, recently overhauled, ranging from the tenor bell, cast in 1460, and weighing almost exactly a ton, to the treble, cast in 1732 by William Cockey of Frome, which weighs 8 hundredweight, and to see what it feels like to ring them. Considerable interest was shown throughout the day by a wide cross-section of the community, some of whom might even wish to join our band of bell ringers, and others still too young to ring them but with potential for the future.

Joe Charlesworth

RESTORATION

Heytesbury church was crumbling 150 years ago, said Tina our Churchwarden as she introduced our Jubilee service on 10th September. This was taken up by Bishop Edward in a sermon full of interesting facts. The chancel was unusable, walled off from the rest of the church, one corner was a charnel house (i.e. full of bones) and there was no resident Rector (or Vicar) in the whole of the Wylve Valley. And the rain came through the roof, just as it does now.

We celebrated the 1867 restoration of the church with jubilation as we look forward eagerly to the restoration work about to begin - the scaffolding goes up in October. We finished the service with a procession to the west end which included one bishop and seven clergy (all but one resident in the Wylve Valley) and a choir from Heytesbury and beyond - just as happened 150 years ago. And we sang the Hallelujah chorus, just as they did then.

Report KV, photograph Barnabas Wilson

HEYTESBURY OPEN PLACE (HOP) Church Project

A great many things have been happening this summer and real progress is being made. A firm date has now been set for the start of the repairs to the nave roof and two side aisles. The scaffolding will be erected in the week beginning 16th October and it is expected that the work will be completed by mid February next year. The porch roof will be left until a later date and access to the church will not be affected. There will be an opportunity for the whole village to become involved, as you will be invited to "buy" slates and sign them before they are put on the roof. This will be a lovely way for you, and your family, to be part of the church roof for posterity. The first such "Signing a Slate Event" will be from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 29th October in the church.

Meanwhile, negotiations are progressing well for funding to repair the chancel roof and it is hoped to be able to do this work once the nave roof is finished.

Also plans are well under way for the restoration work in the chancel interior. Various craftsmen have carried out analyses on specific work needed and a detailed schedule is being prepared, it is expected that work will have begun by the time you read this report. This will include restoring the floor tiles, repairing damaged masonry and windows, restoring the ceilings and plasterwork and generally conserving the interior of the chancel for future generations. This has all been made possible by the very generous grant of £150,000 made by an anonymous donor.

All events in the church and further information about the HOP project can be found on the website:

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SHERRINGTON

I must be an Autumn person. I love the subtle change in the air and the different slant of the sun. Walking on a dull morning one suddenly sees a shadow, then the sky clears and the sun is warm on the back. Different colours light the hedgerow. Wild rose fades and scarlet hips appear. Hawthorn is laden with rich, red berries and glossy blackberries tangle in between: this year has seen a phenomenal crop of black, gleaming fruit. The wayfaring trees have berries of black and scarlet, bryony throws skeins of vivid beads like glass and, loveliest of all, the spindle glows with sprays of richest pink.

I feel a sadness when the swallows and martins go. In the village last year, we had between 50 and 100 birds clustered on the wires, (the young birds have the shorter forks to their tails) and the rush of sound when all those wings beat the air is stunning. This year the mass migration has yet to start. Some afternoons see tier upon tier of martins and swallows weaving and threading the sky.

A small miracle that is sorely needed in the world today, the swan family are reunited. The female with the teenaged cygnet has rejoined the cob in the old cress beds after an absence of several weeks. The cygnet is now well grown and that is a safe area.

In August, we had a phone call from Yorkshire. A person related to the Imber family, had been researching her family. On the Bank Holiday weekend, she came down to look around Devizes and Pewsey, places familiar to the family and, of course, Sherrington and the little church. Over tea in the garden, we had a fascinating conversation learning among other things that an ancestor had been a "gentleman of the road" and had been deported to Australia. Another, a woman, had been arrested in Salisbury for theft of a loaf of bread. She too went on a convict ship to Australia, harsh times indeed.

The churchyard hedge has been trimmed and today was a neat frame to the church when visited by the Ride and Stride participants. Of the people who checked in to have their cards verified, the star had to be young, intrepid Beatrice Thomas who cycled 40k and visited 16 churches! That was an excellent achievement and she assured me that her legs were not a bit tired! However, I fancy it was early to bed tonight.

BL

SUTTON VENY

DID YOU KNOW?

*From Wilts Times October 16th 1875
HRH Prince Leopold arrived at Codford station last week by the 7.05 train from Salisbury. As it is three miles by road from the station to Boyton House and only half a mile by footpath, the Prince had determined to walk and a procession was formed at the station at about 8.30 with torches to greet him. His reception was most enthusiastic and was conducted by R H Collins Esq, CB and guided by torchlights processed through dark lanes over bridges and footpaths to Boyton House which he reached at about 9 o'clock. The bells of the church close by were peeling out right joyously. The whole scene, the torches flashing their lights on the river, the trees and the crowds of people was very striking.*

Jill Russell Camp Farm, Sutton Veny

UPTON LOVELL

HARVEST OFFERINGS IN UPTON LOVELL

I REMEMBER,

Going to school, bizarrely with beans, my mother's irritated, 'that'll do', both of us under this strange injunction, for an unexplained, mysterious 'who'.

We all went to the town,
and did too well.
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out of season;

but some still know the old hell
of a bad September.

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UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

OCTOBER

1st	Tytherington	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
16th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Mary	9.30am	BCP Communion with hymns	
	Norton Bavant	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Sutton Veny	10.00am	Family Service	
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>Choir</i>
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Harvest Festival + Junior Church	
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Taizé	
8th	Boyton	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
17th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Peter	10.00am	Sunday Celebration	
	Sutton Veny	10.00am	Harvest Festival + Junior Church	
	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Knook	11.00am	Harvest Festival	<i>Choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	
15th	Heytesbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
18th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Harvest Festival	
	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Matins	<i>Choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion + Junior Church	
	Codford Village Hall	4.00pm	Messy Church	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong	
22nd	Codford St Mary	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
19th Sunday after Trinity	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Codford St Peter	10.00am	Parish Communion + Junior Church	
	Heytesbury	10.00am	Family Service	
	Boyton	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>Choir</i>
29th	Sutton Veny	10.00am	Team Service Choir	
Last Sunday after Trinity	Norton Bavant	3.00pm	All Souls	
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

WEEKDAY SERVICES every week

We welcome you to share in prayers for the Church, the Nation, the World, the Sick, and for others as well as ourselves.

Tuesdays	Heytesbury	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thursdays	Sherrington	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fridays	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Morning Prayer

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