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## NATURE'S BOUNTY

### HARVEST TIME

Harvest time is near.  
The harvest moon has risen.  
The late summer sun turns the crops into a golden carpet.

Harvest time is here.  
Sunrise piercing through the misty dawn.  
Combines all fired up ready to bring the harvest home.

Harvest time is finished.  
The crops are safely stored.  
Time to celebrate and give our thanks to God.  
Elizabeth Molyneux (aged 10)



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

(Inspired by a sign in Codford inviting people to bring along their own apples for pressing into apple juice.)

Apples: Red.  
'Bring Yours for pressing'  
The notice said.  
But I didn't: I stayed in bed -  
And bought it at Sainsbury's instead.  
And all this time;  
Mine just rotted in the 'vine'.  
What a waste!

Mike Harker

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# THE DIARY

## FROM THE EDITOR

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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Editorial Copy for the UWPN must be with the editor by the 10th of the previous month in which the article is to be published. The editor cannot accept any copy after this date.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

Monday 1st October

Our first meeting will buff up our eco-friendly credentials through the insights we hope to gain from our speaker, Thomas Minter, Director of Malaby Biogas, the company that has been operating the Bore Hill Farm bio-digester on the outskirts of Warminster since 2012. We meet at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill.

## ESCAPE OR DIE

King Charles II's escape and exile after The Battle of Worcester 1651  
An illustrated talk by local historian, Paul Cordle, into this fascinating, yet overlooked story, including local hiding places.

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Tue 23rd October at 7.30 p.m.  
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## CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Time to think about Christmas again!  
Here are the details of this year's wonderful Charity Card sale:

Dates - Thursday 25th October -  
Saturday 27th October

Place - The Barn at the Ginger Piggery,  
Boyton BA12 0SS

Time - 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

There will be a large choice of cards from over 30 Charities, lots of wrapping paper, tags and ribbon etc. Also a good selection of Advent Calendars, napkins, stocking fillers and a new range of small gifts.

Do come, and any friends, who would like to come with you, will be most welcome.

## WALKING THROUGH THE HOLY LAND

A talk by Katherine Venning on her recent walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem

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## PRAYER GROUP

We meet weekly.  
If you have any prayer requests, please call Anne on 840339.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section Heytesbury Branch

Our next meeting will be held on 24th October in the Residents' Hall of The Hospital of St John and is our AGM and Poppy Tea. Visitors always welcome.

## ST JOHN'S, HEYTESBURY

Sunday 7th October  
our Harvest Festival service  
(non communion) in the Hall at 11am.

### ALL WELCOME

Goodies for the Warminster Foodbank please.

### COFFEE MORNING

will be on  
Wednesday 10th at 11am.  
All welcome, excellent raffle!

BINGO 4th at 7pm in our Hall.

## SHOE BOXES FOR THE TRUSSELL TRUST

It would be good to send a few more this year, so please start collecting items to go into a shoe box for a child from 5 years to 11 years old. These are all children in orphanages in Eastern Europe. They are delivered personally by the TT. They will be collected from Heytesbury School on 19th November. If you require a shoe box, I have several. Thank you.

Anne 840339

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## MINISTRY LETTER

Many is the time I have stood next to someone buying a lottery ticket. I wonder if they would be truly happy if they won a fortune? In a recent Sunday paper, an article included the opinions of 'experts' as to what makes people happy. Matters such as a good diet, exercise, relationships, and yes, money, were discussed.

Curiously, there are, in the New Testament, few references to being happy. In the original Greek the word was 'makarios', which can mean 'blessed'. Thus blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn (are they happy?), the meek, those who hunger and thirst after what is right, the merciful, those pure in heart,

the peacemakers, those who are persecuted (are they happy?) and the reviled (are they happy?). Jesus is teaching that the result of these activities and experiences will result in a blessing - but not what we might think as 'happiness'.

Far more widely addressed in the New Testament is the emotion of joy or delight. The whole of the book of Luke is often termed the 'good news of joy'. In the beginning of the book, Mary cries out that her 'spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'. St Paul urges us to be 'joyful in hope', and prays that the God of all hope will fill the Christians in Rome with all 'joy and peace'. In another letter to the Christians in Philippi, Paul refers to the joy of 'faith'. In fact, what we begin to realise is that happiness is brief and passing, like a sunny day and a delicious meal, or a climb up a hill, whereas true contentment, peace, confidence and joy comes from faith and hope in the God who loves us. He surrendered his only Son that we might know the certainty of sins forgiven, and life after we die. But that, my dear friends and readers, is only if we believe it! "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!"

RNH

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, *that those who love your name may rejoice in you.* Psalm 5 verse 11

RNH

## EDITORIAL

May I say thank you to our wonderful army of volunteers who distribute this publication every month to the 1400 households it serves. May I also say thank you to our regular and one-off contributors who make my job much easier? Without you, there would not be an Upper Wylde Parish News. Many people send in photographs to accompany their articles, some of which we cannot use because they are pixelated. If you send in a full sized render we could, if there is space, use the pictures. A good way of checking your pictures is to make them as large as you can on your smart phone or computer, and see if they begin to pixelate (form dots and are blurred)! If they do, we cannot use them, equally some are blurred and when we go to print this becomes quite obvious.

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## THE FINANCIAL SITUATION - A REPORT AND AN APPEAL

In common with many other organisations nationwide, the Parish News has been affected by the various uncertainties facing the country at this time and is having to look carefully at its finances, as the calendar year draws to an end. While our problems pale when pitted against those of the Chancellor, and despite keeping our costs at 2017 levels, we have lost a few crucial advertisers - our life blood - and are having to recruit vigorously.

Our Treasurer forecasts 'in the black for the rest of 2018' but 2019 is

looking less certain. We have always been reluctant to charge per copy (really a last resort) because we are, ourselves, a charity, that serves 1400 households in the Upper Wylde Valley and the general opinion is that we are a force for good. If any charitable organisation that advertise free with us wish to contribute a small sum from their event profits or any of our readers are prepared to make a donation to this splendid publication, they can do so via the Treasurer, Jon Royds. Please call him on 840491 for cheque or internet banking details.

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## BYGONE RECIPES

(If you have any recipes you would like our readers to see, please send to the editor. The ones below have been converted to metric)

Grandma was in service in the 1880s, and I would suspect these recipes are from those days. She died 1948 and is still remembered with the fondest of memories.

### MINCE MEAT

240g seedless raisins  
two nice cooking apples, grated  
150g ground almonds  
250g mixed peel  
250g suet  
250g brown sugar  
grated nutmeg and juice of lemon  
2 tablespoons of rum  
1 tea sp. all spice  
½ tea sp. each cinnamon, ground cloves and ginger  
½ tea sp. salt  
2 tablespoons of brandy

Method. Mix all together in a large bowl. If a little too dry, more rum or brandy can be used. (The alcohol will evaporate with cooking and leave only the flavour) Prepare by sterilising jam jars and when cool, fill with mincemeat mixture and then seal with either waxed paper or the screw lid with a wax cover immediately put onto the mince meat. These 'jam pot covers' should be available now as it is the season for preserving fruit. This is so simple that any child, with supervision, can prepare this recipe. This mixture will improve with keeping.

### CHRISTMAS CAKE

Should be made as early as possible to mature. (We used to live in Birmingham hence the inclusion of chocolate - Cadbury's)

250g self raising flour  
250g sugar  
250g butter  
¼ tea sp. salt  
6 eggs  
½ tea sp. each of cinnamon, mixed spice, nutmeg, bicarbonate of soda.  
150g plain chocolate - I always use Cadbury's  
500g each of raisins, currants  
150g mixed peel, glace cherries, ground almonds and chopped almonds  
1 table sp. treacle  
Enough rum or brandy to make a 'ploppy' consistency

Method. Line a cake tin of 8½ inches or 22 cm with baking paper, lightly butter the sides and bottom of the tin and also butter the lining paper. Have the sides of the lining paper standing above the rim of the cake tin. Oven set at 150 Celsius and middle shelf in place.

Prepare all ingredients and have ready for use. Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a saucepan of simmering water - the bottom of the bowl NOT touching the water.

Cream together, using a hand held whisk, the butter and sugar to a creamy consistency, add eggs one at a time and continue to cream together, until the mixture is a nice and smooth batter, add flour and salt and melted chocolate using a tablespoon and mix into batter in a figure of eight movement. Then add spices and the dried fruit and almonds. Add the treacle - use a hot spoon for this and the treacle will slip off the spoon easily. Add your preferred alcohol to the mixture. The amount of alcohol depends on the consistency of the mixture, which should be 'ploppy'.

Continue to mix gently in the figure of eight until all ingredients are incorporated. All the children can help with making the cake and don't forget everyone should stir and make a wish. Put mixture into the prepared cake tin and smooth the top of the mixture. Some people make a small dip in the uncooked mixture which allows for the middle to rise. Put onto middle shelf and cook for about 5 hours. If the top is cooking too quickly, cover with a piece of foil.

Always test the cake to see if it is cooked by inserting a sharp fork or knife into the centre (maybe a clean knitting needle) and if it comes out clean, with no residue on the blade/prongs, then the cake is cooked. Continue to cook until the 'instrument' comes out clean. Take out of oven and allow cake to cool in the tin before inverting it onto a cake rack. Cover with clean tea towel and let the cake become cold. It can now be wrapped well in cling film and stored in an airtight tin until decorating.

Recipes provided by Barbara Saunt

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### Important news from Roger Watkins Garden Machinery.

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I will continue to sell my existing stock of new mowers, garden machinery, hand tools and accessories, and carry out warranty work, service and repairs to machinery I have sold, for the warranty period. I will be continuing to sell Aspen fuel and MOBacter, at least until another local supplier is established.

So from 1st October, I will be available, by prior arrangement, for: sales of new machinery from selected manufacturers; sales of hand tools, accessories and consumables; warranty work on those brands I supply and servicing during the warranty period, for machines sold by me. I will not be carrying out general repairs and servicing for any other machinery.

Luckily there are very capable hands nearby in Corton, where Stewart Penny will be taking over the servicing and repairs that I am unable to do.

Stewart can be contacted on 07714 212806. Alternatively, I would recommend Oakley Machinery in Frome, 01373 467712.

## DOWN ON THE FARM

"Don't work with children and animals" is what they say. I work with both! Admittedly children more than cows and, to avoid causing offence, I won't make comparisons between the two, but I think it is fair to say that both are very inquisitive and some more so than others.

Cows' inquisitiveness can get us and them into sticky situations! In their eyes 'the grass is always greener' and despite our attempts to keep them in one place (in our defence, it works most of the time), if they decide to pursue their desire for that green grass and succeed, it is inevitable it's not where we or most people want them to be. However, sadly it is becoming more common that gates are randomly left open, fencing cut, chains and padlocks tampered with and hedges hacked through to make convenient walkways (usually across fields that are not a public right of way), making it ever harder for those who maintain these

areas, to keep track of the damage and most importantly prevent animals escaping which is a danger to them and to others.

As someone said to me recently, "It's about rubbing along together." How true! Having a mutual respect for each other's views and property should go without saying, but it is inevitable this won't always be the case. But a little tolerance and an ability to listen and learn, to make informed decisions and to try to see things from both sides, goes a long way, especially in a rural community with a rural lifestyle where there can, at times, be extreme views. Those who work the land are only trying to earn a living and, without being patronising, 'putting food on all our tables'; whether that be animal, vegetable or pulses based, someone still needs to produce it to feed the masses.

At this time, we reflect on harvest,

although until the maize is in and we do the final cut of grass, harvest is not complete. However, it is tradition that during late September through October, the community, via the church, schools and village parties, celebrate and 'rub along together' to acknowledge those who are involved with the harvest and, more importantly, be grateful that we have such variety and choice of foods unlike so many who, through no fault of their own, do not.

For us it has been a reasonable harvest and the crops were gathered in in good time (a few unexpected hold ups) but, over all, 2018 has been a good harvest. The cattle will be well fed through the months ahead, straw, although not as plentiful as in past years is good, and bedding is covered. The combine is washed and put to bed and now the process of putting it all back in the ground begins once again, 'down on the farm'.

*Kit Pottow*

## AROUND THE APIARY

Last time I told you about Queens arriving by post. I also set out to tell you about fake honey but ran into a copyright issue so it was removed, I will try putting it in my own words because we should know about things like this.

What happens is, honey is coming into the EU that has been adulterated at some stage in the journey, chief suspect being China, allegedly, which has a reported increase in honey production of 88%, but only a 21% increase in bee colonies. Pollen has its own identity and can be traced to where in the world it comes from, so by removing the pollen they are able to mask the country of origin. Sugar syrups are added so it meets the different market prices around the EU. An Argentinian study calculated that the fake honey industry cost the honest beekeepers

worldwide \$600 million a year. When we go to our supermarket and see cheap honey on the shelf, we have to think how much of it is honey and should we buy it?

This week I had the bee inspector come to inspect all my colonies; he is looking for any presence of notifiable disease like American Foul Brood or European Foul Brood. Both are very contagious and, if he found either, he would issue a closing order and all colonies would be killed. I would then have to dig a hole and the hives, all the frames, any supers with any honey or anything connected with these colonies would be burnt in the hole. There is no compensation for me if I have to destroy any colonies.

However, if you belong to the British Beekeepers Association, in with your membership, you will be covered and

receive compensation for up to three colonies; after that you have to pay more insurance per colony. Then we need to register all colonies on Bee Base which tells the bee inspector where all colonies are throughout the country. If there is an outbreak of any disease, all colonies within that area can be looked at. All these things are an important part of looking after our bees, don't forget we're in big trouble without them.

For me, as chairman of WWBKA, I think that anybody who's thinking about keeping bees or is already keeping bees, should get some basic training in order to help look after our bees better as they are very important to us all. At our club we have meetings, run a basic training course and we also have a club apiary where anybody can come along, borrow a bee suit and see if beekeeping is for them, before they spend any money - and they will also get a cup of tea and a piece of homemade cake.

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## TURBO'S TALES (The Dog Blog)

The Guvnor hosted a drinks party for the Parish News team at the end of August and about 60 folk came. He is inordinately proud of them all and said so, among other things, during the bash. My main task was to look sweet, dodge being trodden on, avoid admitting that it is me who writes the TT column and to Hoover up any of the dropsies that happy and distracted people have a habit of letting fall onto the grass.

Of course, I was also able to earwig on every conversation that took place and I have stored up lots of material to blog about in the future. Much of it was idle gossip but there were some juicy bits

as well. Alas, my cover was blown during the evening, as he actually introduced me to everyone. Now he's gorn and done it! He told one story about when he was on his delivery round and travelling between Heytesbury and Tytherington when, with an hour's work yet to do, he thought it prudent to disappear behind a bush. Just then a car containing three elderly people stopped and the driver asked what he was doing. He explained, apologised if he had embarrassed them and looked appropriately sheepish. The driver responded, "Not interested in that; we suspected you were stealing our blackberries." Had I been able to speak, I would have advised

them not to pick any blackberry that was growing closer to the ground than three feet. This is something all dogs know, but others, perhaps, do not.

The following day, and suitably chastened by some of the comments I heard about the quality of some of my jokes, I was reflecting how unfair life is. After all, I simply report what I hear so the fault is hardly mine. We went up to the top of the village for a walk and met an old friend of the Guvnor's out walking his daughter's dog. The man said, "Ah, my guest dog has a bone to pick with Turbo!" ('Clever use of words,' I thought at once) but the little chap walked straight past with his nose in the air. "Sorry," said the man, "he seems to have gone all shy in the presence of the great man."

My confidence and status restored, I went on my way with tail wagging.

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Since then we have enjoyed a few breakfasts there, parking our car amongst a great range of vehicles owned by long-distance travellers and locals.

Ian has been serving up sustenance there for over 40 years and, with his wife, Terry, offers a wide choice of freshly cooked breakfast fare, all very reasonably priced. The long list of possible options is written on a white board, ranging from the complete traditional English breakfast to a more restrained poached eggs on toast, or any combination in between. There are also sandwiches, main meals and puddings such as treacle tart and fruit crumbles.

There are no fancy coffees but a freshly brewed mugful at £1.75, as well as tea, hot chocolate and soft drinks.

It is a good place to go for cooked breakfast/brunch, if you don't feel like doing it at home. From time to time, we have taken family and visitors there to set them up for the day, before they head homewards, and they have always enjoyed their 'truckstop' experience.

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## RE-DEDICATION SERVICE, EVENSONG SUN 26TH AUGUST

As many will be aware, we are in the midst of a major project to repair, conserve and, finally, to re-order Heytesbury Church. The Nave has been re-roofed and now the refurbishment of the Chancel has been completed. Consequently, Evensong on Sunday 26th August was special because it was chosen as the Re-dedication Service for the refurbished chancel.

Unusually for an evensong, we managed, at very short notice, to get a band of ringers together to make our wonderful bells announce the service. But it wasn't just the bells which brought

people in. We were hugely touched and grateful to the very large number who came to give us support from every corner of the Upper Wylde Valley Team and our more usual, rather sparse evensong attendance, swelled to seventy-five. The service was taken by Katherine Venning, whilst Mark, as always, made the organ sing.

The dedication itself was conducted by our stand-in Rector, Clifford Stride, who also rose to the occasion with an excellent sermon in which he shared some of the long history of our Church of St Peter and St Paul, mentioning in

particular, and most pertinently, the 1865/67 restoration by the well-known Anglican Revivalist architect, William Butterfield. He hinted at the dreadful state of dilapidation and ruin into which the Church had previously fallen, and from which Butterfield rescued it. He explained that it was a major purpose of the recent internal restoration scheme, to expose, once again, Butterfield's imaginative treatment of the chancel, including the removal of whitewash from much of his signature polychromatic tile decoration around the walls of the east end, thus bringing back, with the help of new lighting, the colour and cohesiveness of Butterfield's concept.

Of course, the overall project is only half way through and so we are very grateful, not only for the support given to us by the presence of so many from across the Team, but also for their considerable generosity, which will provide additional, much needed, funds to help us complete what we have started so promisingly. For those who have not seen the Chancel in its renewed glory, please do have a look next time you are passing. Soon repairs to the chancel roof will commence and the exterior of the church will be partly shrouded in scaffolding once more.

Our thoughts are turning to autumn and winter events. Harvest Festival is being celebrated in the church at 11.00am on Sunday 7th October, followed by hot soup, bread and cheese. There will be a Christmas Fayre in the church on Saturday 17th November and an autumn series of talks is planned by The Friends of H, K & T Churches. Come and listen to Katherine Venning talking about her walk in the Holy Land on Tuesday 9th October in Sutton Veny Village Hall.



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# BOOK REVIEW

## 'SPITFIRE'

by John Nichol

In an area surrounded by the military, mainly army, I thought this would make an interesting review, especially as it is a book about an iconic British aircraft. As a child, I dreamt of flying one of these aeroplanes and listening to friends of my parents, who had served in the RAF telling tales about the noise and the power of it, made it even more desirable.

Recently, at an air show, one flew over the crowd and the gentleman stood next to me said, "Spitfire," before it was even announced on the commentary, he said that the engine gave it away.

John Nichol has put together a history of the spitfire, with memories from the men and women who flew the plane in the Second World War and post war. Roland White, best selling author of

'Vulcan 605' put the story into perspective when he said:

"A rich and heartfelt tribute to this most iconic British aircraft. Focussing on the men and women who flew spitfires, John Nichol has brought a fresh and powerful perspective to the story. By recording their bravery, humility, camaraderie, tragedy and sheer joy in flying their beloved spits, he has done them and us a valuable service."

Nichol starts his history in June 2016, when he tells the story of Ken Farlowe, a spitfire veteran, and his last flight in the plane. The book then goes on to feature the progress of planes being made prior to the Second World War and the development of the spitfire. It is not a one sided account, we learn of the German pilots' reaction to the spitfire and the warmth it still holds in many people's minds.

The book also tells the story of the Air Transport Auxiliary and the part women pilots played in the delivery of the aircraft. There are some hilarious and emotional accounts of the planes being delivered and the look of confusion and wonder on the faces of the ground crew receiving them.

The danger with any book review is giving the story away; there is a wealth of information in this book, everything relevant to the title and a few extras as well. A fact I did not know, was that there were many different versions of the Spitfire and, by the end of the war, it had changed to become the powerful fighting machine it is remembered today.

I can fully recommend this book; it is a gripping read. My wife spotted the book on display in Waterstones, dragged me to look at it, encouraged me to buy it and then moaned for quite a few days, as she could not get a word out of me! RC

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Warminster and Westbury Journal (now called the Warminster Journal) would report how much money or items had been donated to various organisation and it became quite competitive between each organisation.

A Trowbridge cigarette manufacturer donated 10,000 cigarettes in the first few weeks of the war to be added to the parcels for the troops. The French authorities had lifted the duty on tobacco in October 1914, thus these products could be sent easily to members of the British Expeditionary Force as duty free along with matches wrapped in tissue paper and sealed in a metal container.

Then bars of soap, handkerchiefs, underwear, insect powder and Borasic vaseline for those sore feet and boot laces and so on. The donation list is very long as the inventory books attest. WSHC ref no; G23 900/10.

## IS HE YOURS OR OURS?

Going back just over 100 years, a family, living in Corton, lost two sons in the Great War. One is commemorated on the Boyton with Corton War Memorial, William Scott killed 1917, but the elder of the two is not and he died at Gallipoli. He is Gilbert Scott, who left home well before the WW1, by enlisting in the Royal Marines. His parents and anyone left at home moved to Corton in 1912 from Little Langford.

Briefly, Gilbert did well as a Marine and volunteered for an Antarctic expedition with Robert Falcon Scott to join the "Discovery" 1901. Three years later, the crew were paid off and Gilbert received his discharge certificate and, in recognition of his services on the expedition, promoted to corporal. A few years later, he rejoined the Marines and was on the ship "Medina" taking the King and Queen to India for their Coronation Dubah in India. By 1912, Gilbert was a swimming instructor at the Marine's Depot in Deal. Did Gilbert ever visit Corton? Very possibly for his mother's funeral in 1913 and similarly, he had leave in October 1914, before being posted to Europe. After the outbreak of war in 1914, Gilbert rejoined headquarters from where he was sent to Ostend and later Dunkirk and Antwerp. In early May 1915, whilst serving with the Portsmouth Brigade, R.N. Division, Gilbert was killed in action at Gallipoli. His body was never found.

Gilbert left a widow, who was expecting their third child, and two boys

aged 3 and 5 years. It is believed she stayed in Deal. His own family lived in Corton from 1912 to possibly 1920, and although they appear on 1911 census as living in Little Langford and are on the 1921 census as being in Wilton, the mother of Gilbert is buried in the Burying Ground, Corton.

Alas, Gilbert is not listed on any War Memorials in this country, and many hours have been spent trying to find any reference to him; however, he is commemorated along with thousands of names at Cannakali, Turkey.

Barbara Saunt

*(Do you have a story to tell about a soldier from the Great War? Next month, we hope to commemorate the centenary of the Great War, send the editor your story for inclusion)*

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# VILLAGE NEWS

## CODFORD

### ESCAPE OR DIE

A Woolstore Theatre talk by local historian, Paul Cordle. After the Battle of Worcester in the Civil War in 1651, the Prince of Wales, later King Charles II, escaped to France. He was pursued by the Cromwellian Roundheads, and had a hair-raising journey to the coast. He passed through the local area, and often had narrow escapes. You will be have seen pubs called the Royal Oak, and indeed, the King's Head. Both of course refer to events relating to the Civil War.

Paul Cordle, who lives on the escape route, has made a detailed study of this exciting story and has kindly agreed to give us his talk in aid of the Royal British Legion.

**Tuesday 23rd October,  
The Woolstore Theatre, 7.30.p.m.  
Cash Bar. Tickets £8.00  
from Codford Post Office.**

Book now to avoid disappointment.

## SHERRINGTON

I feel a certain magic about these weeks at summer's end. There is the faintest haze about the trees, the sun shines but with a softness so different from the fierce heat of the summer past. There is a sense of bounty in the trees hung with apples and plums, and hedgerow bushes are weighted with fruits of autumn; the migrant birds that fly in and indeed our residents should fare well.

The resilience of nature never ceases to amaze. Grass that was bleached and dried to a crisp suddenly greens again with reviving rain. However, of all the trees, the horse chestnut appears to have really suffered. After a wet spring, it was heavy with foliage and later hung with candles, but now, the affliction that occurs every year has really taken hold, leaves are brown and brittle, a sorry sight.

I rejoiced to hear of the swifts in Codford that have flourished this summer and of the plan that is afoot, to assist and encourage them in the area. That is really exciting. Empty skies over Sherrington have filled lately, laced with the flight of swallows and martins, both this year's young and migrants moving south. The hazards they face, both natural and human, earn our respect and admiration.

### APPLE JUICING

Apple juicing in Codford has begun and the next session is on Sun 7th October starting at 9.30.

The juicer cannot cope with small quantities: minimum of 3 buckets full of apples and a maximum would be as many as you can transport. Pasteurisers are available for which you need glass bottles with tops; also plastic containers for freezing and brewing bins for cider. Small charge to defray expenses and Village Hall electricity - £5 for juicing and £10 if you use the pasteurisers.

I hope for a winter of winter weather, not another 'Beast from the East', but days that are crisp and sharp. I am so sure that Alabama foot rot flourishes in muggy, murky weather and stagnant mud; as a dog owner, it is an ever-present anxiety in winter months.

What a joy that the churchyard is tamed and a huge debt of gratitude to the stalwarts who took it on. It had become a wilderness; flowers had not flourished as in previous years.

Newcomers are welcomed into the village: the Holland family, with their two sons, have moved into Poolman's Yard. We hope they will settle happily and it is good that the village has a healthy population of the young.

As this is written, it is hard to realise that the clocks go back at the end of the month. However, with dark afternoons come warm kitchens, casseroles and lighted windows. *BL*

### UPTON LOVELL

Do you like children? Musical Toddlers could use your help this Autumn! Either to help us set up, or just to talk to mums and their children.

We would love your company.  
Upton Lovell Village Hall. 9.00 - 10.30  
Please contact Ali Tebbs 01985 841192  
alisontebbs@btinternet.com

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the Christian Church*

**Theo Peter White**

on 12th August at Heytesbury

**Joshua David James Campbell Park**

on 1st September at Heytesbury

**Jasper James Shepherd**

on 1st September at Sutton Veny

*May they grow in the Christian Faith*

### Weddings

*Congratulations to*

**Anna Walker & Thomas Smith**

on 15th September at Heytesbury

*May they have many  
happy years of married life together*

### Funerals

*Our sympathy and love to those  
who mourn the passing of*

**Irene Madin**

on 31st August

at Salisbury Crematorium

*May she rest in the peace  
and light of Christ*

*Please contact the Ministry Team to make  
arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,  
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## CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

7th	Tytherington	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
19th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St MaryK Corton, Fane Hall Upton Lovell Heytesbury Tytherington	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Café church, breakfast from 9.30 Parish Communion + baptism HARVEST FESTIVAL Taizé	<i>Choir</i>
14th	Boyton	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
20th Sunday after Trinity	Sutton Veny Codford St Mary Knook Upton Lovell	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion HARVEST FESTIVAL HARVEST FESTIVAL HARVEST FESTIVAL	
21st	Heytesbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
21st Sunday after Trinity	Norton Bavant Codford St Peter Sutton Veny Codford Village Hall	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Matins Messy Church	<i>Choir</i>
28th	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Last Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Peter Heytesbury BoytonK	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Sunday Worship Parish Communion	
Simon & Jude	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong for All Souls	<i>Choir</i>

The number of services has been reduced slightly whilst we await a new Priest-in-Charge  
Parish Communion at Sutton Veny and Codford St Peter now starts at 9.30

### 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

### HOUSE GROUPS

<b>Mondays</b>	6.00 - 7.30 in Codford. Contact Clifford Stride 850941
<b>Wednesday</b>	(alternate weeks) 7.45pm in Water Meadow Cottage, Heytesbury. Contact Diana Hammond 841185

### HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN, HEYTESBURY CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays	10.30am Eucharist with hymns
Wednesdays	10.00am Holy Communion(1662)

### CHAPLAINS

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The Revd David Walters	01980 620038

Visitors are welcome to our services.

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