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PATTERNS IN NATURE

In our busy lives rushing around, getting the children to school; the dog walked; the journey to work; we sometimes forget the beautiful world around us. We are surrounded by patterns in nature, which need to be appreciated. We hope the images on this page convey that message to you our readers.

"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?"
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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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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

The sixth meeting of the season will be on Monday 4th March at 8.15am at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill.

The speaker will be Nick Johnson, fundraising manager in Wiltshire for Cancer Research UK, who works with individuals, community groups and companies to raise money to help beat cancer sooner. Cost - £12 (£2 to the charity of the speaker's choice). For more info or to book, contact Richard Jackman or John Russell on uwvmfb@gmail.com.

This is not a club. Anyone can attend.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Women's Section Heytesbury Branch

Our next meeting will be held on 27th March in the Residents' Hall, at the Hospital of St John, and is a talk by Jonathan Wansley talking about his life as a Schoolmaster.

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We would love to then see you at one of our Mothering Sunday services on Sunday 31st to present your gifts. Details of the services can be found at the back of the Parish News; just let us know which one you'll be attending.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 28th March
from 10.30am

at Greenhill House, Norton Road,
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Gill Price

ST JOHN'S, HEYTESBURY

Our monthly coffee mornings continue, the next being on Wednesday, March 13th at 11am. We have homemade goodies, an excellent raffle and this year we are raising funds for Heytesbury Primary School and Hedgehogs.

Please come and support us.
Coffee/tea and friendship.

We presented Link and the Warminster MS with cheques for £500 each from our 2018 mornings.

Thank you to all who support us.

PUB QUIZZES AT THE RED LION, HEYTESBURY

MUSICAL TODDLERS QUIZ NIGHT

The Red Lion, Heytesbury
Sunday 24 March 7PM

Quiz Night in aid of the WYLYE VALLEY DISABLED CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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Starting 7:30pm

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FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE

Wednesday 6th March at 7.30 pm
PETERLOO
Drama/History
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Mike Leigh's portrayal of the events surrounding the infamous 1819 Peterloo Massacre. Government forces charged into a crowd of over 60,000 people, who had gathered in a peaceful protest against rising levels of poverty and to demand political reform. Many protesters were killed and hundreds more injured, sparking a nationwide outcry but also further government suppression. The Peterloo Massacre was a defining moment in British democracy which also played a significant role in the founding of The Guardian newspaper. Starring Maxine Peake and Rory Kinnear.

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MINISTRY LETTER

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

The Church calendar in March has a number of occasions when we celebrate with special food. On March 1st, for example, when we have what used to be the Women's World Day of Prayer (and has now dropped the 'Women's'... but they still write the service and prepare the food!) there's a supper with Slovakian cuisine at Upton Lovell, followed by a service. Then everyone knows about pancakes on Shrove Tuesday - a reminder of the old custom of using up all fat and sugar before the austerity of Lent - that's why its other name is Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday. This year, Café Church is celebrating 'Shrove Sunday' on 3rd March in Sutton Veny Village Hall with a pancake race! Come and join us. And isn't there a special cake for Mothering Sunday? We have supper after every Messy Church, and croissants and bacon butties at Café Church ... and coffee or tea after almost

every mid-morning service.

More and more we understand that hospitality, meaning food, is a key part of Christian life and outreach. After all, Jesus frequently told stories about banquets, and clearly loved having meals with people, even lofty Pharisees. He was even described - not by his friends - as a glutton and a drunkard. Eating together is the best way of getting to know people and enjoying friendship together.

All parents, and other cooks, know that food cooked with love nourishes more than just the stomach - it's a gift to the whole person. And most of what we cook is destined for other people, whether

at home or outside the home. It's an expression, really, of our love and care for them. And I find it a real joy and privilege when I'm invited to a meal in someone's home - we share our conversation and deepen our friendship. Perhaps this month each of us could look around our neighbourhood for someone who may not get out much, and invite them for a meal.

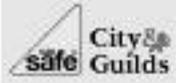
So enjoy your cooking, and cook with love and thought for those who will eat it, whether family, or friends, or neighbours, or events. And may your dish be seasoned with the salt of wisdom, the pepper of wit, and the flavour of love and friendship.

Jane Shaw

Lambing season is fast approaching. Keep your dogs on leads when using public footpaths, which cross a field where ewes are heavily pregnant, or with lambs at foot.

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GROWING OUR CHURCHES

I am inviting members of the congregations of all our churches to join me in forming a group of people who are interested in meeting together to consider ways of proactively sharing the good news of the Gospel in our rural context. The Diocese is providing resources to help rural parishes to grow their churches spiritually and to engage with the wider community.

If you are interested, please contact me. Rev Cliff Stride 850941 or email cgstride@btinternet.com

LENT COURSE - UWVT

This year we are offering the Churches of the Upper Wylve Valley Team a choice of two Lent Courses.

One is on Monday evenings at 6.30pm starting on Monday 11th March at Little Orchard, Chitterne Road, Codford. This course is entitled 'Generosity Challenged' and will include what we can learn from the zeal and courage of the early church, community living, openness to God's calling and giving and sharing sacrificially. We are living in uncertain times and as a church and as individuals we face many challenges in the coming years. The course will be led by Vincie Abbott and the Monday House Group. Contact Vincie on 850239

The alternative course is on a Sunday evening in Corton, and will be a study on the musical film 'Les Miserables', not very different from the recent television production. Rev Jane Shaw will be running this study group. Please contact her or see the pew sheet for further details. Contact Jane on 850141

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NEVER BEEN CHRISTENED?

Have you been to a Christening or Baptism and wished that you had been christened as an infant? There may be valid reasons why you were not christened at a young age; but it is never too late to be christened as an adult. The Church of England calls it "Adult Baptism". Instead of having God Parents to make promises on your behalf, you make the declaration of Christian beliefs yourself. Basically, these are the statements of faith contained in the creed we recite in worship every Sunday. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Down on The Farm will return next month, and we are hoping the bees will awaken.

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Whenever it happens, whether as a baby, child or adult, baptism is at the heart of an amazing journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. You are never too old to take this step and being baptized as an adult is a wonderful experience. In being Baptised, you don't only join the Christians that make up the local church but join a world-wide Christian fellowship of hundreds of millions that make up the Anglican Communion of which the Church of England is at its heart. You also join in the greater fellowship made up of other believers of Christian churches throughout the world. The Church of England recognises the baptism of other Christian churches that hold to the belief of one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

If you want to know more about the Christian faith, or are ready to be baptized, then contact one of the Clergy of the Benefice. Their contact details can be found in the Parish News delivered to every house in the Upper Wylde Valley Team.

We also welcome enquiries for the christening of infants and children. If appropriate, and the parents have not been christened, why not consider being christened together.

For an adult Baptism, you may be asked to go along to a few sessions to

explore more about what it means to be a Christian, usually joining others who are exploring faith as well. Then we can arrange a special service where you will be baptized. In the Church of England, this involves water being poured on your head. We are planning a special service in July in Sutton Veny on the Sunday following the annual flower show when young and old can be christened and we can all renew our baptismal vows. Further details to follow nearer the time.

Rev Cliff Stride 850941

PLACES TO VISIT ...

without breaking the bank

**Hauser and Wirth,
 Durslade Farm, Bruton**

This art gallery complex is definitely worth a visit. The regularly-changed exhibitions in the renovated farm barns are free to wander around, as are the grounds with outdoor sculptures and a wonderful garden. This garden was designed by Piet Oudolf and is a large perennial meadow, at its most glorious in August but also full of interest all year with many different grasses and seed heads amongst other swathes of plants.

There is a bar and restaurant, both of which are very popular, so it may be worth booking a table, if you want to stay for lunch.

Various events are held at the gallery, including a Family Day on the first Saturday of each month. This is a free event but it is essential to book, by emailing education@hauserwirth.com or phoning 01749 814060.

The gallery is usually open from Tuesday to Sunday although the hours do vary throughout the year. Details of opening hours, events and exhibitions can be found on their website www.hauserwirth.com.



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ANGLING

Rainfall in December was 121% of long term average and this brought the rolling 6 month and 12 month totals up to about average. Recharge was taking place in most of the major aquifers. January, however, has been dry and the winter-bournes in the Wylve valley are either not running or are very weak. I am hoping for a lot of rain in February and March. Spawning areas for the trout will already have been limited.

I managed one fishing trip in January when I went with a friend to our lakes at Freefolk. The conditions were good with no wind of consequence and not too cold, but the lakes were surprisingly quiet. It is usual to see some rainbows

swimming around the margins, but we saw none. We each had a rainbow but needed to work for them and some very reliable flies produced nothing. We had planned to go again on February the first but the very cold weather has caused us to cancel. Hopefully, we will get some better weather later in the month and into March. In the meantime, I will get on with some fly dressing; there are always some new patterns to try in the endless quest for better results. I have just completed a few sedge patterns which originated in Croatia and contain a number of Cul de Canard feathers. Writing in one of the fishing magazines, the writer described it as unsinkable! I look forward to trying it.

There is a consultation being carried out at the moment by the Environment Agency regarding the need for a close season for coarse fish. As the Piscatorial Society was involved in the first ever establishment of a close season through the Mundella Act, in the mid 19th century, this is of particular interest to me. I have responded that the status quo should be maintained on the grounds that, not only is it beneficial to the fish to have a rest during their spawning period, but also the banks of rivers and lakes have a chance to recover during the March/June close season. It is also the peak of the birds' breeding season and a reduction in disturbance is important.

Robin Mulholland

DID YOU KNOW?

A local man, Jack Dyer, had joined the 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment and before the Second World War had seen service in India and Shanghai. At the outbreak of war between Germany and Britain our man had been transferred to the 2nd Battalion, when on 21st May 1940, the 2nd Battalion as part of the British Expeditionary Force, found themselves in a dangerous situation in the face of very determined enemy in northern France. They were near the River Scarpe and defending Arras, or trying to delay the German advancement to the coast.

As a Private, Jack Dyer was one of those men, and during the retreat his battalion was badly mauled by the enemy. When they were near the village of Roeux, a shell blast killed all the men in Jack's platoon, and he was the sole survivor. Training had taught Jack to gather as many able bodied men and continue to fight. This included moving through and patrolling through enemy lines, holding a wood for some time and from a vantage point Jack could see a great deal of

movement of the enemy. Then Jack steered his small band towards the coast, fighting all the way and Jack's gallantry in action was equalled by a few. Their close combat war lasted 2 days of exhausting fighting and his small band of Wiltshire men without support, food, water and a dwindling supply of ammunition kept going towards Dunkirk, and engaging the enemy all of the way.

All the time Jack was noting the different regiments and units of the enemy fighting the British Expeditionary Force and thus, by covering a great deal of open ground, and evading the enemy, he was able to give this vital information to his Commanding Officer. Eventually, his small band of fellow Wiltshire men made their way towards Dunkirk. The British Expeditionary Force was flowing towards Dunkirk as best they could and they had to leave any kit at the outskirts of Dunkirk before they went to the beaches and await rescue with the remnants of the battalion; they were evacuated 31st May.

It needs to be remembered that Jack

and his small band were on their own in a hectic, disorganised battle zone, compounded by heavy shelling, civilians, alongside foot sore and weary soldiers of many different units, cattle and lorries. Roads were blocked and down to a single line of traffic in many places. Yet, somehow Jack managed to get his men through all of this.

Private Jack Dyer was promoted to lance corporal and awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, July 1940. This is not the end of Jack's war. For the remainder, he seemed to tour the world by seeing action in Madagascar, India, the Middle East, North Africa, Italy, the Middle East again, then Western Europe. He was discharged at the age of 45 years and had travelled 25,000 miles through nearly 6 years of war.

He was originally from No. 4, Bishopstrow and lived with his wife and 3 children in Corton after the war. Sgt. Jack Dyer 5568172 is buried in the Burying ground.

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY, JOSEPH AND JESUS – NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM

In early February, Katherine Venning gave up her time, her experience and assembled her knowledge to deliver a talk on a recent journey that took her and a small group of fellow travellers on foot from Nazareth in Israel down to Bethlehem in the West Bank. The Angel Inn, in Heytesbury, had set aside part of its dining room for the talk and had facilitated the evening usefully and generously. Katherine did not charge an entry fee but asked the audience of about twenty to make a donation in aid of a local charity close to her heart, the Parish News.

Illustrated with dozens of lovely photographs; the area, its topography, fauna and flora and the sites, churches, mosques and myriad other ancient buildings, together with trails and settlements brought Katherine's narrative to life such that attendees really felt they were retracing the steps of Mary, Joseph and Jesus and experiencing the tribulations of

many well-known biblical characters. The so-called Nativity Trail is almost 100 miles long and has views of olive fields, biblical landscapes and experiences the hospitality of local people (mostly very poor), camping out in Bedouin-style under the stars, eating locally produced food and meeting local Samaritans and world-wide tourists alike.

In thanking Katherine for her always interesting, often inspiring and sometimes arresting talk, David Shaw, as Chairman of the Parish News Committee, summed up by reminding the audience that they had been privileged to receive a bit of geography, a bit of politics, a bit of wilderness, a lot of history, a lot of information, a lot of passion and all with some fun thrown in. He welcomed the Team Vicar and the Editor of the Parish News and thanked everyone for coming. He reserved special thanks for Katherine Venning and is able, with great gratitude,

to announce that the evening raised £92 for the Parish News. An anonymous donor made that up to a round £100. DS



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BOOK REVIEW

OUT OF AFRICA

by Karen Blixen
(aka 'Isak Dinesen')

'I had a farm in Africa...'.. for those who have seen the film, it is impossible to say that sentence, which begins both book and film, without hearing Meryl Streep's rolling Danish accent. The film is rather free with the text of the book but does convey the soaring, almost mystical beauty of East Africa, and, as is so often the case, the book is far more beautiful than the film.

Out of Africa is divided into five sections. These in turn are divided into many stories of people, animals, the country, the seasons ... sometimes rosy, but often red in tooth and claw. Each one a small picture, all joining together to

form a kaleidoscope of Karen Blixen's life.

Blixen's descriptions of her chosen country are elegiac and summon up a paradise that was British East Africa (later Kenya) in the early years of the 20th century. Although virtually impossible to single out a few sentences from her lyrical prose, whilst writing this I chanced upon her description of fireflies in the forest ... 'they keep within a certain height, four or five feet above the ground ... a whole crowd of children ... running through the dark forest carrying candles, little sticks dipped in a magic fire, joyously jumping up and down ... swinging their small pale torches merrily ... the woods are filled with a wild frolicsome life, and it is all perfectly silent'.

Blixen moved to British East Africa in 1913 at 28 to marry her cousin, Baron von Blixen and they bought a farm of some 6,000 acres below the Ngong Hills. It was 12 miles from Nairobi which at that time was little more than a staging post on the Uganda Railway.

Blixen and her husband divorced in 1925. He had more talent for hunting game and other women than he did for business and she took over the farm and managed it on her own. Extraordinarily independent and capable, she loved her land, the teeming herds of wildlife and her native workers. Her workers in turn admired her and expected her to be their negotiator, doctor and judge and her descriptions of them are full of sympathy,

understanding and humour. She looked after their families, learned to speak Swahili and Masai, and shot their man-eating lions.

When the Great War came and with it requisitioning, she was ordered to deliver huge quantities of war material. She took four of her ox wagons, with 16 oxen to each wagon, and 21 Kikuyus to help her. They slowly lumbered across an Africa with no roads and little communication, dragging heavy wagons laden with stores and ammunition. The danger that they dreaded most - even more than the Germans - was the lions who came by night to maul and drag off their oxen.

Long after the War, following years with no rains, with plagues of grasshoppers who stripped the country bare, falling coffee prices and spiralling debt, she finally had no choice but to sell. She returned to her native Denmark, leaving her farm, her animals and her beloved Kikuyu, Masai and Somali natives which broke her heart but fortunately made her sit down and write.

The Kenya she knew was a Utopia, a snapshot of a country on the brink of change and unstoppable development. Even towards the end of the 20th century when I knew it, it was still possible to catch glimpses of a country which was breathtakingly beautiful and matched her descriptions so evocatively. This book will transport you to that Kenya, and make you mourn for a lost world.

LW, Heytesbury Readers



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WHAT IS A LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY AND WHY SHOULD I MAKE ONE?

Many of us know that it is important to write a Will, but fewer of us have considered making a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

It is estimated by the Alzheimer's Society that by 2025 more than 1 million people in the UK will have dementia, and currently 1 in 5 people over the age of 85 already suffer from it. For those people who do not have an LPA, handling their financial affairs and making medical or care decisions on their behalf can become virtually impossible.

An LPA is a legal document in which you can appoint trusted individuals (such as your relatives, or friends) to make decisions on your behalf, known as your 'Attorneys'.

There are two different types of LPA:

Property and Affairs

This LPA will allow your Attorneys to help you manage your money, property and finances, for example. They can pay your bills and transfer or invest your money for you. You can tailor the LPA to give as much, or as little, power as you would like to.

Health and Welfare

This LPA will allow your Attorneys to make decisions about your health and

care; which may include what medical treatment you receive and where you live. If you are capable of making those decisions yourself, then your wishes will be paramount, and your Attorneys will be permitted to liaise with medical professionals etc. in relation to your needs. Nowadays, care homes and medical professionals are asking whether residents and patients have these types of LPAs in place, as many now believe that Health and Welfare LPAs are equally as important as the Property and Affairs LPAs.

What will happen if I do not make an LPA and then lose mental capacity?

If you do not have an LPA in place, and later become mentally incapable, your relatives must apply to the Court of Protection to obtain a Deputyship Order. This would allow them to take control of your assets and finances. However, the application for Deputyship is a very lengthy and stressful process and involves obtaining a medical report confirming loss of mental capacity, and few medical professionals nowadays are prepared to produce such reports. In addition, an application for a Deputyship Order can be extremely costly, and the role of a Deputy very onerous, and Annual Accounts and Annual Bonds must be delivered under legal requirement.

I do not want to give up managing my affairs yet, should I hold off making an LPA until I need it?

Do not leave it until it is too late. As with writing a Will, you need to have sufficient mental capacity to make an LPA. Writing a Power of Attorney does not mean you give up all of your rights. Your Attorneys must allow you to make your own decisions for as long as you are able to do so, and whenever they make a decision for you, it must always be in your best interests. There are strict rules to prevent Attorneys mishandling your money, or making gifts to themselves and others. Careful consideration must be paid to whoever you appoint as your Attorneys, and whether they are actually capable of assisting you.

If you have more questions, please get in touch with Jane Healey, who has extensive experience in dealing with Powers of Attorney and Court of Protection matters, as well as Wills and Estates, and is also able to assist with Tax Planning matters. If you would like to arrange an appointment to meet with Jane to instruct her to prepare Lasting Powers of Attorney, please call Forrester Sylvester Mackett Solicitors on 01985 217464 or Email:

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TURBO'S TALES (or the Dog Blog for early 2019)

As I write this it is snowing and my mate, the Labrador, is complaining that his paws are cold. I reminded him that it is far worse for us JRTs (and Dachshunds and the like) in 12 centimetres of the white stuff - that's almost 5 inches in old money - as it reaches parts that not even Heineken beer can. The Guvnor told his wife that I had 'raced around the garden like a small boy with a day off school' before adding that I had spoiled the pristine and beautiful landscape with my lunatic antics. What he didn't appreciate was that walking on fresh snow makes you feel like Neil Armstrong did as he took the first steps on the Moon in July 1969. The difference is, of course, that mine have already been covered over; Armstrong's are still there.

After a bit, I did begin to feel cold in what the Guvnor politely calls 'the Netherhampton region' and made as if to return to my comfy bed by the cooker, but the Guvnor suggested, ludicrously, that I try levitating. With total concentration, I might well be able to do that, but even with his regular attendances at Pilates, he can't even hop anymore, so I politely suggested he keep his Smart Alec remarks to himself. Fortunately, although I can understand and write very respectable English, he hasn't bothered to learn to

speak 'Dog' - a typical trait in most British people, I'm afraid. He thinks if he speaks loudly enough, I will understand and do what he wants and hasn't yet, even after six years, realised that the reality of his comment, 'Look, see what I mean? He's come back to a combination of my call and the whistle' translated into 'Dog' is: 'I've eaten enough horse droppings for now so I might as well wander slowly back in my own time for a biscuit.'

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Before we know it, Spring will be here, and the signs are showing in the snowdrops and daffodils that are about to blossom. The other signal is that it is time for my annual injections and general health MOT. We went to the Vet's where a needle was stuck in my neck before she looked into my eyes and put me on the scales. I weighed 8.2 kg or 18 lb in old money. I tried to say that a dog pound is a seventh of a human pound, but even they didn't understand 'Dog'.

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HEYTESBURY IMBER & KNOOK PARISH COUNCIL SETS ITS BUDGET

At the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January, Members considered the budget for the next financial year. It was agreed unanimously to set a figure of £11,817 for 2019/20. This translates to the sum of £33.84 for every B and D equivalent property, paid to the Parish Council for the year. This is a 30% increase on last year, £7.81 for the year or 65p per week.

Members of the council made the difficult decision to agree this increase after recognising that there had been no rise in the Parish budget for over ten years. Reserves have been used in previous years to balance the figures, but these have now been exhausted and to continue carrying out the statutory duties and preferred services in the Parish, an increase has become inevitable. Part of

local governance regulations require the council to keep a total of three months operating expenditure retained for the financial year and this could not be met without an increase.

Councillor Anne Perry, Chairman of the parish council, said: "There have been some real pressures on the budget as the costs of maintaining the parish are rising all the time. The council has made this difficult decision as it needs to raise funds to put towards the cost of necessary repairs to the village play equipment, repairs to the War Memorial and maintenance of the footpaths and street furniture. In addition, since last year, to comply with General Data Protection Regulations, some software and the web site require updating."

"The Parish Council will be able to continue the additional grass cutting, cleaning of bus shelters and repairs or replacement to litter bins that has been carried out in the last few years, to keep the Parish looking at its best, which we know is appreciated by our residents."

For more information contact Heather Parks, Clerk, Heytesbury, Imber Knook Parish Council. 01985 212340 email: parishclerk@heytesburyparish.co.uk

HEYTESBURY IMBER & KNOOK PARISH COUNCIL

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and take place at Heytesbury School, High Street Heytesbury, Warminster BA12 0EA, starting at 7-15pm.

2019 March 26, April 16,
May 21 Annual Meeting, May 28 Parish Meeting,
June 25, July 23, September 17,
October 22, November 26,
2020 January 21
Raymond Trust 2019 September 26 AGM
Open to Local Residents

Owing to school rules, we are not allowed to keep the front door unlocked, but we are trying to make sure someone is in attendance on the door to let everyone gain access. If you are experiencing difficulties, please let any one of the Councillors or the Clerk know so that we can try and make suitable arrangements for you.

HEYTESBURY OPEN PLACE

Once again Heytesbury Church is partially covered in scaffolding with a tented roof over the chancel to protect the recent restoration work of the interior. The work to replace roof tiles will probably continue until July but church services and events will not be affected.

The Diocesan Advisory Council has an award scheme to honour parishes who have demonstrated good practice in works that have been approved by the Diocese. In our case the project to replace the chancel lighting has been deemed exceptional and Heytesbury Church has gained an award through this scheme, which is endorsed by the Bishop of Salisbury. A certificate of merit will be awarded at a ceremony in Salisbury, in June.

Now that spring is, hopefully, not too far away, our thoughts are turning to future fund raising events. The Friends of H,K & T Churches will present one more talk in our winter series on Tuesday 2nd April (see advert for details) and will be holding a Strawberry Tea, with The Warminster Brass Band, in a private garden on Sunday afternoon, 30th June. Further information to follow, but keep the date free.

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SHERRINGTON

January ended with winter's tightening grip, iron hard frost. Then on the first day of February, we awoke to a landscape transformed and the hush of falling snow. Those of us who are fortunate enough not to contend with adverse travel conditions can release the inner child and enjoy. Walks were wonderful, every twig iced with such delicacy, the cold steel of river water sliding between untouched banks and overall the silence.

There is, of course, anxiety for the welfare of wildlife, the added struggle to survive when food is running low. Small birds with their minimum body mass have a hard time and full bird feeders are the complete lifesaver. However, after two days (and nights of bitter cold) a softer breath drifted over the land accompanied by rain and the snow vanished.

Several sightings of barn owls in the area; Sara Jane and Esme Keighley had a pale shadow flying parallel to their car on the Tytherington road in late afternoon and I saw probably the same bird, same time and same place the following week. Nigel and I had a brilliant view of a hunting owl by the old water tower at

Tilshead after the thaw. However, owls hunting in the daytime or at least well before dusk is not a good sign and indicates a very hungry bird.

I am surprised that one of our holly trees still has berries, though the other one across the garden is stripped. We seem to be short of the thrush family in the village. No fieldfare have flown in from the fields and, as I have not been out on the field paths lately, I have missed my fieldfare fix.

The pair of swans is currently absent from the cress bed, perhaps they will not breed there this year. Now bird life in the area is sparse, one moorhen and two or three mallards are the only residents.

Winter draws to a close, although there will be harsh days to come. Afternoons have lengthened appreciably and snowdrops scatter in pristine drifts along banks and under trees. I love the pale skies of winter and soft sunsets seen through bare branches and dark woodland. I have enjoyed lighted windows, smoke rising from chimneys and darkening footpaths that lead home.

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SUTTON VENY

FRIENDS OF SUTTON VENY CHURCH

We have had our first meeting, prepared a draft Constitution, and are in the process of opening a bank account. We hope to launch the Friends Group with a launch party this summer and will let you know the date asap, so please Watch This Space.

Meanwhile, if you are interested in supporting the Friends Group in any way, please do contact George Brooks.

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CHURCH BOOKSTALL

A reminder that we have a good selection of books in our bookshop at the back of the church. We keep them turning over so there should be a regular supply of 'new' books on display. Why not pop along, switch on the light and the little heater and have a browse, you never know what you might find!

MARATHON

Brian Long has once again got his 'Begging Head' on. I first completed the London Marathon in 1999 in my 50th year. I did it again in 2009 in my 60th year. 2019 is my 70th year and here I am again. Up to now, with 2 London Marathons and A Great North Run I have raised over £10,000. Believe me when I say this definitely will be my last. My target is to raise £5,000 for this, my final effort.

Please get behind my fundraising effort and give as much as you can.

Training is going well, on Monday 4th February I managed 22.6 k, 14.1 miles. That is over half a Marathon. My target to run 20 k was for the end of February, so I am a full month ahead. It is not without aches but mainly muscle, not joint. Almost 3 months yet to train.

A special thanks goes to all who have already pledged support.

I have a Virgin Money Giving site. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROF fundraiser-Page?userUrl=BrianLong5&pageUrl=1>

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6th ASH WEDNESDAY	Codford St. Peter Heytesbury	9.00am 6.00pm	Communion & Imposition of Ashes Service for the beginning of Lent <i>Choir</i>
10th 1st Sunday of Lent	Boyton Sutton Veny Codford St. Peter Codford St Mary Knook Upton Lovell	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Sunday Worship Parish Communion Parish Communion <i>Choir</i> Evensong
17th 2nd Sunday of Lent	Heytesbury Norton Bavant Codford St Peter Sutton Veny Upton Lovell Codford Village Hall Upton Lovell	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Choir</i> Parish Communion Parish Communion Matins Parish Communion Messy Church Pimms & Hymns
24th 3rd Sunday of Lent	Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Heytesbury Boyton Heytesbury	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Sunday Worship Parish Communion for Lady Day <i>Choir</i> Evensong (BCP)
31st MOTHERING SUNDAY	Norton Bavant Codford St Peter Heytesbury Sutton Veny Upton Lovell Codford St Mary	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Mothering Sunday service Mothering Sunday service Mothering Sunday Communion <i>Choir</i> Mothering Sunday service Evensong for Mothering Sunday

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