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THE OFFICIAL ARMED FORCES DAY EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE
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The official Armed Forces Day event will take place in Salisbury on Saturday 29th June, 2019. This day is a chance for the country to show its support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community.

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, is proud to be the official charity sponsor of this year's Armed Forces Day national event, hosted by Wiltshire County Council in the historic city of Salisbury. SSAFA's VIP arena will be at the showground at Hudson's Field over the three days of the event - June 28 to 30.

On the Saturday, Salisbury will see a parade through the city, demonstrations from our Armed Forces and displays of military equipment,

old and new. The City hopes you can visit this special day to salute our serving men and women in uniform, our veterans and our cadets, and all their families.



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The Upper Wylde Parish News are holding an Open Garden event in Norton Bavant to raise much needed funds for the Parish News. This event will take place on 13 June 2019 from 6pm to dusk.

The two open gardens are number 11 and number 13. Entry is £3 per adult and with the coupon on page 3 one adult will be admitted free with a paying adult. There will be a plant sale and refreshments are to be provided by Norton Bavant Village.

We look forward to seeing many of our readers! Editor



**Open
Gardens**
Norton Bavant
Thursday 13 June
6pm to dusk

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 programme for next season is taking shape, and I ask that you mark your diaries for the first breakfast of next season on Monday 7th October when, Codford-based Environmental Archaeologist, Dr Mike Allen, will talk to us under the title of 'Soil & Snails - Running an Archaeological Science business'.

Thank you from the Breakfast Team for your support this season. We look forward to seeing you again, en masse, next October.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friends of Sutton Veny Church
Summer Party in the Churchyard
Saturday 27th July 11am to 1pm
Produce stall - bubbles and nibbles -
live music. Please come and join us!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sutton Veny Produce Stall will begin again on Saturday 6th July at 10.30. You will find us, as usual, on the land adjacent to Walnut Close by kind permission of the landowners. We look forward to seeing you there at the beginning of, what we hope, will be another successful year.

SAVE THE DATE!

Produce Sale Heytesbury Church starting Saturday June 8th at 10.00am. The time has come to move back into the church for the summer.

Please join us each week for cakes and bakes, produce from the garden and, of course, the raffle, coffee and a chat. Any contributions will be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST JOHN'S, HEYTESBURY

Wednesday 12th Coffee Morning 11 am.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Women's Section Heytesbury Branch

Our next meeting will be held on 26th June and is our annual GARDEN PARTY with Cake, Plant and Bric-a-Brac stalls and a Raffle.

It is being held at Mrs Phillips house, Little Pleiades, 23 Newtown. Heytesbury from 2.30pm. Entry £1.50. Visitors welcome.

CODFORD SUMMER FETE

15 June

11am until 4pm

We can't wait to welcome you to our Summer Fete on Saturday 15 June 2019. There's something for everyone with lots of fun activities: live music and entertainment in the arena throughout the day including: heavy horse demonstrations; dog show; artisan stalls and craft demonstrations. It's free to attend and we hope it'll be a great day for the whole community.

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FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE

Wednesday 5th June 7.30 pm

THE FAVOURITE (15)

Historical Drama

Olivia Colman won the Oscar for her performance as Queen Anne

in this scabrous comedy about intrigue and ambition in the royal household. Sarah Lady Churchill (Rachel Weisz) sees herself supplanted in the Queen's favour, and bed, by the upstart Abigail Masham (Emma Stone), a young woman who will stop at nothing to regain the social status which her father's gambling habit has compromised. Reverent, tasteful, restrained - *The Favourite* is none of these things. It's hugely enjoyable but be warned: it is sexually explicit and there are constant instances of both f and c

PUB QUIZ

Sunday 23rd June 2019 at 7pm

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MINISTRY LETTER

Thy Kingdom Come....

At the age of eight I was accompanied by my mother to a government boarding school in Lusaka, Zambia (then Northern Rhodesia), and she left me there for three months. I knew no-one else, I was 500 miles from home, and deeply home-sick. The next time I saw my mother was when I reached home after two days of travel. I had to return for the next term, and the parting was little easier. Some of the older boys were intimidating, but the teachers and boarding staff, as far as I remember, were not too frightening. The food was unpalatable - I remember maggots in the porridge! But it was at this school that I found a Friend who has remained a friend ever since. I met him on the football field. I said a prayer. And God answered me. I will tell you how, if you ask me! Since that day, God has been my best Friend, comforter, companion, guide, provider, helper and everything besides.

After the first Easter, although they had seen Jesus alive, his followers felt bereft, because he was no longer at their side. They may well have felt lonely, even deserted. When would they see him again? At his last supper, Jesus knew his friends would feel like that. So he promised he would be with them in the form of his Holy Spirit. "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another to be your Comforter, who will be with you for ever." (John chapter 14 verse 16)

On Sunday 9th June, Christians celebrate the day on which God gave to them his comforting Holy Spirit. The day is called Pentecost. Come and join us. And if ever you need a friend, take my advice: trust God to hear your prayer, and he will be with you forever.

As always, in faith,
Robin Hungerford

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear -
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

(Joseph Scriven 1819-1886)

Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we pray that God's rule may come amongst us and that all may live in his kingdom. For those of us who have already invited the Lord Jesus into our hearts and accepted his salvation, we are already living in the Kingdom. But many have not yet taken that step of faith and are still outside the kingdom. We have all been called and commissioned by Jesus to make that kingdom a reality for everyone and the Church has a special responsibility to ensure that everyone can come to a Christian faith.

For the past few years, the Church of England has set aside the period from Ascension Day to Pentecost (Thursday 30th May to Sunday 9th June) for all Churches to join in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the very first Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended back to heaven, the disciples gathered with Mary, the mother of our Lord, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total - on our own we can do nothing. Over the past three years, worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost to pray "Come Holy Spirit". The Church has been praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good news of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. The Upper Wylve Valley Team of Churches has not previously taken part in this national event. But this year, I invite you to use and set aside the period

between Ascension Day and Pentecost to pray daily, "Come Holy Spirit", whether at home or in one of our Churches which are all open during the day for public and private prayer. The ministry Team lead prayers in one of our churches most days. (see inside the back cover and weekly pew sheet for details).

Over the past year, we have been praying for a new Priest-in-Charge and our prayers have been answered in the Rev Trudy Hobson, who will be joining us shortly to lead and inspire us into sharing the Gospel. Prayer is vital for a lively and growing church and it is crucial that we continue to ask the Holy Spirit to come among us. As we look forward to welcoming a new Priest-in-Charge, I believe that the UWVT is in a good place to move forward and grow. During the vacancy, I have enjoyed leading the Ministry Team and I am very grateful for all the help and support I have received from my colleagues and members of all our congregations.

Rev Cliff Stride
Team Vicar

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.' When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

(Acts ch2 v37-39)
contributed by R H.

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AROUND THE APIARY

Well, there's another month gone, but I don't know where, so here I am trying to put together another article already. But I have to say that in the main, the colonies are very good and up to this weekend, the bees brought in lots of pollen and nectar, but with a drop in temperature, their work rate has slowed right down. However, inside the hive work will continue. There will be brood to feed and cap, the Queen to attend to and the drones will just doss around and do nothing apart from eating some of the stores.

Then I inspected some of my hives at Chitterne, only to find that two of them had swarmed. I found capped Queen cells, so this meant that the old queen had

already left with a large part of the workers, so I had to go through and remove some of the cells, as this could lead to more of the workers going off with a virgin queen. All this means is that that's the end of honey production for these two colonies for this year but this is down to me not keeping up with them.

After last month's piece, a reader from Codford asked about plants for bees and the best I can come up with is *Nepeta x faassenii* AGM, bees love the nectar-rich lavender-blue flowers of this compact catmint, which are complemented by caramel-scented, silver-green foliage. This is the best one I could find in the books.

DOWN ON THE FARM

The grass has been cut, foraged and now safely in storage in the silage clamps and before we know it, second and third cut will be upon us and once the clamps are full, the grass will be bailed and wrapped ready for storage to be used as winter feed.

The tractors have been working long hours in a bid to beat the weather conditions and, on this occasion, our timing has been good (so far) and the rain did not get the better of us. To avoid disruption due to conditions, it is necessary to work long hours and days and there is no room for negotiation, and it is well accepted by those in the industry that we do what we must to produce the best quality fodder.

You will be aware of the publicity highlighting mental health and how the symptoms are now being recognised and more importantly addressed. Mental health and suicide within agriculture is not news to those within the industry. It has always been recognised as having one of the highest recorded incidents across the board within the work place. Robert and I alone can count beyond our

10 fingers and thumbs of cases that we know of and it affects young and old. There are several reasons for this, financial implications, working hours, family responsibilities, rules and regulations changing continuously and most recently, the constant battle of defending our industry and protecting the land and livestock. The list is never ending.

Support networks maybe available but this is an industry of workers who are proud and have no desire to air this aspect of their lives either publicly or within their own community. I am not undermining the importance of this subject within other work places, but the agricultural industry is renowned for ploughing on and being headstrong. For many, who are involved and have grown up through generations of farming, know nothing else other than the extreme work ethic and expectancy that comes from their predecessors to comply and carry on with no complaints, after all the work can't be put on the back burner for another day just because you are tired or unwell, animals need daily care and crops need harvesting at just the right time.

As I'm busy trying to get my stuff ready for the Bath & West show at the end of May, that will have to do for this one.

Den Pictor your local friendly beekeeper



PIMMS & HYMNS
FOR MIDSUMMER
Sherrington Church
Sunday 16 June at 6 p.m.
COME AND SING
and perhaps choose a hymn

The pressure can be extreme, and it certainly is not becoming any easier!

Our son, who is about to graduate, has sensibly decided to follow a collar and tie route through agriculture and develop his business skills further which, in the long run, will stand him in good stead for a future on the farm, if that is what he wants. He and his friends are more than aware of the mental health situation within the industry having witnessed it first hand themselves. Fortunately, they are of a generation encouraged to communicate about their worries, concerns and be prepared to be more forthcoming with their emotions as well as having empathy for those who are struggling. It doesn't change the expectations or work, but it is a positive sign that the generation coming up the ranks are able to talk openly and are confident to defend their industry and appreciate the importance of being transparent and informative so the public know the correct facts of how the food that they eat is produced. A recent BBC short film gives an insight into the reality of the situation. It makes interesting viewing, if you have the time.
www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-47888402/farmers-struggling-with-mental-health

On the subject of long days and nights, we now move towards the harvest season, the battle of wills between us and mother nature continue but the positive is that the days are long, warmer days should be with us and fingers crossed the rain holds off at the crucial times, but hey, we can but work with what we are given 'down on the farm'.

Kit Pottow

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SPORT: FOOTBALL AND ANGLING

Heytesbury FC finish the season in style

It was a very good end to the season for Heytesbury football club. After promotion to the Trowbridge and District League division one at the end of last season, a final place finish of fourth in the League was a very creditable performance. There were some good performances in the cups. Heytesbury reached the quarter final of the Wiltshire County Cup and the Trowbridge League A & B cup. There was also an appearance in The Knock Out Cup final.

Unfortunately, Heytesbury finished runners up to a very good Freshford United team. This was disappointing, losing to an own goal in the 70th minute after being on top for large parts of the game. A home tie in the semi final of the Spring Cup saw us welcome Melksham Town "A" to Heytesbury Park. In a thrilling game in front of a large crowd, a 7-0 win booked a place in the final for the last game of the Trowbridge League season against Calne Town Reserves. A 7-2 win saw Heytesbury crowned Spring Cup Champions. There has been a lot of support for the club this season both home and away and it is much appreciated. We will be training at the park again from early June and will be playing friendlies from July to prepare for the new season.

Angling Notes May 2019

Our trout season opened on April 15th which was all that a fishing day should not be, bright sun with a cold east wind. Fortunately, it improved and there have been some good fishing days.

My first visit was to the Avon with no expectation of fishing, but largely to remind me how beautiful it is and to satisfy my curiosity as to what is happening. The river was looking good but I only saw a handful of Grannom (sedge) hatch, not sufficient to motivate trout and I saw nothing rise over a period of some 4 hours.

I next went with a friend to explore the Upper Candover. The fishing looked to be not easy, but interesting and the surroundings were very attractive. We saw 2 hares during our exploration which was very pleasing but it was cold and no trout rose. We left and dropped down the Itchen to our fishery at Martyr Worthy. We saw some Hawthorn flies in the car park and my companion caught three nice trout on a Hawthorn imitation so we returned to the Wylde valley pleased with our day out.

My next visit was to the Wylde which was in good order with plentiful ranunculus. I saw a small number of Hawthorn flies in the air but none on the water. However a number of trout rose to my imitation without taking it until I

eventually caught a very nice trout of about 1 pound (13 inches) which was a good way to begin my season. There was a very brief hatch of olives (a small ephemeral) in mid afternoon which was over by the time I had changed my fly! The appearance of some Hawthorn is pleasing because they have been in short supply in recent years. They are of the order Diptera, the same order as the housefly, and in dry springs the hard ground prevents their larvae from burrowing into the ground to pupate. I suspect that the Beast from the East was not helpful last year. I have not seen a swallow in our village yet this year and only two over the river. This is in line with expectations, as the decline in insects worldwide is well documented.

Robin Mulholland

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#WhatsYourGift? Volunteer Fair in Warminster



Prospective volunteers will be offered a great opportunity to check out a wide range of volunteer roles available in Warminster at a Volunteer Fair on Saturday 1 June. The event is part of the annual National Volunteers' Week campaign, which runs from 1-7 June.

With free entry, the doors to the

Civic Centre will open at 10am to reveal around 40 local organisations ready to chat until midday - over free refreshments - about the type of support they need. And there will be a few free goody bags offered to early attendees, so do come along!

Deborah Gogarty, Chair of the Warminster Health and Wellbeing Management Group, said: "We know that people are prepared to give a bit of their time to causes they are passionate about, but often don't know about the variety of opportunities available. Our event is called #WhatsYourGift? because we believe everyone, whatever age, has something they can offer. There will be

more information available over the next few weeks; so keep a lookout for the hashtag #WhatsYourGift? on social media, and for other promotional materials around the town. Please do join us on Saturday 1st June and start your volunteering journey."

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On Friday 26th Rosemary and I travelled to London, check in at the ExCel centre to collect bib number and a timing chip to affix to my trainer. I could hardly walk and my thoughts, at that time, were to at least turn up to the start. That left

me a free day on Saturday to rest and say a few prayers for the Sunday. The prayers must have worked.

6 hours, 49 minutes and 1 second later I was through the Finishing Line. Many thanks to all who have already sponsored me. Fast approaching £3,000. It's not too late, go to Virgin Money Giving and enter my name

Brian Long

I am very relieved to be able to say that I finished the London Marathon and that I managed to run all the way not quite as fast as I had hoped - my official time was 5.09 but my Garmin Fenix (with GPS) recorded that I ran 27.36 miles and that I completed the marathon distance of 26.2 miles in 4.53.43 - so I am taking that.

It was probably the hardest thing that I have ever done but what a day! It felt like the whole of London had come out to support us. Thank you so much to everyone for your moral support over the past weeks and for your generosity in sponsoring me.

It has been the most amazing and

uplifting experience and I have received such kindness from friends and strangers near and far.

Jill would have been so proud and the British Heart Foundation will currently benefit by over £8700 in her memory. She has certainly been with me in spirit.

If you would still like to sponsor me, it is not too late: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/judithdando> in memory of Jill.

Judith Dando



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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR EARLY SUMMER

I think I am allergic to my Guvnor. This is the time of year when those susceptible to hay fever, and especially asthma sufferers, begin to get itchy around the face and their sense of smell becomes less effective as the nose gets clogged up with pollen, dust and grass. It is worse out in the 'khuds' (notice how worldly-wise I am, having buffed up on my Kipling recently). I am usually OK in the house but when he comes into the kitchen in the morning and greets me with a much too cheery, "Wotcher, Turbo, old mate; had a good night?" I get the sneezes.

It happened yesterday and he got all miffed when, after he had remarked that he thought he was allergic to me and my fur and that, if it persisted, one of us would have to go, his wife, overhearing

the exchange said comfortingly, "Don't worry, Turbo; if it comes to that, it won't be you." Two more sneezes and I was asleep again.

All this took place as sufferers noted World Asthma Awareness Day on the first Tuesday in May. The Guvnor read this out to us at breakfast and then promptly burst his own bubble by telling us that he is one of 300 million sufferers. His wife and I looked at each other and smiled; he had always told us he was unique.

He is probably unique in one respect. You know all about the perpetually aggrieved? That is people who complain about everything, minority groups with a superiority complex and those who manage to overturn common sense in favour of their own gratification. Well,

my Guvnor's not like that. He just gets upset at things that take him by surprise. For example, he is furious with Carlsberg for altering the recipe of what is 'probably' the best lager in the world to Pilsner without asking him. Similarly, Givenchy have taken the aftershave he has used since he was 20 off the market because, apparently, 'men don't shave any more'.

Finally, as I sense readers' eyes glazing over, he has spent a lifetime using a Sodastream machine to fizz up water; that is still OK but the tonic concentrate for his gin has been discontinued 'because it is too sweet and there is no call for it'. What?

It's marvellous being a dog and having nothing like that to worry about.

DID YOU KNOW?

D Day. According to Tom Streeting.

Tom joined the Army in 1943 and, after initial training, was allotted to 7th Battalion the Wiltshire Regiment, where they had "hill training" prior to being sent to Italy in December 1943. However, and only through illness, he missed the Italian job, and was sent to the Dorsets with a smattering of Hampshires and Devons who were rebadged to become the 1st Battalion the Dorsets Regiment as part of 231 Brigade attached to the 50th Northumbrian Division. Soon training became "boat drill" and although no one said anything, the average soldier knew what was going to happen. Sure enough, the Dorsets were duly embarked onto assault craft at Southampton and sat waiting for a fine weather window. This happened during the evening of 5th June 1944, and the armada of allied soldiery set sail for Normandy.

At 7.45 am the next day, 6th June, they were disembarked onto Gold Beach. Well, into the sea actually, and Tom with his kit, weapon and umpteen bandoliers of ammunition floundered ashore and, as soon as his feet touched the sea's bottom, his legs raced for all he was worth to shelter behind a wall to escape enemy bullets. The Dorsets were in the front line and their objective to take and secure the town of Caen within 24 hours. But, due to the strong, skilful and determined opposition, often from SS. units, they were only able to inch their way forward from damaged building to damaged building towards their goal. The battle lasted a month and not the 24 hours anticipated. Tom wondered where the civilians had gone until a few days later,

some of them cautiously crept out of the rubble and he guessed they must have gone underground and survived on provisions secreted away. Tom said, "Not much fun for those people, so much ruin, rubble and death and destruction."

The Army took some time to establish a regular supply of stores and equipment to the troops. Until this happened, the soldiers had to fare as best they could and food and water were the paramount concern. Each man had arrived on French soil with 24 hour supply of food. This was dehydrated and needed water, hopefully boiled, to make it edible. All the soldiers had their own mess tins, as well as shaving kit, blanket and waterproof ground sheet which doubled as a gas cape.

Eventually, supplies began to arrive regularly during the evening; the supply lorry always knew where they were and soon one man rations were replaced by 14 man packs which were controlled at platoon level. There was no choice of

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menu and cooking had to be done in the open on primus stoves. At this task, the troops had to be doubly vigilant as snipers, some barely 100 yards away, were always about. Tom actually admired their skill, and they never missed a target. If the troops could not find water, the Army would issue 2 jerry cans of water each evening. This meant that each container carried 20 litres of water as a days supply for 14 men.

After about a month of moving to clear buildings and sleeping in trenches, Caen was eventually prised from the enemy's grip and Tom's platoon was relieved after 4 weeks in the front line, to be withdrawn to safety and a rest for a few days. Then, to have a bath and a change of underwear was bliss indeed.

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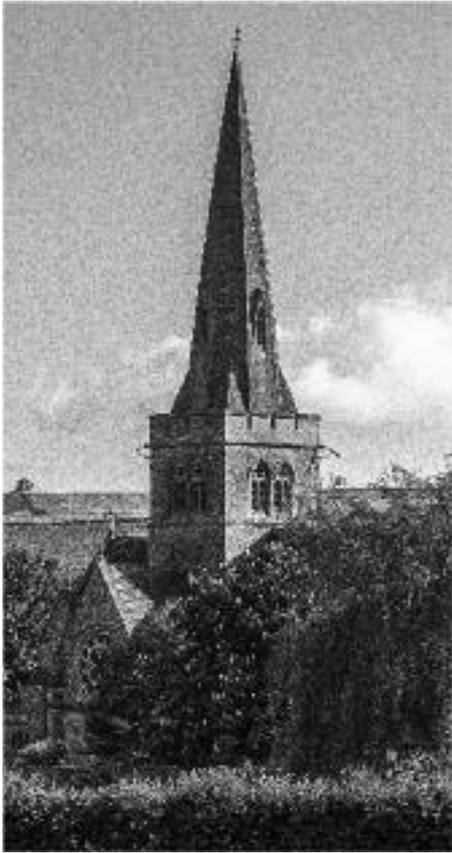
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SHERRINGTON

"Loveliest of trees the Cherry," wrote A.E. Housman, and indeed, the flowering cherry trees in the village have been a delight this spring. However, suddenly it is summer (and today I'm wearing a thick jumper), the cherry blossom is faded, and the beech is shaking out silken leaves. There are some handsome copper beech trees in the area, their first leaves that wonderful smoky pink before they deepen to the rich mahogany of high summer. Along the Parson's Path, there has been the slightest drift, as of incense on the air. It comes from a line of Balsamic Poplars beside the railway line and as the leaves unfold that scent floats across on the breeze. Hedgerows are thick with the whipped cream of hawthorn blossom and beside the lanes sway delicate drifts of hedge parsley.

The Great Ridge has, as ever, put on the magic display of bluebells, the matchless carpet spread beneath vivid green of new leaves. In the valley, where a few years ago the wild tangle of growth was cleared, bluebells are now spreading together with cowslips and clumps of primrose. A walk there is good for the soul!

In the village, the female swan began the incubation of her eggs about Easter and she will be sitting for around six weeks. First swallows are seen in the area and Nigel has seen swifts too, magic birds with their scimitar flight across the sky. I heard a cuckoo while on the Plain, one more than last year. Julie Chivers and I noticed a different duck on the cress bed and Roger Hammond identified it as a Golden Eye. It resembles the Tufted Duck but has more white about it and white cheek patches. It favours the northern part of the country I believe, so a surprise to see one here.

My hearing aids are pretty rubbish for conversation, but the other day enabled me to hear a beautiful song thrush, worth persevering then! Errata - last month I welcomed Toby and Jane to the Manor but omitted their surname, it is Bainbridge, apologies.

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	Norton Bavant	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Sutton Veny Village Hall	10.00am	Café church, breakfast from 9.30am	
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>Choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Taizé	
9th PENTECOST	Boyton	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Sutton Veny	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Codford St Peter	10.00am	Sunday Celebration	
	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Knook	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>Choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	
16th TRINITY SUNDAY	Heytesbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Norton Bavant	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Matins	<i>Choir</i>
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Codford St Mary	4.00pm	Pet Service	
	Sherrington	6.00pm	Hymns & Pimms	
Monday 17th	Heytesbury	7.00pm	Commissioning of Lay Worship Leaders	
23rd 1st Sunday of Trinity	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Patronal Festival	<i>Choir</i>
	Heytesbury	10.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Boyton	11.00am	Matins	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	
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