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HOW GREEN IS OUR VALLEY?



We live in a beautiful part of the world here in the Wylde Valley but do we take it for granted? How green is our valley, really? Or, perhaps more to the point, how much longer will it stay green?

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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 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.

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Saturday 23rd November, 12 - 4 pm

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section Heytesbury Branch

Our meeting on 24th July has been CANCELLED and, as we do not meet in August, our next meeting will be held on 25th September in the Residents' Hall at the Hospital of St John and is a social meeting. Visitors always welcome.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND TRUDY HOBSON

The Upper Wylve Valley Team has been in a Vacancy for 15 months, but we have been served devotedly by the Team Vicar, our retired priests and lay minister and a committed laity; the eight parishes have not only survived but have moved forward during that time. There are initiatives that are awaiting impetus and the Team looks forward to the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge, Trudy Hobson.

Revd Trudy grew up in Birmingham and joined the RAF as a musician aged 18 serving for 13 years where she lived and worshipped in multi-parish benefices in Lincolnshire before undergoing her training for ordination in Yorkshire. Her Curacy has included a wide span of responsibilities and experiences, a variety of training courses (both general and more specialised) and a host of activities that have been a careful mix of the religious, the spiritual and the secular. She will live in The Rectory in Sutton Veny and plans to move in July, giving herself time to settle into the area.

Her Licensing Service will take place in Heytesbury at 7 pm on Monday 29th July, conducted by the Bishop of Salisbury. Let's all be there to welcome her. She will lead all nine services planned for August and she will host a tea party in her garden on the 17th August. She will thus be able to meet a large section of our community and every parish will be able to welcome her in their own ways.



PRAYER GROUP

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

FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE

Wednesday 3rd July 7.30 pm
A PRIVATE WAR (15)
Biography/Drama/War

Marie Colvin (played here by Rosamund Pike) is one of the most celebrated war correspondents of our time. After being hit by a grenade in Sri Lanka, she wore a distinctive eye patch and was still as comfortable sipping martinis with London's elite as she was confronting dictators. Colvin sacrificed loving relationships, and over time, her personal life started to unravel as the trauma she'd witnessed took its toll. Yet, her mission to show the true cost of war led her - along with renowned war photographer Paul Conroy (Jamie Dornan) - to embark on the most dangerous assignment of their lives in the besieged Syrian city of Homs.

HEYTESBURY CHURCH CELEBRATION CONCERT

Yalda Davis will be performing a programme of

Telemann, Bach, Walton,
Prokofiev and Bloch.

The concert will take place on
Saturday July 20th at 7:00pm
in Heytesbury Church.

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MINISTRY LETTER

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

'I must do something about that ivy' I think each morning as I open my curtains. Ivy is emerging from the carefully-clipped jasmine of my porch, creeping beneath the terracotta tiles, working its way along the ridge, and becoming more aggressively unwelcome each day. It only needs a ladder, secateurs and determination, and the job is done. No problem. Except that each day I open my curtains, and the ivy is still there. And more obvious.

"Would you like some help in writing your will?" asked the caller, interrupting Choral Evensong, my weekly treat on Radio 3. He ought to know that we oldies like a post-prandial 'folding of the hands' (Proverbs 6:10) - not the best time to phone. It's not that the legal beagle can't help me, it's just that I don't want his help. It's about 40 years since my last will was effected (our solicitor insisted upon it). Life has moved on: I have grandchildren, the sterling value of my proposed bequests has halved, the charities I would like to support have not yet been listed. I will revise my will, but the effort must be mine, not that of an unknown, uninvited, professional. It's not that I'm procrastinating... It's just that it's a job for tomorrow...

Marie Kondo has written a book of advice about de-cluttering, but it's only 10 years since I downsized, and I'd rather get rid of the clothes moths (where did they come from?) than read her book. And anyway, de-cluttering generates its own angst: "'Yooouuu threw it away", as my 4-year old grandson so aptly phrased it (even if his father was innocent on that occasion). But maybe a bit of de-cluttering in our spiritual lives might be worth considering.

"Death is the next great adventure" said a wise Christian friend, quite cheerfully. And the choir love to spit out the consonants of 'Death at your onslaught died in fear And Christ triumphant rules supreme'. Mark has been invited to write his own obituary - and is obviously enjoying it, observing: "Well, at least I can make it more amusing than if someone else does it". And there's just one instruction for his funeral that I know about: "I want a stonking good sermon on the resurrection". Not that he's planning to shuffle off this mortal coil any time soon. But it's good to be prepared for the next great adventure. Cheerfully.

Katherine Venning

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out 'Abba, Father'. So you are no longer a slave but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." Galatians ch 4 v 6,7

contributed by R H.



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AROUND THE APIARY

As with any beekeeping year, it's very busy at this time, and last month I was trying to get ready for the Bath & West Show. But suddenly there were lots of swarms; it seemed as if I was getting a call every day and one day there were three calls, the swarms were up in trees, in roofs and in hedges. One of these was so big it could not fit into the swarm box, so I had to wrap it up in a sheet the best I could, put it in the car and drive back to my apiary with bees flying around in the car but I did keep my bee suit on with the veil up - I was glad and lucky to get home without getting stung!

I spent four days at the B&W Show talking to people about honey bees and other pollinators, with the help of some of the staff from Longleat who gave up their days off to be involved. We had observation hives so people could see the workings of inside a bee hive, the children are brilliant at finding the queen and asking lots of questions. We also had hives behind a screen netting so we could show the public a close up view of all that was going on in a hive from seeing eggs to baby

bees emerging from the comb to begin their short but busy lives, six weeks at this time of year, if you remember.

You may recall that I keep bees at Longleat so they can sell honey in their shop, so this year I thought I would ask Lady Weymouth to present the prizes in our Bees & Honey show, and to my surprise she accepted, which is quite a feather in my cap with other beekeepers! So on the prize giving day, Lady Weymouth came with goody bags for all the prize winners, they also took some good photos. I was down at the bee garden at the time, giving a bee demonstration, and she came to the garden to say hello, which was great. Wiltshire beekeepers retained the County Shield for yet another year by winning the most points in the different classes at the Honey Show.

Now I'm back at the apiary, extracting honey and in quite a sticky mess. You would not believe what a mess I can get into, a little honey goes a long way when it's in the wrong place! First, I have to remove the supers containing the frames of honey from the hives.

The bees tend to get very aggressive at this time; they seem to object to me taking their honey and all they want to do is sting me. Ouch! To say it's been a bit hectic the last few weeks is an understatement, but it's also been great fun so, on that note, I had better get on with some work.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

Blue skies, sunshine and rain clouds seem to be the order of the day. The summer of 2018 is a distant memory and, at the time of writing, it looks as if it will stay a memory as we return to a more conventional British Summer.

You may remember last year we were pleasantly surprised by the good yield but had very short straw which left a demand in the market. Straw is a valuable commodity as it is not only used for bedding but also as fodder so this year we hope for a stronger crop.

The crops are now coming on fast with wheat being our main area with rape (although very limited this year) and barley part of the team. Grass is still big on the agenda with second cut about to happen and a third and fourth will follow as the summer ploughs on.

The arable machinery will be serviced and ready for the long days and nights ahead. The combine will be building up to its busy time of year and the staff, who operate it, look forward to a succession of packed lunches, tea and supper as they hit into getting the crops off the ground quickly but as efficiently as possible, avoiding waste. A good tractor driver is essential when driving alongside the combine filling the trailer. It is quite a fine art getting the speed and distance correct to avoid grain falling either side but directly into the trailer.

Farms will often benefit from agricultural students from colleges and university. Some stay just for the harvest, others for a year as part of their degree or as a gap year before hitting the books at university. Students are the future of agriculture as they are the ones learning the most up to date methods, rules and regulations and trends that are particularly of interest to the younger generation. It is also one of the most financially rewarding student jobs as the hours are long, pay is good, and accommodation and food often come as part of the job. Social life can take a battering due to the demands of the job, but your earnings build up. My husband worked for a year at his placement on a large arable farm and earned enough to buy himself a rather sporty GTI. Admittedly, he had to live in a rather grubby static caravan where the end of the bath doubled up as his bed side table, but, at 20, a small price to pay for the glory of turning up at the start of the academic year in his gleaming new toy.

There are huge opportunities to take these skills abroad. New Zealand is exceptional for sheep and dairy on a large scale, Australia for arable and the European countries provide good dairy, beef and arable opportunities. America has a very attractive opportunity, the 1000-mile harvest (considerably longer

than a 1000 miles). Teams start from Texas and work their way up the country and eventually end in Canada. Living accommodation is taken with them and machinery, if not able to be driven from farm to farm, is loaded on to trailers and transported. Friends of ours who either come from the states or lived there say the harvest boys and girls are hugely respected and when entering a bar, they are welcomed with cold beer and refreshments as a sign of gratitude for their hard work. Some will work the harvest in the Northern Hemisphere and then transfer to the Southern Hemisphere, probably Australia. That way they benefit from summer all year round.

As for us, we already have a local student from Lackham College on board who will be working all areas of our farm but concentrating on the harvest and drilling season and two 6th form students will be joining us to gain work experience, primarily on the livestock aspect of the business; both have an interest in agriculture and are considering pursuing it after school. The future is what our industry is promoting and we are embracing that 'down on the farm'.

Kit Pottow

ANGLING

The month of May began for me with a trip to Ullswater. On the bank holiday, there was snow on the fells and my car temperature gauge read 2 degrees on Hartside summit at 1900 feet. However the following day was a good fishing day and my son and I, with a grandson as boatman, caught a good number of the most lovely wild trout. In this very clear lake the trout are very silver and in very good condition. The following day it blew and rained but between the gales and showers, we caught more trout before giving in and having an early finish. I heard my first cuckoo of the year.

Since then, I have had 6 days of fishing locally. It has been a puzzling mayfly season. Hatches of the large mayfly (*E. danica*) have been modest and that is being kind! In addition, due to the warm and sometimes hot weather the duns have been able to fill the veins in their wings with blood and take off instantly. With no build up of duns on the surface, there is no incentive for the trout to rise and so take our floating imitations. On the Avon, I was able to watch a relatively small wild trout taking the mayfly nymphs as they ascended from the silt in the margin. That trout would not look at my imitations and the only other fish showing on the surface were grayling,

again wild fish, chasing the emerging nymphs and taking them just subsurface. On that date, May 23rd, I do not believe that the trout stocked this year on the Avon had learnt what a mayfly was! I have heard of one reasonable spinner (adult egg layers) fall, there may well have been others.

The Wylde developed an algae bloom during that week due, I suspect, to the bright sun. Fortunately, it had cleared by the 27th and the river looked good. The interesting question now is will the mayfly hatch trickle on into June and beyond, as it has in recent years? With a week of variable weather forecast almost anything

is possible! One positive feature of the season so far is that the hatches of small ephemerals (mayflies) have been better than they were last year. I have seen brief hatches each time I have gone to the river; last year at this time I saw none.

I have heard one cuckoo in the Avon valley and one on the Itchen but yet again none in the Wylde.

Robin Mulholland

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HOW GREEN IS OUR VALLEY? Continued

We hear daily how our wildlife is in decline, how we are on the verge of climate breakdown. Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough and Extinction Rebellion have all, in their different ways, rallied support around a common sense of urgency to tackle climate breakdown. The United Nations is warning that the rate of biodiversity loss is such that we have only two years to thrash out a new deal for nature or we could be facing our own extinction.

Lovely cheery stuff to brighten up our day; but is it all doom and gloom?

Should we be outraged? Should we be optimistic? Or both? Well, I am going to choose optimistic, at least for the health of our own Wylde Valley. I have seen enough of the results of outrage to not want to be in that camp. Some reasons for being optimistic:

- our children and our grandchildren can see the damage we have inflicted on our World and have the motivation to save our Planet
- our farming community; just look at the 'Down on the Farm' articles written by Kit Pottow to see how

dedicated our farmers are in the face of so many challenges

- the little 'differences that make the difference' locally - our living church yards that help provide the stepping stones for insect life, the work of the Wildlife Trusts, our own gardens...

There are so many reasons to remain optimistic and to use the positive energy that is a direct result of that optimism to continue to fight to maintain the gift of our beautiful green valley. And, if you feel motivated to share your views with our readers, we want to hear from you.

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SOCIAL CARE FORUM

The Warminster and Villages Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Forum met on 5th June for its second quarterly gathering. There were two main presentations. The first, from Mel Grace of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, highlighted the Priority Services Register. This is a joint initiative between SSE and Wessex Water to ensure that, during a power or water outage, people most in need are directly supported. It doesn't matter if SSE is not your supplier; the service is available to all people in Wiltshire. So if you have special needs such as medical equipment that uses electricity or water, are aged over 60 or have children under five (for example), then registering may be a good idea. Everyone has different needs, so if you are unsure, then give them a call on 0800 294 3259 or find more info at

ssen.co.uk/priority services.

The second talk was given by Judy Walker, Chief Executive Officer for Carer Support Wiltshire. Ms Walker outlined the aims of the organisation - to support those that care for others - and the many ways in which they aim to do this. In Warminster, there is a monthly Carer Support Group that meets on a Tuesday afternoon in The Old Bell. Over a lovely cream tea, you can chat with like-minded people and maybe let off some steam! There are also regular talks with Power of Attorney, mental health and fire safety being some of the most recent. For details of all the services available and to register with Carer Support see their webpage <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/> or speak with your local Community Connector, Diana James on 0800 181 4118.

The Warminster and Villages Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Forum is a volunteer group, open to anyone working, or with an interest, in community health services. The group aims to raise awareness of health services, encourage use of the services and help challenge any barriers that prevent access. It meets quarterly at the Civic Centre and the next gathering is 4th September 2019.

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LEGAL ADVICE: Septic tanks

Septic tanks - not the most glamorous of topics. However, the regulations are changing, and if you own a property with a septic tank or are thinking of buying one, you need to read on...

What are new septic tank rules?

Waste water from a septic tank is no longer allowed to flow into a local watercourse, such as a stream, river or ditch. The rules are designed to reduce levels of pollution in the nation's watercourses. Under the new regulations, waste water must be released into a proper standard drainage field, where it is filtered through pipes and eventually the sub-soil. This process offers a further form of purification and limits the chance of pollution. If your septic tank already runs through a proper drainage field, you should not need to take any further action, provided the tank is not within a sensitive area, such as being close to where ground water is extracted for drinking.

When does this come into effect?

Since 2015, property owners have not been allowed to install a new septic tank which discharges to a watercourse, but older tanks have been allowed to remain unaltered. This is going to change in 2020. If your property's septic tank discharges to a watercourse and not a proper drainage field, you must replace or upgrade to a system meeting current standards by 1st January 2020 - or before that date if you are selling your property. What are your options?

There are three main ways in which you can comply with the new regulations:

1. Connect to the main sewer - however, this may not be an option, especially in remote areas.

2. Swap your septic tank for a sewage treatment plant which meets the current standard of certification - sewage treatment plants produce a cleaner form of water run-off which is considered unpolluted enough to discharge straight to a watercourse.

3. Install a compliant drainage field - this will take the waste water from your septic tank, and disperse it safely into the ground without causing pollution. However in some cases this may not be possible due lack of space, or soil type.

Selling a property with a septic tank

If you are looking to sell a property with a non-compliant septic tank, you must

make sure that your system has been upgraded before you move, or have an agreement in place with your buyer. It is vital that you provide your buyer with correct information about the type of septic tank installed, and can verify that it meets the new regulations - failing to do so could cause a huge delay, or even cause the sale to fall through.

Buying a property with a septic tank

The regulations and requirements are complex and confusing. There is the risk when buying a property that the seller may not be fully aware of the type and condition of septic tank installed. It is highly advisable to have the septic tank surveyed by an expert before committing to the purchase. If you would like any advice about buying or selling a property with a septic tank, or any other residential property queries please contact Lisa Butcher on 01985 217464 or pop into our office in Warminster.

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MAY'S MESSY CHURCH

It was really special to welcome back folks who we hadn't seen

for a few months, and two new families too. We explored what it means to grow in our relationship with God through prayer. We are so used to an 'instant' life - coffee, e-mails, snapchat, and 24/7 news. We discovered that it needs patience and perseverance as any other relationship does.

It was also true, we found, that caring for those less fortunate than ourselves resulted in our praying for them ... and so one of the activities was looking at places and people who are suffering injustice. We then wrote a prayer for them.

Testing out perseverance was fun - how many times would we try to make a coin land on another one in a bucket of water? Did we get frustrated trying to blow up a balloon and tie a knot in it? Most people really enjoyed crackers and cream cheese as a base to write P-R-A-Y in twiglets and salt & vinegar sticks, and talk about prayer.

'Finding faith' was fun, as hands delved into trays of sand to find 'faith' and learn more about how, as we pray, our faith will grow. People loved the bracelets they made to remind them to pray.

During the Celebration time, everyone joined in to talk about what a real relationship is like - trust, love, care, communication, laughter, hugs ... the ideas kept coming. Everyone then read their prayer and we sang 'What a friend

we have in Jesus' before a finger meal of tacos stuffed with taco mince, veggies and sauces. We followed them with pretzels (homemade). Their origins are not entirely clear but one of the stories is that in 610 AD, an Italian monk invented pretzels as a reward to children who learnt their prayers. He called the strips of baked dough, folded to resemble arms crossing the chest, 'pretiola' (little rewards). The huge pile disappeared at a great rate, as did all the tacos.

In July, we hope to enjoy Messy Church outdoors, and the weather might even be good enough for a BBQ. It's on the 21st so if you can be with us, let us know so that we can make sure there are enough sausages! For more information, call 01985 850239 or check out <https://www.facebook.com/uwvtfamilies/>

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

I think dogs are amazing creatures, however I sometimes wish their owners were more thoughtful and considerate towards others, human and canine. It is sad to hear of the increasing attacks of dog on dog, particularly when many victims are support dogs. It isn't necessarily the dog, but rather the human attached or not, to its lead.

The thoughtless owners are everywhere, not least those who let their dog do its business on the patch of grass by the roadside that seems to belong to no one. If you walk the lanes of this beautiful area it is sometimes difficult to look up as you have to spend too much time looking down to ensure you miss the 'forgotten' dog poo. Not to mention having to keep out an extra eye when children or wobbly walking toddlers are in tow, if it is there, hidden by the long grass, you can be sure they will try to walk through it or fall into it! Not good as dog poo can cause blindness if tiny hands accidentally

transfer it to eyes!

There is a school of thought that argues that so long as it is flicked, with a stick, into the hedgerows, it is fine. If you ever wish to experience the wonders of this method, take the local 'park and train' to St Ives in Cornwall, and walk the narrow footpath into the town, the smell (resulting from said practices) is far from divine!

Over recent months, I have heard complaints from far and wide in the valley of river walks spoiled and 'cared for' grass verges outside homes polluted by heaps of dog poo in our villages. It is not impossible to buy cheap poo bags; some parish councils provide bags in dispensers scattered along popular walking routes and still the pollution reigns!

My plea is simple, dog walkers keep your dogs on leads until they have 'performed', pick up the waste and dispose of it in a responsible way ... seemingly-abandoned building are not bins. Be the kind of dog owner who, as father of the bride can, upon seeing his

wife begin to cry at the sight of their daughter in her wedding dress, reach into his pocket in search of a handkerchief only to produce a handful of poo bags! The tears turned to smiles and giggles at the sight.

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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR JULY

The Guvnor has been giving me a lot of stick recently for misdemeanours that either are not my fault or are beyond the abilities of a dog to correct. For example, he leaves the back door slightly ajar to allow me out and when I return, he admonishes me for not closing it behind me. Similarly, when he comes down first thing, he says something ludicrous like "Morning Turbo; I see you had a disturbed night and haven't yet made your bed".

This is all rather annoying and had me reflecting, not only on where the real fault lies, but on hierarchies more generally. I then pondered on the origins of the oft-heard phrase, 'Not me, Guv; I'm electrics' or the simpler, 'Not my fault, Guv; it's the Gumment'. I have found answers illusive other than a

general definition that said, 'The word Guvnor is a slightly denigrating term for someone who thinks he is in charge and used by another who is assumed to be an underling'. That just about describes our situation perfectly; I expect I could close the door and make my bed, but I've never really tried.

I'm not the only one, apparently, who doesn't close the door behind him. Children are the worst culprits, followed by teenagers who don't (yet) have to pay the heating bills and then come men who are in the loo. Close behind are visitors who suffer from 'threshold paralysis'; in other words, they either can't decide when to leave or keep remembering things they could have mentioned in the warm and dry. As far as I am concerned, a

closed door is the one I am on the wrong side of.

As to beds, if Tracey Emin can throw together an untidy bed which inspires a modern art sensation, why can't I? Perhaps it is her past and her existing status as a controversial artist that allows her to produce such pieces but I'm sure that many will maintain that the only difference between Tracey Emin's unmade bed and mine is the fact that hers is particularly disgusting and it is in the Tate Gallery. Oh, and hers was sold for £2.2 million and mine is an old cushion from a sofa that cost eight quid in 1972. Finally, I get into all sorts of trouble when I settle down on a neatly made bed upstairs. I'm not sure why; ridding isn't that dirty an activity, after all.

INTRODUCING THE PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

Dear Patient

The NHS is 70 years old. The UK population has grown dramatically since it was formed and we must also change so we can continue to deliver effective health care.

From 1st July Codford surgery will become part of the Sarum West Primary Care Network (PCN). PCNs are being in-

troduced to provide better integrated care to patients across the country.

This means GP surgeries will share our expertise and resources over a wider geographical area. We will work with other surgeries, social services, pharmacists, physiotherapists, hospitals, mental health professionals and voluntary organisations to deliver an even better joined-up service to patients.

We will be sharing and learning from best practice and the support of a wider network of professionals will help secure the future of our surgery.

What are we doing now?

This practice is currently part of Sarum West locality, which involves us working together with our 10 fellow GP surgeries. Our key focus has always been Putting Patients First, and we already have a project underway which is helping to prepare us for the change ahead. This is what we are doing:

- Arranging Mental Health training for

surgery staff so we can provide better support to patients with mental health issues across the locality.

- Introducing the AGE UK Living Well programme, where we have two AGE UK workers joining the locality to help us improve the wellbeing of older patients, providing non-medical support to those who need it.

- Seeking to Build links with Social Services to improve team working so we can deliver more effective care to vulnerable children and adults.

- Building better links and sharing good practice to provide good Carer Support to the many unpaid carers in the locality.

- Reviewing our Workforce Resilience, to consider how we can maximise the use of our resources - both people and funding.

- Spreading good practice on Quality and Safety and making sure all standards are consistently met, particularly in the delivery of End of Life Care.

As you can see, introduction of the Primary Care Network will simply reflect how we have been working for some time in Sarum West. The full list of surgeries in our locality, which will form the PCN, is:

- Courtyard, West Lavington
- Shrewton, Wilton, Codford and Fovant (The Orchard Partnership)

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VILLAGE NEWS

CODFORD

RETURN OF THE SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

Earlier this year, looking at the ragged remains of the nest in my wisteria, I hoped that the Spotted Flycatcher might return. Some of the nest had fallen to the ground during the high winds, and only half remained. Then, I noticed a tiny bird whirling about, wings like helicopter blades, and knew immediately, it had returned.

It is not the large adult bird of last year, and I wonder if it was the chick reared in the nest. Could it be that after the journey to Africa it had returned to where it was hatched?

The new chick is making itself known in the nest, with high pitched and prolonged chirping. The other morning, I looked out of the bedroom window, above the wisteria, and came beady eye to beady eye with the adult bird. Well, as it was rather early in the morning, the bird's eye was beady, mine rather bleary. I now keep that window closed, to not shock the poor bird further.

A neighbour has also seen a Spotted Flycatcher, and we thought it might be the same one, until, STOP PRESS, I saw a pair! To me, this is confirmation of the wonder

of nature. I wish the flycatcher family good luck with raising the chick, and the return journey to Africa, and hope they return to Codford next year.

HEYTESBURY

New Chairman for Heytesbury Imber & Knook

A new Chairman was elected at Heytesbury Imber & Knook's annual meeting last Tuesday evening. Following voting on the three nominations put forward, Councillor Louise Morris was appointed Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. Councillor David Bond was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Speaking after her appointment, Councillor Morris said how grateful she was for the support of her fellow members and looked forward to the challenge of this new role. Outgoing Chairman, Councillor Ann Perry said that she was delighted at being able to hand over the reins to someone who is dedicated and loves the Parish villages. Louise is the ideal candidate for the role.

Votes of thanks were given to Councillor Perry from members of the public and her fellow Councillors, who congratulated her on the huge contribution she had made to the Parish Council.

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

HEYTESBURY CHURCH UNVEILED

The large white protective covering over the chancel roof has dominated the Heytesbury skyline for several months, but the scaffolding has now been dismantled as the re-slating of the roof and restoration work to the clerestory windows and stonework has been completed.

Unfortunately, we had to re-erect scaffolding in the chancel for the clerestory windows to be removed for restoration.

During May, several artists had their work on display in the nave as part of the Wylde Valley Art Trail and it was an opportunity for many people to view local talent and to see the restoration work in the chancel. These two events meant that the interior of the church was full of scaffolding and artists' exhibition stands and we realised, in hindsight, that we need to ensure that we keep the village more informed of what is happening in the church to avoid any unfortunate misunderstandings.

HEYTESBURY CHURCH CELEBRATION CONCERT

To celebrate the completion of the entire Chancel Restoration Project, the cellist, Yalda Davis will be performing a programme of Telemann, Bach, Walton, Prokofiev and Bloch. Yalda is the daughter of the late Sir Colin Davis and has undertaken a project to perform in each of the 440 medieval churches in Suffolk in memory of her parents.

We are delighted that she has offered to perform at Heytesbury Church to celebrate the restoration of the interior of William Butterfield's Chancel and re-slating of the roof and to help us raise funds for the next project - the redecoration, restoration and re-ordering of the nave.

The concert will take place on Saturday, July 20th at 7:00pm in Heytesbury Church.

Tickets (£10 to include wine and nibbles) will be available every Saturday at the produce stalls in the church between 10:00-11:00.



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VILLAGE NEWS

SHERRINGTON

The seventh of June and we have RAIN! Wonderful for thirsty gardens and growing crops, less good for Boyton Fête and Farm Sunday too, fingers crossed!

In the village, the swan hatched four cygnets. After only four days they moved on. The family were seen on the river and, as the cob of the pair was a very attentive mate and a force to be reckoned with, all may be well. However, life out there is harsh.

Tiggy Thornton in Codford has the wonderful swifts back again and it is so good to know of the project at St Mary's that has erected nest boxes to encourage them and increase the numbers in the area. It is so vital to help these amazing travellers, whose nest sites are constantly decreasing. Nigel and some colleagues have a similar project at Westdown Camp in Tilshead. He is having a successful year so far with good healthy broods of Barn Owls and Kestrels and some Little Owls too.

Renée Sherman (late of the Manor) always phoned me when the swallows arrived. They have been absent of late but have been seen recently circling the house again. It is to be hoped they find nest sites. Lizzie Prior has, most evenings, the delight of seeing a smoke pale Barn Owl

gliding along the riverbank. It must come from a nest box in the area, a successful site.

Summer and the chemical face of arable farming is apparent, we are very short of wild flowers in this area, when the hedge parsley fades what then? Surprising then, as one drives behind Heytesbury towards East Farm, the land sloping up on the left seems to have a covering of snow. It is a magic mantle of ox eye daisies. Walking along the track below, it appears a flower rich meadow with clovers red and white, trefoils, buttercups, and orchids too on the upper slope. However, even on that heartening scene spot the bee or any other pollinator. Brilliant then to return to the garden and in common with many others there are bees, swinging on the blue geranium and nepeta, squeezing into foxgloves and a little later into the hollyhocks. We are not fans of spray; if the roses get spots or the hollyhocks get rust, they have to get over it and do better next year.

Trees are wonderful, heavy with foliage and the horse chestnuts seem in good heart despite the infestation they suffer later in the summer when they succumb to rust. The ash, however, is in a bad way and several trees are diseased and dying. They are such numerous trees;

the landscape will be the poorer.

With the passing of Will Collins, the community has lost a real country gentleman. Many years ago now, as our Harvest Thanksgiving ended, there would come a soft bass rumble from a pew at the rear of the church, a verse of 'Farmer's Boy'. It was John, brother of Will, both irreplaceable people.

STOP PRESS. Our Swans are back complete with all their four cygnets, rumour had it that they were down to three, but it's four, all looking gorgeous. Reported for a top-up breakfast, a bowl of corn, wonderful. *BL*

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Church

Theo Peter White

on 2nd June at Heytesbury
May he grow in the Christian Faith

Weddings

Congratulations to

Fiona Smith and Simon Collins

on 1st June at Tytherington
Emma Hassam and Nick Brown
On 22nd June at Heytesbury
May they have many happy years of married life together

Funerals

Our sympathy and love to those who mourn the passing of

Rosalind Jones

on 29th May at Semington
Will Collins
on 12th June at Codford St Mary
Kenneth Gordon Wesley
on 18th June at Heytesbury
May they rest in the peace and light of Christ

Please contact the Ministry Team to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation preparation or Service of Prayer and Dedication after a Civil Marriage. The clergy will officiate at any crematorium service.

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7th July 3rd Sunday of Trinity	Tytherington Codford St Mary Norton Bavant Sutton Veny Heytesbury Upton Lovell Tytherington	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Café church, breakfast from 9.30am Parish Communion Parish Communion Taizé Service	<i>Choir</i>
14th 4th Sunday of Trinity	Boyton Codford St Peter Sutton Veny Codford St Mary Knook Upton Lovell	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Sunday Worship Flower Show Service Parish Communion Patronal Festival Evensong (BCP)	<i>Choir</i>
21st 5th Sunday of Trinity	Heytesbury Norton Bavant Codford St Peter Sutton Veny Upton Lovell Codford Village Hall Tytherington	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Morning Prayer + baptism Parish Communion Messy Church Patronal Pimms & Hymns	<i>Choir</i>
28th 6th Sunday of Trinity	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 Evensong (BCP)	<i>Choir</i>
Monday 29th	Heytesbury	7.00pm	Licensing of Trudy Hobson	<i>Choir</i>

AUGUST

4th August Transfiguration	Norton Bavant Sutton Veny Hall	8.30am 10.00am	BCP Communion Café Church, breakfast from 9.30
7th Sunday after Trinity	St Leonard's, Sutton Veny	6.00pm	Team Service: Evensong
11th 8th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Mary Upton Lovell	10.00am 6.00pm	Team Parish Communion (Lammas) Team Service: Evensong
Thursday 15th	Boyton	6.00pm	Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary
18th 9th Sunday after Trinity	Knook Tytherington	10.00am 6.00pm	Team Service: Matins Team Parish Communion
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