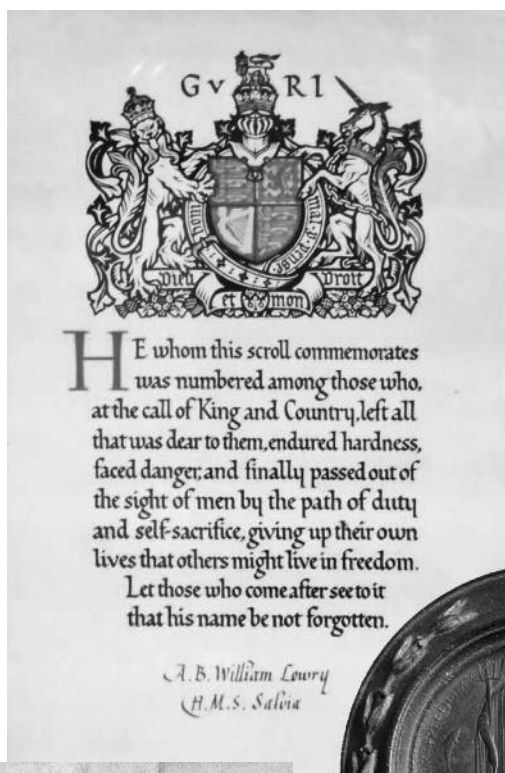


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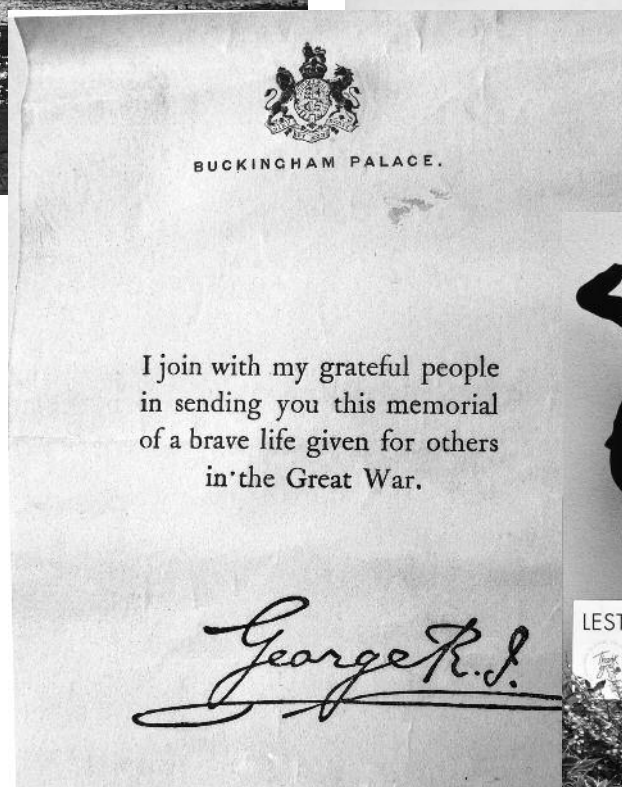


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EDITORIAL

November the Month of Remembrance, the images shown are from the Great War with the exception of the sunset and the figures outside Warminster Council Offices.

This month I have tried to include something for the children, advice from a grandson who asked why there was nothing for children in the Parish News, further explanation on page 11 and an example on Page 12.

We hope to include more for children in the coming months, if you would like to contribute, please email the editor.

FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE

Wednesday 1 November
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Tickets were quickly taken up - you've just got time to still get yours.

Arrival and gathering Teams: 6.30pm (Bar open), Quiz: 7pm, Curry: 8pm

Tickets: £12.50

Available from the Post Office at Budgens, or Vincie on 850239.

It would be really helpful if you would let us know whose team you are on so we can get the tables correct this year!! Teams of 6.

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The Codford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding its annual Remembrance Day service at the church of St John the Baptist, Stockton on Sunday 12th November 2023 starting at 10.45.

The congregation are asked to be seated in the church by 10.40.

Veterans who wish to march to church should gather by the Royal British Legion branch standard at the end of the lane leading to the church at 10.35.

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MINISTRY TEAM LETTER

AS OTHERS SEE US

For nearly 1,000 years, village churches have been at the heart of their communities. There are now a lot of pressures challenging that. Here are some reflections on the subject.

"The church is increasingly irrelevant."

Certainly, some of the issues it gets wound up about may seem ridiculous. But deeper than the outside skin, Christians and the church are at the forefront of issues such as looking after our planet and caring for those most vulnerable. A village church is there for everyone - in their strengths and their needs. A central tenet is loving our neighbour and what could be more about community building and caring than that? A good village church should have in mind the care and needs of all who live around it - and that is why I am called to pray for everyone who lives here - which I try to do - those of faith, those of other faiths, those of no faith, and even those who think it is ridiculous to be praying! Simple prayer - thinking about people before God - is a cement in the building blocks of a church trying to care.

"It doesn't live up to its message."

And that, sadly, is often true. In addition to awful stories of abuse, which is a complete denial of what it proclaims, all too often it behaves like any other human institution. That should not surprise us, because it is a human institution - and, like anything else to do with humans, it is fallible and gets things wrong - as I and you do! Strangely though, this gets to the heart of why we need the church. It does not proclaim a message that we are all wonderful. It proclaims, whilst we can all be very loving, we can also be very selfish - which is why saying sorry is part of most services. I am aware that is counter-cultural in this age: but I do believe it is much more accurate than the righteousness of so much of our present, judgemental age. We can only become more loving if we know and acknowledge we also get things wrong - but do so in the context of God's love and desire to enable new starts.

"All that belief stuff has been rendered obsolete by science."

The church has asked for trouble here: whether it be denying Galileo's discovery through his telescope that the

earth is not the centre of the solar system, through to mocking evolutionary theory in the C19th. But my Christian faith, as that of the great majority of believers, has no problem at all with scientific discovery. If there is a force we call God behind the universe, how can science be a threat? How does evolution theory pose a threat? However, we can also make a false God of science: nuclear fission produced much good - but also the nuclear bomb; AI can transform our world, or destroy it. Open-ended and questioning religion and science should, and can, walk hand in hand, trying to make our world practically and spiritually a better place.

"We are all too busy to go to church."

Indeed we are! Frantically busy and Sundays in our manically busy world are precious. But also, if what I read in the media is true, we are under more mental health pressure than ever before, with so many negative side effects. Meditation and mindfulness can help, but they still largely look for self-improvement. A service can take us outside ourselves, reflecting on the love of God, new starts, God's love with us, a community round about us. Even if the sermon is REALLY boring, does that matter? It gives time just to sit and not be a prisoner to social media or the myriad of demands made upon us daily. If I knew what everyone is actually thinking about during my sermons . . . ! But that's fine.

But your church does need your help! Traditionally, village churches have worked on multiple levels. For many, of course, faith; but for many others, liking to come together as a community, the regularity of a pattern to the week, liking singing, or just wanting some peace and quiet. Our churches here have a variety of patterns of worship - from ancient, time-tested language, to informality and easily accessible modern language.

And a final thought. Though churches and vicars are human with their foibles, you will see much going on, not just to build up community, but also trying to care for and love one another and nature around us, in our busy and often chaotic world.

With my best wishes, Peter

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. *John chapter 15 v 12ff RH*

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THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN...

I have just spent a very full and happy October day working in the garden. It gave me time to consider what has been successful and what has not, and what I might do differently next year.

This has been a gardening year of ups and downs, the weather being either very wet, very hot or, as I write, just right. The sun has been out all day and it's still very warm, so much so that I have been moving around the garden to stay out of direct sun whilst weeding. It seems that the bindweed has been more invasive than ever this year, but my roses started flowering early in the season and have continued to bloom all year. They just need constant deadheading to bloom continuously, as does so much else in the garden. Sometimes when it was too wet, I just spent time deadheading.

I have been collecting a lot of seeds, such a good way to start next year, and saves money instead of buying commercial products. Seed heads come in so many different shapes from the beautiful delicate balls of alliums to poppies, to the tight clutches of marigolds and the little round balls of Love-in-the-Mist with their delicate fronds. Love-in-the-Mist and Teasles will stay in the garden as they self-seed everywhere and look so statuesque during the winter when covered in frost.

This year we have also grown some huge sunflowers with stems over 2 inches

in diameter. They are now propped up against the hedge so that the that goldfinches and other birds will find them for food in winter.

We have just returned from Mallorca where we stay with a friend and help to do her gardening for her, as she is a little immobile. Mediterranean gardening is so very different; cutting Bougainvillea should not be taken lightly, the thorns are massive and many, but each year we need to do some serious chopping back. Amongst the hibiscus and other beautiful plants her garden also has Jacaranda with its delicate foliage and lovely blue flowers early in the year. There are also Palmeras, which look like giant pineapples. These are slowly dying all across the island, as they have become infested with a red weevil which was imported in plants a while ago - where have we heard that before? Remember Dutch Elm disease probably imported from Asia, which I remember destroyed a beautiful avenue of elms when I was growing up in Warwickshire. Now our Chestnut and Ash trees are also under threat.

I must end on a high note and say how much I am looking forward to having the garden under full control soon, with planting more bulbs in my pots and mulching and preparing for next year.

Ali Tebbs

THREADS THROUGH CREATION

Come to Wells Cathedral to see eight million stitches expressing God's love!

'Threads through Creation' is an astonishing, uplifting bible-based textile art exhibition, on show until 27th November at Wells Cathedral. It consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from the bible. They're huge - nearly 3m high and up to nearly 4m wide. It appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds, and is very family friendly.

You've read Genesis in black and white: now see the story in glorious colour, dramatic and complex designs - truly breathtaking. You've never seen anything like it. It's one of the largest textile art projects by a single artist, ever. It took Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches!

A number of churches have used it as an opportunity for a highly enjoyable group visit. This can create a lovely focus for a group of churches, maybe in the same benefice or town, maybe different denominations as a Churches Together

initiative. (We can also provide some study materials). It can also - importantly - bring in people at the edges of the church. See www.wellscathedral.org.uk

Admission to the cathedral is by recommended donation: full price £8; concessions (11-18, 65+, students) £7; under 10s free; family £20; reductions on groups.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

The new season of breakfasts got off to a splendid start on 2nd October when almost 60 breakfasters enjoyed a hearty plateful and each other's company before hearing Ray Aldis deliver an entertaining and informative talk entitled 'Nelson - Why such a hero?'. As the historian of the Nelson Society, Ray's deep knowledge of his subject shone through. He clearly impressed his audience enough to encourage some additional donations to his chosen charity - the Nelson Society. A total of £166 was raised.

The speaker at the November breakfast is to be the Right Reverend Stephen Lake, the Bishop of Salisbury. Consecrated in April last year and welcomed into the diocese in June, he has had his feet under the desk and his shepherd's crook (crozier) in his hand for just over a year. So, the timing is good for him to address the question in his chosen topic, 'Are you enjoying being a bishop?'. With the recent launch of a new and ambitious five-stranded vision for the diocese to make Jesus known in every place set in our local context of vacant clergy posts, his talk will undoubtedly be a stimulating one for a Monday morning.

The breakfast on Monday November 6th will be held at 8.00am (for 8.15 start) at the George Inn, Longbridge Deverill. Breakfasts cost £15*, of which £2 will go towards the charity of the speaker's choice - on this occasion it will be Salisbury Diocese Sudan Link. (*Inflation has dictated a projected rise in the cost of the breakfast. This will be negotiated down if possible.)

Please note, this is not a club, but is open to all. Just contact the organisers via email (uwvmfb@gmail.com), before the preceding Friday at the latest, if you'd like to attend.

TURBO'S DOG BLOG...THE 'AFTER'



I told you last month that I was worried; well, wow! This is my new look, and I have already had quizzical glances in the street, together with enquiries on the lines of 'what happened to poor old Turbo'? One of our acquaintances who has known me all my life remarked on my 'beautiful markings' which she has never seen before, while another cheeky so-and-so asked if I was Turbo's son!

The groomer, a magician called Emily Rose, has four photographs of me on her web page which I thought was a nice gesture as it put me in the same category as footballers, film stars, rock chicks and cakewalk models but the Guvnor was quick to point out that it was actually only an advertisement above the caption, 'I've never, ever, ever, taken so much fur

off such a small dog'.

I suppose it doesn't matter what you are famous for as long as you are in the public eye for good reasons. After all, someone famously said, 'If life gives you lemons make lemonade' while an infamous contributor said, 'If life gives you lemons make sure you know whose eye to squeeze them in.' The truly entrepreneurial said, 'If life gives you lemons, make orange juice and leave the world wondering how you did it.' But we are making apple juice!

The Guvnor is infamous for all the wrong reasons. After a productive season and harvest, Codford has been apple pressing. A few years ago, the Village Hall Committee, with splendid prescience and with community spirit in mind, invested in an apparatus to press apples and I don't know if it 'washes its face' in terms of the financial bottom line but there is something very satisfying, apparently, in taking a load of apples down to the Hall and returning with fifteen bottles of juice.

The Guvnor and his granddaughter collected a barrow load of Kidd's Orange and another of containers for the juice and I watched them trundle off in tandem to the 'juicing' station shaking my head with embarrassment as I rejected the offer to accompany them. Why the stand-offish attitude, you might ask; well,

the second barrow held one old empty orange juice carton, two rinsed out milk cartons and thirty, yes thirty (30) empty wine bottles. What sort of picture of daily life in our house does that convey to the public, I thought - and would have nothing to do with it.

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DOWN ON THE FARM...

November is upon us, and the field work continues. We endeavour to have finished such tasks as planting the wheat and grass seed by the time the clocks change, an unlikely happening but the early maize harvest will help towards achieving this.

The maize was good, better than average but the crop was obviously stressed at some point, most likely due to weather conditions because there were lots of little cobs rather than one big one on the stems.

Jamie was confronted by a tank during maize harvest, the tank won, and Jamie was the one to reverse out the way and then both parties continued with their equally important jobs of the day, one defending our country the other feeding it.

The target to start wheat by 10th October was met and this is productive as it helps with grass weed control.

Grass seed has been planted but late because of the weather, not a problem for the Italian Rye grass, which is the silage grass but a bit late for the perennial which is for grazing, we were hoping to direct drill grass into the permanent pasture to improve the grazing but it is too wet, so on hold until Spring next year.

Working the land is a privilege and an opportunity to watch nature, deer's

bound across your path, birds of prey merrily sweep above you, watching carefully as you might just disturb some tasty morsel for them to swoop down and gather their supper. Seagulls follow as you plough, cultivate and drill. Hares leap at great speed and rabbits scurry around.

Working the land and knowing it as well as we do it's not unusual for us to be asked to look out for lost animals as we can access areas others can't including buildings that are no longer in use. Sometimes we have been lucky, and a lost animal has been found and reunited.

We are still on the lookout for a little grey and white cat from Heytesbury who has been missing for some weeks now,

I make sure I check all our outbuildings regularly just in case she is hiding and keeping our rodent population at bay. Farms are a safe haven as food is readily available and plenty of opportunity to lie low. Social media is a wonderful method of communication but not all folk have access. If you read this and know of a little cat of the above description being cared for, please let me know.

The milking cows are all in now and the young stock will be in very soon so for all those who are nervous of the cows when walking you will be a little more at ease as we head into another winter 'down on the farm'.

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THE PENGUIN LESSONS by Tom Mitchell

One has to remind oneself that it is a true story, because it has all the hallmarks of make-believe. The back cover tells us: "On holiday in Uruguay, Tom Mitchell rescues a penguin from an oil slick, only to find that the bird then refuses to leave his side. Tom has little choice but to smuggle his new companion across the border, through customs and into Argentina, where he teaches in a boys' boarding school." The story that follows is laced with humour, fraught with danger and totally delightful. And all so improbable.

Each short chapter presents a new dimension of life with a penguin-companion, starting with the necessity of cleaning an oil-covered bird with very sharp beak and claws which it intends to use in self-defence. The descriptions of scenery, circumstance and people are beautifully

sharp. The story would make a wonderful film, but there's no way you could coach a penguin to perform to Juan Salvador's high standards. The intelligence of the penguin is complemented by his ability to endear himself to every person he meets.

One chapter stands out: when Juan Salvador (the penguin) is finally allowed into the school swimming pool. The ungainly land-animal becomes an acrobat of remarkable speed and agility, and at the same time transforms the life of a rather pathetic homesick schoolboy.

The audio book is read by Bill Nighy. That must be a treat to brighten the day of anyone who listens to it.

Katherine Venning

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In recent time he has had a painting done by a talented artist.

On Friday the 10th of November he is to be interviewed on the BBC, during the evening 'One Show' when the painting will be shown with him in a field where many poppies are growing.

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ANGLING NOTES

Due to a pulled muscle in August, a heat wave followed by some wild wet weather in September I have not fished at all since my return from South Uist. Our most recent trip was cancelled because storm Agnes was forecast but in fact it did not arrive here!

It seems inevitable that at some point we are going to have beavers on the chalk streams. There has been considerable support for their reintroduction built up by the media where they have been portrayed as cuddly, interesting animals by some presenters. There have been some illegal releases most notably onto the Tay where there are now some 1,000 animals in the wild.

There have been some legal releases and there are a number of groups held in pens in various locations, some not too far away. Inevitably there will be escapes and it is only possible to assume that they will arrive everywhere in time, including the Wylde valley.

Although the early illegal releases on the Tay took place where the river ran close to the A9 the beavers have spread throughout the system and into neighbouring catchments. Where damage has occurred NatureScot has begun to grant licenses to move groups to areas they deem suitable. This has not gone down well with farmers in the receiving areas.

It is difficult to envisage how beavers would fit into the completely man-made environment of the chalk valleys and the real concern is that they are protected animals, and controlling them will be difficult. Inevitably, if as I believe will

happen, it is concluded that their reintroduction was not a good idea there will always be a pressure group who will oppose any control and any hope of eradication will be thwarted.

I have seen beavers in the wild in Sweden and in Tierra del Fuego; they are not cuddly and not particularly interesting, and they cut down trees. Any reintroductions are complicated and sometimes outcomes are not what was expected.

Following the reintroduction of White-Tailed Sea Eagles to the Isle of White one of the birds became focused on the Canada geese on Langford Lakes. This was good as there has always been a need to control the numbers of Canada geese

and lots of people got to see it. The bird or any one of the reintroductions could equally easily have become focused on a free-range poultry unit or an outdoor pig unit: hens and piglets would be perfect prey.

What could a farmer do? it is a protected bird. I do not believe that the Isle of White today is anything like the island was when White Tailed Sea Eagles last bred there.

Robin Mulholland

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DID YOU KNOW ? History of the Rugby World Cup.

Many of you will have been following the Rugby World Cup over the six weeks which comes to a conclusion on Saturday 28th October, when the final is played in Paris. At the time of writing this article, the group stages of the tournament are coming to an end, with the strongest teams progressing to the Quarter Finals.

The tournament is administered by World Rugby, the sport's international governing body. The winners are awarded the Webb Ellis Cup, named after William Webb Ellis who, according to popular legend, invented rugby in 1823, by picking up the ball during a football game at Rugby School.

The inaugural Rugby World Cup

tournament was held in 1987 and was jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand, with sixteen nations participating. The tournament is held every four years and alternates between the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Twenty teams now qualify for each Rugby World Cup. Twelve teams qualify automatically, based on their performance in the previous World Cup. The qualification for the remaining eight places is region-based, with a total eight teams allocated for Europe, five for Oceania, three for the Americas, two for Africa and one for Asia. The last place is determined by an intercontinental play-off.

Before the introduction of the

Rugby World Cup, there was no global rugby union competition, but there were a number of other tournaments. One of the oldest is the annual Six Nations Championship, which started in 1883 as the Home Nations Championship: a tournament between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. It expanded in 1910, when France joined the tournament and in 2000, Italy joined the competition, which then became the Six Nations.

The 2023 Rugby World Cup is being held in France in a number of stadia throughout the country. South Africa are the current holders of the cup, having beaten England in the final 32-12 in Japan. South Africa and New Zealand have both won the trophy three times, with Australia winning twice and England once.

The 1995 World Cup was hosted and won by South Africa, beating New Zealand 15-12. Who can forget the scene of President Nelson Mandela, wearing a Springbok jersey, presenting the trophy to South Africa's captain, Francois Pienaar? England's 20-17 victory over Australia in 2003 in Sydney, will be forever remembered for Jonny Wilkinson's magnificent winning drop goal.

Jonathan Wansey

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Villagers are fortunate in having a very senior military gentleman who with his gardener prunes, weeds and generally takes care of the rose beds at our War Memorial. He and his gardener give a deal of their time & energy to keep the roses, originally donated by the Ladies of the Heytesbury Branch Royal British Legion, in neat order. Thank you!

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SHERRINGTON

Early October and the afternoon sky is threaded with Swallows. They will have come down from the North, following the call of the South. Now, today, they are gone.

I left a few windfall apples on the grass. A week later they are still untouched, an indication of plenty of hedgerow food but also of a diminished number of Blackbirds. I fear that could be something to do with the numerous Magpies in the area, birds of supreme elegance but voracious nest robbers. Leaves are falling but the brush of Autumn's colour has not yet touched the trees. I look at the trees, leaves with dense foliage and am always amazed that the leaves will fall and rot away to nothing, leaving all those branches empty until Spring.

Richard Morris made his debut as Church Warden at the Harvest Thanksgiving. The service went smoothly, we were assisted by members of the choir and, as always, the congregation left smiling. Contributions to the Foodbank were generous and Richard was able to take a full hamper and several bags.

Bert Imber at No 23 had often

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

On Sunday 17th September in Heytesbury Church, Judi and I were deeply grateful to everyone who came to the service, for so many kind words as we celebrated our ministry over the last ten years. We were very moved by the presence of all who joined us and found the singing of our chosen hymns and the prayers really quite emotional. In addition, we were able to let everyone know about 'Elizabeth's Smile', the charity that our beloved son Nick set up before he died in July. The charity aims to support children who experience the

death of a parent through terminal illness. (See www.elizabeth.org)

Those who attended most generously contributed £350 to the charity, and I have received a grateful letter from the trustees. Thank you so much, Katherine and Mark Venning, for arranging the singing, and finally one of my favourite pieces of music, 'Farewell to Stromness', which brought tears to my eyes!

I will no longer be leading church services but remain much involved with the congregation Sunday by Sunday.

Robin Hungerford



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encouraged us to pick his dahlias for the church and this year, to continue the tradition, Jo Thomson brought two generous vases of wonderful colour that lighted the main windows.

We have such talent in the village. Mandy creates spectacular work in glass and Wendy contributed a stunning group of pumpkins in crochet for the Harvest Service.

Saddened beyond words by the destruction of the landmark Sycamore at Hadrian's Wall, not only by the tragedy of its loss but at the small, vindictive minds that could even contemplate the act. *BL*

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4th Sunday	Sutton Veny	9.30am	Parish Communion	
before Advent	Codford St Peter	11.00am	Parish Communion	choir
	Upton Lovell	3.00pm	All Souls' Service	
12 November	Norton Bavant	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
REMEMBRANCE	Sutton Veny	10.45am	Remembrance Service	
SUNDAY	Heytesbury	10.45am	Remembrance Service	
19 November	Boyton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
2nd Sunday	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion	
before Advent	Heytesbury	9.30am	Sunday Worship	
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion	choir
26 November	Sutton Veny	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
CHRIST	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Parish Communion	choir
THE KING	Knook	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Church
Rosanna Philippa Drummond Smith
Florence Nancy Walker
on 23rd September at Knook
May they grow in the Christian faith

Old Friends remembered

Mary Eva Feltham of Codford
Rosie Mahon of Codford
Josephine Livett of Sutton Veny House
Ann Ponsonby of Sutton Veny
Elizabeth Pickford of Sutton Veny
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.

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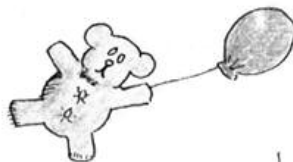
SOMETHING FOR CHILDREN

On the back page we have a poem for children, in the editorial we said we would like to create a children's page. This comes from small selection of unpublished works by Ian Milne created 25 or so years ago. They were rendered from Ian's poems and line drawings by his wife Gilly Milne between 1998 and 2000. Some were conceived in an exercise book by Ian, for his son Paul, in 1990, together with others created for both sons during their Primary school years at The Minster.

Ian joined the Army as a boy soldier in 1972 at the age of 15. His art teacher had hoped he would have stayed at school, but it wasn't to be. He was with the army for an additional twenty-four years. He shared his love of music and art with his

sons in their formative years. Both share his creative flair; he would be very proud of them.

Gilly has been responsible for the Parish News Design and layout since 2000.



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