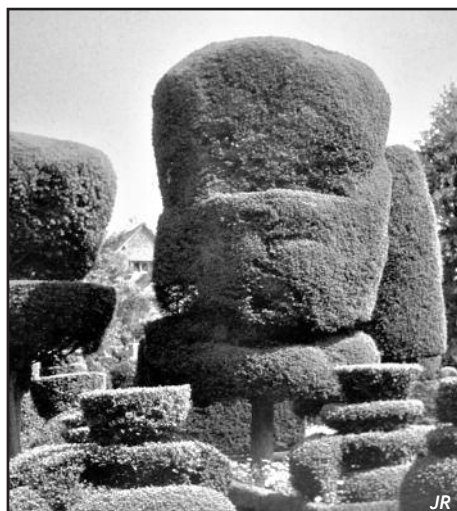


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OF THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY

OCTOBER 2024



"What is it?"



"is there anyone there?"

Strange Happenings:



"Surrealism"



"Peppa gets everywhere!"



"Butterfly Ball" by Cerys

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"Cows in Conference"

THE CHAIRMAN'S TRIBUTE TRANSPOSED

The Parish News Committee held a garden party at summer's end in early September to thank its supporters. Some forty assembled, with a similar number unable to attend so the Chairman's speech is reproduced below to spread the word to those who missed it and to our readers. "You are an important group of people and as the Committee's spokesman I have an important message for you. You are all volunteers; committee members, contributors, advertisers or distributors and without any part of this team the Parish News would not function. Distributors who put some 1400 copies through letter boxes

are critical because however good the rest of it is, the final product has to drop on the mat. Many of our readers could read it online, but many don't want to.

As volunteers you can stop doing what you do whenever you like - but please don't! When the time does come, please find someone to replace you as we cannot do that from the centre.

Meanwhile, I now raise my own glass to all of you, and to your absent colleagues, and reiterate my thanks for all you do. We are immensely grateful."

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The first of the new season on Men's Breakfasts will take place on Monday 7th October at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill, starting at 8.15 am. The speaker will be Jonathan Laver, the President of the MCC. Before the cricketers get too excited, this MCC is The Motor Cycling Club - Britain's oldest sporting motor club for both motorcycles and cars. Jonathan is a true enthusiast and an entertaining speaker; drawing from his long-time involvement with the Club and the world of classic cars.

The title of Jonathan's talk is 'Untold History' and its genesis is an incident involving gentlemen throwing horse manure in London. His story is of a very British institution that few people know of and one that changed history. If that hasn't intrigued you sufficiently to come along, nothing will!

Breakfasts cost £15, of which £2 will go towards the charity of the speaker's choice, which on this occasion will be Veterans with Dogs.

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.

For your diaries, please note that the November breakfast will not be on the usual first Monday but on Wednesday 6th November in order to accommodate the diary of our speaker, Commander Catherine Roper, Chief Constable of Wiltshire.

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MINISTRY LETTER

By the time you read this, I will have been licensed as a Lay Minister (LLM) by the Bishop of Sherborne at a service in Salisbury Cathedral. Lay Readers were first introduced in 1866. Over the decades, the ministry of Readers has evolved and expanded, and the title changed to Licensed Lay Ministers in many dioceses. Today, LLMs are called to lead public worship, to preach and teach the Gospel, to share in pastoral work and to encourage the ministries of all God's people. They are authorized to lead funeral services, but not to preside at Holy Communion.

A sense of personal call from God to pursue training as an LLM has to be tested and confirmed, and the ultimate decision rests with the Bishop. So it was that in June 2023, after completing all the paperwork, I attended a Diocesan Discernment Day. I was required to give a short presentation, to take part in a group discussion, complete a short written assignment, and had 2 interviews. In due course, I received the exciting, but somewhat daunting news that I had been accepted for training!

The training normally takes 2 years, but since I have a degree in Theology, I was allowed to do just one year at Sarum College in Salisbury. The teaching was mainly on-line, with work and reading set

for each week, and a weekly zoom group tutorial, which required a high level of self-discipline! There were also written assignments to be completed. I much preferred residential weekends with face-to-face teaching and discussion. Much of our training was alongside those training for ordained ministry, and participants were from several Dioceses, from a variety of backgrounds and churches.

Modules included Pastoral Care, with an emphasis on bereavement and funerals; the history of Anglicanism, and preparation for rural ministry. I did an enjoyable and interesting 4 week placement in a large, lively church in Frome - a very different context from the UWVT! Alongside academic work, there was an emphasis on spiritual formation - to be reflective, to develop one's personal faith and understanding of a call to ministry, which is an ongoing process.

LLMs have to be licensed to a person, normally their Vicar or Rector. Since UWVT is at present in vacancy this presented a problem! However, the Bishop has found a solution. I am a volunteer lay chaplain at Erlestoke Prison and I will be licensed to the Anglican Chaplain there, while still taking services in our benefice. I look forward to my new ministry, to follow God's calling wherever that might

lead, and to share his Gospel and love in our communities. *Barbara Luscombe*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did". So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world." *John 4 v39ff* *RH*

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The 2025 edition of the Wyllye Valley Calendar is now available and, as in previous years, all proceeds will be donated to Wiltshire based international children's charity Hope and Homes for Children (registered charity no. 1089490). The price of the calendar is £11.50 and copies are available locally from Wyllye Post Office, Budgens at Codford, Ginny's Café at the Ginger Piggery or Heytesbury Stores, or in Warminster from Coates & Parker. You can also order online at www.chrislockphotography.co.uk or from the online shop at www.hopeandhomes.org

This is the 14th edition of the calendar and although it becomes more difficult each year to come up with a different collection of views, hopefully the images do justice to this lovely part of Wiltshire. This year, the opening pages of the calendar include a piece about the River Wyllye entitled 'The Journey of a Wiltshire Chalk Stream'. The calendar is

in the usual format and, for anyone wishing to send it as a gift, comes with a sturdy mailing envelope and can be sent at the 'large letter' rate.

Last year, 639 copies of the calendar were sold and, when combined with sales of the Nadder Valley Calendar, the total amount raised was just over £6,800. All of this money supports the overseas programmes of Hope and Homes for Children, in Eastern Europe, Southern and East Africa and South Asia. The charity remains committed to the belief that every child deserves the love and belonging of a safe family home, never the abuse and neglect suffered in orphanages. Closing an orphanage means finding a loving family for every single child in that orphanage, meeting each of their needs, every time. Since 1994 the charity has worked with the UN, EU and local and national governments worldwide to close the doors of orphanages forever. *Chris Lock*

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Even with the rubbish Autumn and Spring weather the harvest proved to be better than expected, the corn and beans were harvested before 1st September, only just! The machinery was turned off with 15 minutes to spare.

Yields were average and at times above average. Second wheats (had wheat in the field the year before) were better than expected despite the flooding in the fields at Heytesbury. The beans have never been cut in August before and were good considering they were planted in atrocious conditions.

A good corn harvest is important as we feed in the region of 550 tons of our home-produced wheat to the cows, the more we produce the less we need to buy in, and any excess is sold.

Maize is looking a little bit late as we went in late, having had stress early on could well be why its going to be later than normal - looking like an October harvest which isn't ideal. As Robert says he would rather there be dust being kicked up than mud, so we may well be digging out the 'mud on road' signs.

In August the grass just stopped growing so 4th cut could be non-existent which means we will have to buy in to have enough to the feed the cows over the winter.

To increase primarily the protein in our silage we have moved away from Italian rye grass and have sown seed mixtures of hybrid and perennial rye grass and within it there is red and white clover so you will be seeing clover flowers across the fields in late Spring.

The rape is the next crop to be sown, we've gone for a late drilling to try and avoid the infamous flea beetle. The ground is being cultivated and drilled in a race against both the rain and the beetles!

As I write this Jamie is preparing calves for the showing season ahead. He has been diligently rearing, training to the halter, grooming, clipping and providing a 5* environment for them.

He has qualified for the National Calf Show, not only with a calf but he himself as a leader. Qualifying this year was particularly important as it is his last opportunity before he is too old. Alongside this there are agricultural shows and the Dairy event so a busy time ahead for the show team 'down on the farm'.

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THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

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feel as though it's hardly been out of the garage. We have one garden bench that has not come out of storage all summer. They say the British talk too much about the weather but can you blame us when it has been so wet and cool! I'm sure I'm not alone when I say that while watching the rain I was hoping that, with such a poor summer, we might have been treated to an Indian summer, but sadly not this year. I suppose the upside is that there has been very little need for watering, the water butts have not run dangerously low and our lawns have looked green and generally everything has looked very lush. The vegetable harvest has been very mixed: my spuds have done well, but raspberry canes have been almost bare. Runner beans on the whole have been good, sweet peas have been good, but not many sweet corn. Courgettes always do well and now we are into a bumper harvest of apples. So much we can do with apples: I like them baked and stuffed in the middle with dried fruits and honey, and apple pies will be winging their way

to the freezer for winter puddings.

The other bonus is that the water in the pond has not become dangerously low. I have *Sarracenia* in the margins of the pond bought at a Codford Garden Club talk last year; they have not dried out and look very healthy. September seems to have been dragonfly month. I'm no expert on their names, but we have some large green ones, which make a very distinct noise of wing beats, a small red one and several damselflies; they are such a joy to watch as they dip their abdomens in the water, laying eggs.

Now is a good time to start planning for 2025; I do have quite a few ideas. My first thoughts are for the bulbs early next year. Being the first bright colours of Spring, I look forward to the wonderful sight of daffodils and tulips. I have lots of bulbs already but there is always room for more and I can't resist them when they appear in the garden centre!

Ali Tebbs

TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR THE END OF SUMMER

'Life's not fair' is a common cry and I know why; today is my birthday and didn't receive so much of a nod as the household came to life at the crack of mid-morning. No cards cascading through the letter box, no promise of a pub lunch (indeed, they disappeared for a curry and lager themselves without a thought for the birthday boy) and as I am 12 today (aka 84 in human years) I thought this might be a milestone worth marking.

But then they surprised me; teatime arrived, and a spotted hanky (napkin) was tied round my neck, I was put in the chair at the end of the kitchen table, and then had my feet placed on said table and my food bowl placed in front of me with a flourish. They sang 'Happy Birthday, dear Turbo...' but by the

time they had finished making a frightful row I had also finished my 'birthday tea'. It was then I realised that I had been dressed up to the twelves simply for a photo shoot as my tea had consisted of the everyday, bog standard, kibble with a blob of dog meat on top for decoration. Not even a candle; pah!

The Guvnor, on the other hand, whose birthday it was a few days ago, was proud of the 11 cards he received but I noticed that all but one was pretty mocking and that four were duplicates from people who had forgotten they had already sent one because they couldn't trust the Royal Mail. He also had presents; a bar of Dairy Milk, a chocolate orange, a bottle of Lidl's Merlot, a tube of Vaporub and a box of what used to be

called 'Man-size' tissues, but now called 'Additional Size'. NB: none very long-lasting!

A few people liked the poetic licence I used in last month's blog; in particular, positive comment came from my friend, Jonathan, who lives in Heytesbury and who knows a thing or two (he sends me a Christmas card, but then everyone knows when Jesus's birthday is). One of his neighbours, however, criticised the doggerel adversely as it, apparently, 'didn't scan'. I am delighted to pass that problem on to the Guvnor whose excuse is that his scanner is broken.

Finally, another of his mates sent him a message that said, 'Enjoyed Turbo's piece; give him a round of appaws.' It really isn't worthy of me, you know.

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DID YOU KNOW: HALLOWEEN

The origins of Halloween date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celtic people originated in Western Europe around the 5th century BC and approximately two thousand years ago, they were living in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France.

The festival of Samhain celebrated the Celtic new year on November 1st and it marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the bleak cold winter, which at that time was often associated with death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. Therefore, on the night of October 31st, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Bonfires would be lit and costumes were worn to ward off ghosts.

Following the growth of the Roman Empire, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands and in the 8th Century, Pope Gregory 3rd designated November 1st as a time to honour all the saints. This was almost certainly an attempt by the church to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related Christian festival. Before long, 'All Saints Day' incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain and the evening before was known as All Hallows Eve and later, Halloween.

Today, the festival of Halloween has evolved and has become a secular festival. In America, the concept of celebrating Halloween developed from the second half of the 19th century, following the influx of Irish immigrants fleeing the

potato famine. Americans began to dress up in costumes and go from house to house, asking for food or money. This practice became today's 'trick-or treat' tradition, which has now become

the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food, and families would give them pastries called 'soul cakes,' in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives.



Halloween parties have become very common, with children enjoying dressing up and making lanterns from pumpkins. One traditional children's Halloween game is that of apple bobbing. The game is played by filling a tub or large basin with water and then putting apples into the water. Players then try to catch an apple with their teeth, and their hands are often tied behind their backs to prevent cheating. This tradition of bobbing for apples dates back to Roman times, when the Roman army combined their celebrations with traditional Celtic festivals. During this annual celebration, young unmarried people tried to bite an apple floating in the water or hanging from a string. The first person to bite into the apple would be the next one to be allowed to marry. What fun!

Jonathan Wansey

commonplace in England. In fact, the American Halloween tradition of trick-or-treating, probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During

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The list is far too long to be included here but many are recognisable as being used widely. These include codeine, diclofenac, ketamine, naproxen, paracetamol, sulfamethoxazole and tramadol. There were 2 pyrethrins which are particularly worrying as pyrethrum is the knock-down ingredient in many insecticides.

When you use a fly spray and flies die instantly that is the effect of the pyrethrin! It is clear that while the sewage treatment works are a source of many of these chemicals, others such as insecticides and veterinary products come from elsewhere. The sewage treatment works are not capable of fully removing or even reducing the toxicity of these complex compounds and were never designed to do so. We do not know what effect these chemicals have on the life of the river, but it is fairly safe to speculate that they are at least partly responsible for the decline in fly life. We do know that oestrogens (the pill?) in some rivers have caused fish to change sex!

I fished on our lakes yesterday, the levels were excellent and there was almost no algae on the surface. It was too hot for successful fishing, but I was pleased to see what I think was a small hatch of ephemerides, probably Pond Olives. They were too far away to be

certain, and I have never seen olives on our new lake before. We only built the lake some 25 years ago and so the invertebrate fauna will evolve over time. Friends have told me of seeing olives on our 'old' lake which is considerably older, and also small numbers of mayfly which is not surprising as the adjacent Test has a mayfly population. When my companion cleaned the one rainbow which he had caught and got it ready for the smokery he found it full of snails. I had tried a number of flies but not my snail pattern which I use often for the wild trout in South Uist.

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AN ART CHALLENGE

The editor chose the theme of 'Strange Happenings' for this month's issue and it reminded me of this drawing done by our son when he was at school. I think at the time they were studying the Surrealist movement. Surrealists, such as Dali and Magritte, tried to capture the 'super-reality' of dreams....hence the name of the movement. They felt that dreams are the expression of the unconscious mind.

I wonder if there could be any Surrealists amongst our readers. I have never tried it but I think it would be fun to start with an everyday object and let the imagination run riot. So often those of us who draw are hidebound by reproducing what is in front of us. The great advantage of using your imagination is that no one else knows if it is 'right'.

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Nicholas Williams recalls their adventures in this book. He, with four fellow students, in their long summer holiday, set out to reach the Alamut Fortress up a very remote mountain in Iran. Much is made of their trusty (or more often untrusty) van, named Blanche.

Vivid descriptions of the journey through Europe and across Turkey give us an entertaining glimpse into a time of daring- do! Though an accident with Blanche and injuries to some of the crew scuppered more activities, they reached the Fortress, passing Mount Ararat on the way, and returning to safety, for treatment and finally home, with the pride of success.

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CODFORD KEY COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING OCTOBER

- 1st Local history society talk 'The battle of Jutland' by Rodney Atwood
Village Hall 7.30pm
- 2nd Film night at Woolstore theatre, Open from 7pm
- 3rd The Mobile Police Station will be in Codford; at Village hall in the morning and at New Road Service station in the afternoon.
- 6th Park run at Village Hall grounds - 10am
'Jazz Rocks' - classic songs Jazz /swing style with Jane Bennett
at Codford Tea rooms, 1.30pm -2.30pm
- 9th Ladies Circle meeting at Village hall - 3pm
- 13th Codford's Harvest festival at St Mary's church at 11am
- 14th Parish council meeting -7.30pm
- 16th Gardening club meeting and talk
'The Newt: A journey spanning three hundred years' by Arthur Cole -7pm
- 17th- 19th The Commandery players present 'Measure for measure'
at Woolstore theatre, open from 7pm
- 20th Woolstore theatre bar, open 12 - 2pm
Arts and crafts market at Gingery Piggery Boyton, 10am - 2pm
Apple juicing at Village hall, 10am - 2pm

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CODFORD VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY

Pilates: 5pm - 6pm (Rosie Poolman -
07760 496291 / 01985 211431)

Short mat bowls: 7pm - 9pm

WEDNESDAY

Pilates: 9.30am - 10.30am

Choir: 1pm - 3pm

Fit club: 6pm - 7pm

THURSDAY

Community Café: 9.30am - 11.30am

Happy hearts (circuit based exercise session for those suffering from effects of heart & respiratory disorders) 4pm - 5pm

Clubercise: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Badminton: 8pm - 9.30pm

DAFFODIL PLANTING

After that year's successful daffodil planting in Codford, we're planning more this year. To contribute or help with planting please contact Kevin Dorrington on 07780578717.

CODFORD'S NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE

It is coming along nicely. We've already built most of the site and will complete the build and carry out some initial testing by end of September. We then plan to launch it in early October. If you would like to advertise any local events, provide any articles or notify us of any new announcements, please contact us on our new email address codfordcommunity@gmail.com

TENNIS CLUB

Curry and Quiz night is back

This regular event in the early winter calendar is on Friday 15th November. Join us for an evening of fun questions, banter, great company, delicious curries and a new quiz master. See you there!

CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The latest minutes are displayed on this website: Codfordpc.org.uk

FOND THANKS

TO A CODFORD LEGEND

Those who knew Karen Johnstone know just how much we will miss her as a friend. Do Codford, Upton Lovell and surrounding villages realise what she did for us all? When Karen, Ken, Peverill and Ewart came to Codford it wasn't long before Karen became totally immersed in village life

From 1979 she edited, typed and, on an old Gestetner machine, printed the Ashton Gifford News which was delivered in Codford and Upton Lovell initially. She continued to edit it and produce it with a professional printer until her departure from Codford in 2024.

There was a small Gardening Club when Karen took over as Secretary in 1984. From then on it grew and prospered taking in all the surrounding villages and out to Warminster. She organised the speakers and outings, all of which she had researched.

Coming from an acting background, she rescued a limping Woolstore Theatre in 1980, producing and acting in some 70 productions until 2016 and then continuing to arrange theatre outings.

She has left a huge gap in all our lives. We wish her well in Oxfordshire where she is close to Peverill and has more time for her grandchildren and whatever she chooses to do.

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VILLAGE NEWS

HEYTESBURY NEWS

It was a busy August in Heytesbury with the usual Saturday market in the church boosted by Karen Riggs' market on the 1st Saturday. Thanks to generosity of Richard and Tanya at the Red Lion, villagers and people from further afield were able to enjoy Party at the Pub on the 25th August.

The Warminster Brass Band heralded the start of the party which included vintage cars, cream teas, home grown vegetables, games of skill, various children's activities and numerous stalls under the marquee.



Over 200 people enjoyed an amazing performance by the world renown Kufstein Choir from Austria in Heytesbury church on August 30th. Dressed in traditional costumes, their 40 voices, directed by Drummond Walker, entertained the audience with classical as well as lively Austrian folk songs and an encore from the Sound of Music. The evening's entertainment continued at the Red Lion where beer quenched their thirsty voices, and more songs were sung. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Heytesbury, Knook and Tytherington churches and Legh Walker, a considerable sum was raised to help with the restoration of our three churches.

At the end of the month, Heytesbury Church received a substantial grant from the National Churches Trust which along with a grant from the Friends of H, K and T churches will help to fund the final phase of the surface water drains project.

Tina Sitwell

REFURBISHMENT

A refurbished and very smart noticeboard for Heytesbury Church may be seen on the High Street, in memory of Barnabas Wilson, late of St. John's Hospital, through the generosity of Alex Wilson. It was refurbished by Andrew Kennedy, to whom we owe our thanks.

RH

SHERRINGTON OCTOBER

Walking through long dry grass this summer, suddenly a grasshopper pings off; I had not seen one for ages, sometimes though at Tilshead.

However, the memory book fell open at pages of summer when I was small. I lived in Yorkshire, and it was my delight to spend weeks of summer at my uncle's farm at Norton Bavant. He was a dairy farmer of some note having the Norvant herd of British Friesians. My favourite room at South Farm was at the end of the flagged passage and it smelt of old books

and woodsmoke. One shelf was filled with books, a long line of British Friesian Herd Books and there all the calves would be entered, their marks were sketched into a special note book with their names (I remember Norvant Dash and Norvant Damsel, so many more) and they would be sent off for inclusion. That same room opened out onto what was the glorious tangle of the orchard. One tree I remember was a

Beauty of Bath producing small intensely red apples and there in the warm grass

were the grasshoppers! I would try and catch them and marvelled at the trajectory when they launched from my cupped hands.

My Uncle had retired work horses, Punch, Sailor and Kitty, then superseded by tractors (the orange Allis Chalmers, the grey Fordson). In those days before I could ride, I was desperate to get on a horse and it was Kitty who drew the short straw. In an outhouse I spied a huge old saddle, a stranger to saddle soap and I fussed and pleaded until it was dragged down onto old Kitty's back. What was used as a bridle I can't remember. Kitty was roused from her snores and would lumber round the paddock, and I ducked under the branches of the walnut tree.

The family at the Manor then were the Whitbreads, I can remember the lady of the manor hacking past on an immaculate horse, daughter on equally smart pony. They must have been so amused to see a skinny little girl, huge bow of ribbon in her hair, in shorts and sandals atop old Kitty who must have been 17hh. All those memories triggered by a grasshopper!

In Sherrington the churchyard has had its mow for autumn. In early summer there were more orchids than usual, lady's bed straw, clover and some wonderful grasses, of course all rather ragged by summers end. The aggressive brambles have once again taken over the banks of the cress beds despite the great efforts of volunteers in spring. Welcome colour is provided by purple loosestrife on the banks and on the island.

The swallows are now mustering to fly south, safe journeys.

We are all now aware that the Council in its wisdom is not now going to repair the Footbridge until next year. I wonder when next year! In addition, the existing structure will be removed to avoid winter flooding. No comment necessary.

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Trinity 19	Heytesbury	9.30am	Parish Communion	choir
St Francis	Codford St Peter	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Upton Lovell	5.00pm	Harvest Festival	

13 October	Tytherington	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Trinity 20	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Parish Communion	choir
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Harvest Festival	

20 October	Boyton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Trinity 21	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Matins	choir
	Tytherington	9.30am	Harvest Festival	

27 October	Sutton Veny	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Last Sunday	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Morning Prayer on Sunday	
after Trinity	Knook	11.00am	Harvest Parish Communion	choir
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

WEDDING

Congratulations to

Ellie Ghafiri and Charles Hutchinson
17th August at Sutton Veny

Olivia Phillips and Grady Dufosse
25th August at Sutton Veny

Katie Harris and Adam Flint
7th September at Boyton

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

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Church

**Flynn Arthur Dufosse and
Sylvie Belle Dufosse**

25th August at Sutton Veny

May they grow in the Christian Faith

OLD FRIENDS REMEMBERED

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

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Keith Stokes of Heytesbury

Martin Collier of Sutton Veny

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

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