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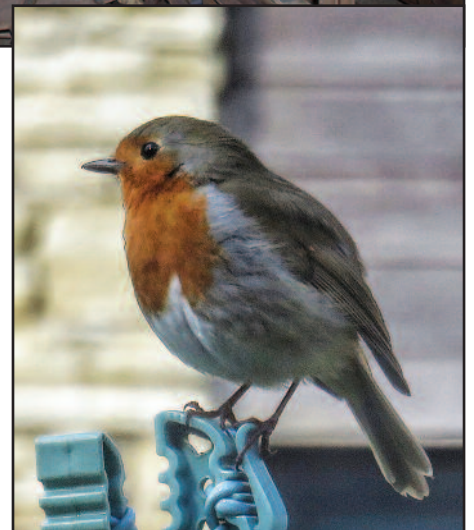
I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Roger Hammond



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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As 2024 comes to an end, I have a few things to report and some bouquets to give out.

First, the Parish News continues to inform, educate, interest, and sometimes amuse our readers in almost 1500 homes across the Upper Wylve Valley. Thanks to our advertisers, who are our only funders except for the occasional and welcome voluntary donation, we are solvent and go into the New Year with a reasonable financial cushion as we approach the new economic realities that we, and the rest of the country, face.

Second, the Parish News is published ten times a year with July/August and December/January being editions covering two months. Third, with but only one personal exception and the printers, all this is achieved by voluntary contribution.

So, moving on to the corporate and personal contributions that cover a multitude of skills, experience and hard work, I begin with the Committee. It is responsible for everything from conception, through compilation to production and distribution and all this is accomplished through expertise, aptitude, versatility and altruism and I am immensely appreciative of all that.

Specifically, Robin Culver continues to edit our magazine; Katherine Venning is the link with the Upper Wylve Valley Clergy Team, with our Market Place and our Contacts page, and is our eagle-eyed primary proof-reader from Heytesbury; Diana Walker is our Treasurer and represents Knook; Jonathan Wansey brings a wide experience of education and business also from Heytesbury; Angela Rosenthal is our 'art critic' and meeting secretary,

and covers Boyton and Corton; Ralph Oxborrow has been the Advertising Manager and hands over that portfolio shortly to Simon Guerri-Fear who will also be our link to Sutton Veny; Sarah Dorrington has overseen the channelling of the essential Codford news from the now-closed Ashton Gifford News to the PN, and the setting up of the Codford Community website; Jon Royds has been on the Committee for over 30 years, represents Norton Bavant and brings invaluable experience. Finally, Gilly Milne is our designer and setter and, armed with the final proofs, deals with the printers.

Any well-produced and interesting magazine is useless if it doesn't reach its readership, so my next bouquet goes to every one of between 50 and 100 distributors who receive the finished product and put it through letter boxes - and, for those who wish to read it online, we are indebted to the Team Webmaster, Stephen Oxlade, who deals with digital copies.

It is a wonderful team of volunteers, and to all of them, together with our regular and occasional contributors and all our readers and supporters, I send my thanks and, with those of all my colleagues on the Committee, our very best wishes for a very happy Christmas and a healthy and fulfilling New Year.

David Shaw

ST MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS ANTHOLOGY

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MINISTRY LETTER Are you ready for Christmas?

"Are you ready for Christmas?" people would often ask during my time working in the NHS. In reality, I was hardly ever ready. Getting the presents bought and wrapped up, writing those 'must do' lists and helping to collect the provisions needed. It was very late on before I collected a Christmas tree and then ended up decorating it just hours before Christmas Eve!

For Christians, being 'ready for Christmas' means something rather different and there are symbols in our churches in the weeks before the big day that help us to prepare for Christmas.

The season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas Day, is a time of preparation for celebrating the arrival of that baby born in a manger in Bethlehem and remembering what his arrival means to the world.

In our churches there are symbols that help us to prepare - you will often find an Advent wreath - an evergreen display with four candles arranged around a central one - which are lit Sunday by Sunday as we prepare for Christmas Day.

The first candle is for hope, the Prophecy candle, when we remember the prophets and all the Old Testament writings that pointed towards the birth of Jesus and the hope that he would offer to the world.

The second candle is the Bethlehem candle - symbolising peace and the journey of Mary and Joseph to the manger. Jesus comes as the Prince of Peace, and he can help us to find inner peace in him.

The third candle - sometimes a pink one, represents joy and is sometimes also called the Shepherds candle, expressing all the joy that was experienced by those shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem as they were told of Jesus's birth and went to visit him in the stable.

And the fourth candle is the Angels candle, which represents love. The love that Jesus offers by coming into the world and expressed by the angels singing about his arrival and the love of God.

Hope, peace, joy and love - surely these are things that we all want for the world, and that we also seek in our own lives. Often with all our busy practical preparations for Christmas we feel we don't have any time to stop, sit quietly and reflect on where we are finding hope, love, joy and peace in our lives and the paths we are following.

So I would like to invite you to find a few minutes each week in the run up to Christmas to pause, to take time out, leave all those lists and the emails for a short while. Then pop into one of the many beautiful peaceful churches that this area is so blessed with. Sit down and let the silence and the peace of the place wash over you.

If there is an advent wreath, perhaps look and let it help you to reflect on hope, peace, joy and love in your life and what that story of the baby born in the manger might mean for you.

Revd Ian Mack

Ian Mack recently retired to Warminster, and has been taking services for us on occasion.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 1 v1f RH

STILL NO RECTOR

As yet, we have had no applicants for the post of Rector despite repeated adverts in the Church Times and on the diocesan website. We are not alone. One third of the parishes in this area are 'in vacancy'. But do not let us despair. The ongoing vacancy will be a challenge but it is an opportunity to carry on getting better and developing what we are doing already. We are very blessed to have Jonathan Hiscox living here, celebrating communion each week when he is not at work in Sutton Veny House. We have several able and willing lay worship leaders, and we continue to hold regular services in each village. Multiple benefices create potential for every individual in the pews. "This team excites me" said Jonathan. "There is so much going on and so many gifts and skills." That might include you!

Bishop Andrew has written: "Archdeacon Alan and I will review what more may be done here, and I'd be grateful to know if there is particular support I can offer. It has been a while since I had a service in the valley, so perhaps I might be invited soon, as I'd love to meet with folk personally. Please be assured of my commitment to appointing a new incumbent and my prayers for the life of the benefice at present." We hope to fix a date in the New Year.

Katherine Venning



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DOWN ON THE FARM



I could give a quick trip through the year as we head towards the end of 2024 but on this occasion, I thought I would focus on one area that is particularly close to our hearts as a family. I have written about our passion for showing cattle before, a tradition passed down through four generations of the family and now Jamie is carrying the baton for the family with the support of his two younger cousins.

This year really was a family affair with three members of the family showing at Frome Cheese Show with impressive results with our own bred calves and being awarded Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion, Reserve Breed Champion with a calf beating milking cows.

The Dairy Show which was held in October where we were proud to have a phenomenally successful show achieving 1st and 2nd with calves born January 2024 and younger, Junior Breed Champion and Reserve Junior Breed Champion and the biggest accolade of all Interbreed junior champion (photograph).

It is not just about the calves we also show the cows, and they also achieved enormous success at The Dairy Show with three 3rd positions for milking heifer, junior cow and mature cow.

Jamie qualified for the National

Holstein Calf show in Staffordshire and supported our local club, South and Wiltshire Holstein Club, achieving 1st place.

Showing takes time and dedication, halter training, careful maintenance, nutrition with months of grooming and attention to achieve the extremely high standards expected but more importantly the knowledge of knowing you have bred an animal worthy of such achievements. Jamie's dedication and knowledge gained him an invitation to Canada to work on the fitting team (preparing the cows for showing) at The Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, one of the largest agricultural shows in the world. There were 22 cows on the team, amongst hundreds being shown and the hard work of the team was rewarded with

a succession of wins, but the crowning moment was achieving Breed Champion and Supreme Champion. This really is show casing the best cows in the world. It is fair to say that the celebrating went on for some time!

Jamie is now too old to show as a Holstien Young Breeders member as he turns 27 but he has two cousins young enough to keep the Eastknook Herd showing for many years and give the public who attend these events a small insight to just how wonderful the cattle are and how much they mean to us.

He will of course continue to show cows and work on fitting teams but for now as winter arrives the show team are back amongst the herd, warm in their barns and the planning for the showing season next year once again begins 'down on the farm'.

Kit Pottow

Left: Jamie with Eastknook Detective Gem 2 - Interbreed Champion at The Dairy Show 2024



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TURBO'S DOG BLOG (beginning to feel a bit like Christmas)



November is done, for better or for worse. For better because we are all still 'on the green side of the turf,' the weather has been mild (if miserable), heating bills are still under control, the poppies have been out in the High Street and we have been promised faster broadband; for worse, Hallowe'en meant fireworks frightened me out of my wits, and Christmas looms.

We have had a month of mixed emotions here. I have been greatly embarrassed by my Guvnor who bravely (the line between bravery and stupidity is a fine one in my view) entered a competition in the village for the largest vegetable grown in the latter stages of summer. The organisers imagined this would bring out giant pumpkins, mammoth marrows, colossal carrots, jumbo potatoes, titanic tomatoes and

bumper beans and, sure enough, some did appear. Our entry of a pumpkin, a potato, a carrot, an apple and a tomato all fitted onto an A4 sized sheet of paper - and we were disqualified from the off. I wasn't surprised and refused to be part of it, but the Guvnor was unfazed saying, "It's not the winning but the taking part that matters." "Get real", I told him; "in this competitive world where dog eats dog..." - and that's when he told me to belt up. That was then; now to Christmas. I quite like the festive season mainly because of the opportunities to snaffle extra kitchen scraps. When the Guvnor and his wife grew up (meaning the time when I emerged from puppyhood to maturity) Christmas presents for me dried up. I used to get 'dog chocs' or special chews and even, one year, a new blanket, but recently I have to sneak what I can get.

Learning from the 'master' at this, Janner the Labrador, I have perfected his technique. He was famous for taking chocolates off the Christmas tree, carefully unwrapping the tinfoil, scoffing the chocco and then hiding the paper behind the tree. As he seemed immune to the potentially poisonous risks of ordinary chocolate to dogs, his nefarious activities went undiscovered for years until, one year, he was careless with a piece of purple tinfoil.

The Guvnor is partial to Christmas pudding and bought his usual delicacy from a famous purveyor of such things at a Fair. Idly leaving it on a table, I snaffled it and after some difficulty managed to undo the string, open the muslin bag and enjoyed a delicious fruity plum duff. I felt very unwell in the middle of the night - but I didn't tell anyone.

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

The weather has been so dull and grey recently, and with a mist in the air most of time the garden does feel as though it's shutting down. It's still and dank. Thankfully there is a bit of brightness in the 'Hot Lips' Salvias with a few bees busy collecting nectar from them despite the weather. The ivy flowers have been very prolific and covered with bees but the ivy seems to be over its flowering season now and there is not much left for bees. We have bug huts and I'm delighted to say a lot of the holes in the huts are filling up and the ends are sealed. Trees are looking a little bare but the bark is often a lovely colour and it's a good time to look closely at the pretty lichens and mosses on their branches. Most of the leaves have fallen, but have put on their usual display of wonderful colours from yellows to deep ambers before they dropped. They leave thick carpets on the ground to swish through, making a glorious sound and reminding me of my childhood and that of my children.

Children in the form of grandchildren are coming for Christmas, so one thing I have been doing is making sure there is nothing too low down that could catch an unsuspecting child in the face. They love playing hide and seek in our garden so I need to be sure the hiding places are clear enough to squeeze into and any garden ornaments are relatively easy to find, we have a Womble and a rude gnome!

Although the weather has been so grey it has remained quite warm, so I am only just bringing my lemon trees and geraniums into the conservatory; they will all have to squash up for a bit as we will also have a Christmas tree in there. I try to keep them outside for as long as possible as they get some sort of bug later in the winter when inside. I do repot in the Spring so I'm not too sure where the bug comes from.

January can be a quiet month in the garden, the big question is will it get cold or will we get more grey and damp

weather? The hosepipes have been brought inside regardless, to keep them safe from freezing. Whichever it is there is always something to do that will get me outside, and plenty of time to spend inside in front of a cosy fire reading about gardens and therefore planning.

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DID YOU KNOW: OTTERS



The otter, (*lutra lutra*) has lived in the UK for millions of years. It is a member of the Mustelid family, which includes the badger, mink, weasels, stoats, martens and polecats. Otters inhabit lakes, rivers and rocky coastlines and if you are a regular walker along the River Wylfe, you may have been fortunate to catch sight of otters playing along the river bank.

Only twenty-five years ago, the English otter population was on the brink of extinction. This followed many years of agricultural chemicals leaching into the rivers and polluting the food chain. Thankfully, the ban on these chemicals in the early 1990s allowed the water quality to improve. The revival of the otter across

Britain has been one of the great conservation successes of the past 50 years.

Otters are strong swimmers. They have a long streamlined body with a strong tail and webbed feet. They can close their ears and nostrils whilst under water. Otters live in holes in the river banks called 'holts'. Aholt will have a few different entrances to protect against flooding, with at least one entrance being above water level. A group of otters is known as a 'romp' or 'lodge' although they may also be referred to as a 'bevy.' The diet of an otter consists of roughly 80% fish, which makes them unpopular with many fishermen. The otter will also prey upon birds, mammals and frogs, if fish are in short supply. They communicate via whistles, twittering noises and spitting sounds. Otters have large territories of up to 30 kilometres of river bank. As far as breeding is concerned, otters typically have two or three cubs and the gestation period is nine weeks. The cubs will remain dependent on their parents for over a year.

Otters are protected by law. It is illegal to hunt them, trap them or disturb them. They rarely live beyond the age of four, although the oldest recorded otter reached around nineteen years of age.

Otters have been the subject matter in literature over the years. Most well

known is probably the wonderful novel 'Tarka the Otter,' by Henry Williamson. It was first published in 1927 and tells the fictional story of a courageous otter, who describes the beauty of the river and the dangers that lie all around. Also well known is the novel first published in 1960, by Gavin Maxwell, entitled 'Ring of bright water'. The book describes the author's life in a remote house in coastal Scotland, where he kept several wild otters as pets. A fictionalised film of the same name was released in 1969.

I hope that this short article has stimulated your interest in otters and do look out for them on your riverside walks.

Jonathan Wansey

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Climate change is having a significant effect on our rivers and elsewhere. Traditionally, in September and October, our concern on the river Wylfe has been low flows. Last year and again this year the opposite has been the case, with high flows occurring much earlier in the autumn than used to be the scenario and in October the Wylfe has been in a brown spate at least three times! It is extreme weather events, high temperatures and low or high flows which are so harmful to the riverine ecosystem.

In the 1950s an organisation called the Anglers Conservation Association was set up to fight pollution of rivers and lakes. Over time this has evolved into the Angling Trust and Fish Legal. Fish Legal has been very successful in achieving the prosecution of polluters and securing compensation for riparian owners and fishing clubs. In 2023 Fish legal and the Pickering Fishery Association took the last government to court over its failure to restore the Cost Beck. This is a spring fed beck of high quality which had been degraded and polluted by a number of activities. What started as a local fight has become a test case for restoring rivers and lakes across the country. The High Court agreed with the submission but instead of accepting the decision the government of the day and the Environment Agency lodged an appeal.

The new government had a chance to accept the High Court's ruling and drop the appeal; instead they have chosen to defend and continue the previous government's failure. The case now goes to the Court of Appeal in January and will hopefully force this government to act now to restore our rivers. This is the leading case which will determine whether action is now taken to restore rivers and lakes across the UK.

Natural England (English Nature as was) was tasked in the 1990s with identifying and designating important

rivers as Special Areas of Conservation or Site of Special Scientific Interest. They were very keen to designate the chalk streams, and the Wiltshire Fishery Association welcomed the designations as a consequence of which almost the whole of the Avon catchment has one or other of the designations. It was anticipated that these designations would give our rivers added protection and also make them eligible for any grant money that is available for improvement works. The designations are continually being challenged and there is currently discussion taking place over Wessex Waters future plans for abstraction from the river Avon. Time alone will tell how effective these designations are in protecting our rivers and how committed successive governments are to improving the environment. *Robin Mulholland*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

The November Men's Breakfast provided an opportunity for Wiltshire's Chief Constable, Catherine Roper, to engage with some of the county's public - admittedly not necessarily a representative grouping and hopefully all law-abiding - and she impressed them. In setting out her credentials, gained mostly in the Metropolitan Police, she revealed not only a very wide breadth and depth of experience but also, in passing, that she had been the lead investigator of 'Partygate'! She took a number of searching general questions and even went away with the necessary details to follow up on a couple of individual cases. Having brought the Wiltshire Police Force out of special measures in just over a year, the Breakfasters are probably in universal agreement that our county is in safe and capable hands.



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Approximately £120 was raised for her nominated charity - Wansdyke Carriage Driving Group, which provides disabled adults with the opportunity to enjoy the countryside from the leisurely pace of a horse-drawn carriage.

The next breakfast, on Monday 2nd December, draws on some in-house talent when Andrew Moore, a retired investment practitioner from Heytesbury, will speak to "What did you do in the Great War grandpa?" being an account of the German naval bombardment of West Hartlepool, 110 years ago this month. An account based around Andrew's grandfather, a second generation German immigrant who happened to be the shore battery Captain at the time of the raid.

For your forward diaries, the first breakfast in the New Year, on Monday 6th January, will again feature an in-house speaker when David Shaw of Codford, who generally provides the closing prayers for the gathering, will have the opportunity to talk about some of his varied experiences in a talk which he describes as "In my Anecdote; a light-hearted ramble through a life."

Breakfasts cost £15, of which £2 will go towards the charity of the speaker's choice. 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.



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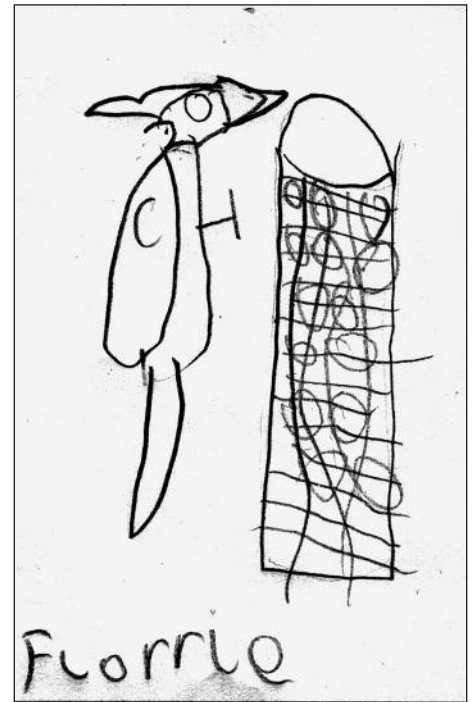
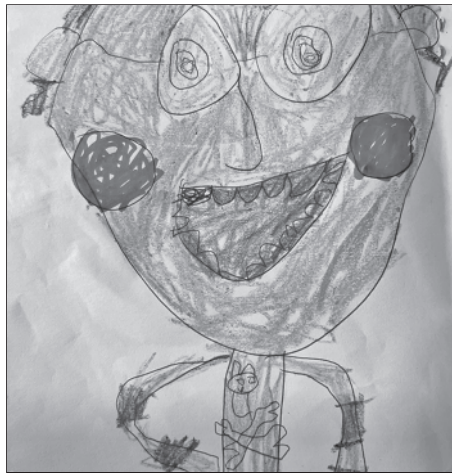
We would love to see one of your pictures which you are proud of and would like to see in print. The following is a picture of the Editor drawn by one of his grandchildren, the likeness is uncanny!

In the RH column are other pictures which have been received from a Grandmother :-

'My grandchildren have helped me deliver the Parish news around Knook. They then decided they wanted to draw these birds for the magazine.

I explained that they may not be published but, I would send them to you'.

Are there any more budding young Artists out there? wishing to share your work, and make somebody smile?



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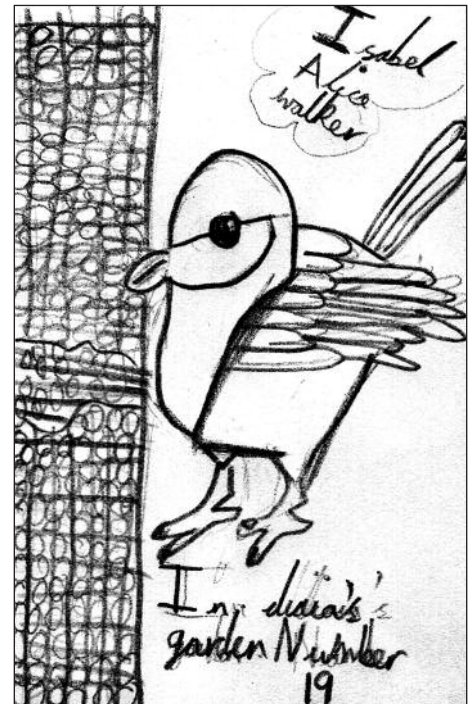


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CODFORD COMMUNITY WEBSITE UPDATE

The Codford community website has been live for about a month now, and we're thrilled with the positive feedback we've received! Each week, we're getting a variety of articles and updates on local events, making it a fantastic resource for everyone in our village.

Whether you're looking for information on local services, clubs, or businesses, or want to stay updated on key community events, our website has it all. You can also enjoy reading local articles and exploring our photo gallery,

which features both historical and recent photos of our community.

We'd love to hear your thoughts! Visit us at codfordcommunity.co.uk and share your feedback by emailing us at codfordcommunity@gmail.com.

Additionally, we invite you to contribute to our website. Whether it's a recipe, a review of a local event, or any other article, we'd be delighted to feature your work.

We look forward to hearing from you!

CODFORD COMMUNITY ARTICLES

Good wishes for Christmas and 2025. Greetings to all my friends. Enjoy time with your family and friends. As usual I am not sending cards but will make a donation to the Village Hall.

Stay safe and upright!

Ann Levick

CODFORD'S NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Codford community website! It has been designed to be a comprehensive resource for both villagers and visitors, our site aims to be your go-to destination for all things Codford. Whether you're looking for information on key events, regular activities, local clubs, community services, or simply want to read articles of local interest, you'll find it all here. Our website also features a section for local business adverts and a community marketplace where you can buy and sell items. We believe there's something for everyone on our site.

Please visit our website - <https://www.codfordcommunity.co.uk/> and explore all that we have to offer. Let's work together to keep our community website up to date, relevant and engaging. We would love to hear from you!



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CODFORD KEY COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING DECEMBER 2025

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| 1st | 'Tariqa' performing at Codford Tea rooms from 1.30pm. They are a rock/country band |
| 1st | Christmas play - Rudolph and the Jingle tree at the Woolstore theatre at 2.30pm and 7.30pm |
| 2nd | UWV Men's fellowship breakfast |
| 4th | Codford and district gardening club Christmas lunch (members only) |
| 5/6/7/8 | Christmas play - Rudolph and the Jingle tree at the Woolstore theatre at 7.30pm |
| 8th | Christmas anthology of poetry, prose, hymns and carols at St Mary's Church at 5pm |
| 11th | Ginny's Christmas wreath making workshop at the Gingery Piggery from 7pm |
| 12th | Play reading evening for the planned performance of the World premiere of 'Gazumped' by Joe Laredo and Clare George at the Woolstore theatre at 7.30pm |
| 14th | Codford fete committee's early Boxing day bash at the Codford Village hall at 12pm - 2pm |

CODFORD KEY COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING JANUARY 2025

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| 11th | Winter warmers at Codford village hall from 12pm |
| 14th | Codford and district gardening club AGM - 7.30pm |
| 19th | Woolstore bar open - 12 - 2pm |
| 19th | Arts and Crafts market at Ginger piggery 12 - 2pm |
| 25th | Codford and district gardening club VegEdible day - 10am- 12pm |
| 28th | Codford local history society talk on local photos and postcards c20th by Julian Frost. Codford village hall at 7.30pm |



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CORTON RICHARD AND ROBIN WITT

This illustration is taken from the card drawn by Richard Adams and presented to Richard and Robin Witt at the village party given to celebrate their 80th birthday.

Richard and Robin have lived and farmed in Corton all their lives. Their father, William, decided to strike out on his own, away from the family farm in Dinton. Having heard of a farm to rent in Corton, one day after milking William rode over on horseback to see Sundial Farm. Having sealed the deal, he was invited into the kitchen for a cup of tea before the ride home. There he spied Lillian, who would later become his wife. They were married in Boyton Church and then, after milking, their honeymoon was a trip to the cinema in Warminster.

This branch of the Witt family settled in Corton, in The Retreat, where Angela and later Richard and Robin were born. The brothers have many memories of growing up here, when there were many small dairy farms in the area, each leaving their churns by the roadside for collection. Tractors were quite new for these farmers and there were still working horses, and a local blacksmith. Richard remembers pulling the lever to operate the bellows at the forge, he also remembers a bill from

the blacksmith that read '2 shillings for the job, 6 shillings for knowing how'.

Just across the road from the Retreat is the pub, previously named The New Inn. This was home to the village shop where the boys went to buy sweets, although sometimes the landlord put up a sign 'no beer, no stout, fed up, gone out'. At other times in the summer, he could be found in the Great Wood, having taken supplies up there to quench the thirst of walkers. People would come from all directions to join in the party.

In 1990 Richard and Robin moved from the family home into the house that had been the hall for the Baptist Chapel, where Richard still lives today. The brothers decided to stop dairy farming in 2000, finding the pressures of the many regulations too great. Now they breed Hereford Angus cross cattle. These lovely cows are a joy to see when walking around Corton and the care with which they are raised has resulted in a successful change of direction. We are very fortunate to live alongside Richard and Robin and plan to recount more of their reminiscences in the future.

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1st December ADVENT SUNDAY	Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Heytesbury	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Sunday Worship Advent Service of Light	choir
8th December 2nd Sunday	Tytherington Sutton Veny Village Hall Upton Lovell Heytesbury Codford St Mary	8.00am 9.30/10.00 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Café church Parish Communion Sunday Worship Anthology	choir
15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	Boyton Codford St Peter Norton Bavant Sherrington Upton Lovell	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Sunday Worship Carol Service Carol Service	choir
Monday 16th Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th	Knook Tytherington Boyton	6.00pm 7.00pm 6.30pm	Carol service Carol Service Carol service	
22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent	Codford St Mary Knook Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Heytesbury	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Parish Communion Advent 4 Christmas communion Carol Service Carol service Carol Service	
Tuesday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	Codford Broadleaze Bar Heytesbury Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Sutton Veny	4.00pm 4.00pm 4.00pm 11.30pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Crib Service Crib Service Midnight Mass Midnight Mass	
Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	Tytherington Upton Lovell Boyton Codford St Mary Heytesbury Norton Bavant	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion Christmas Communion Carols followed by a Short Communion Christmas Communion Carol Service	
29th December Sunday after Christmas	Sutton Veny	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE and Patronal Festival	choir

OLD FRIENDS REMEMBERED

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

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5th JANUARY EPIPHANY	Codford St Peter celebrating Epiphany and New Year Manor Farm Codford	10.00am 3.00pm	TEAM SERVICE Plough Sunday Service	choir
12th January Baptism of Christ	Tytherington Upton Lovell Heytesbury Codford St Mary	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Celtic Morning Prayer Parish communion Evensong (BCP)	choir
19th January Epiphany2	Boyton Codford St Peter Norton Bavant	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer on Sunday Parish Communion	choir
26th January Epiphany 3	Sutton Veny Codford St Mary Knook Heytesbury	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Matins Evensong (BCP)	choir



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