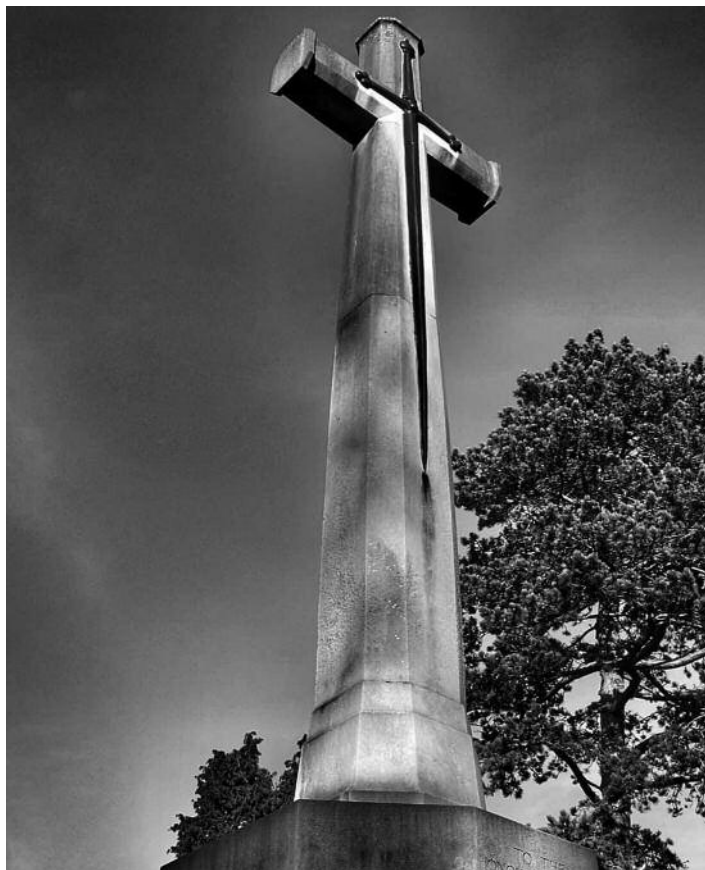


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EDITORIAL

As you will be aware we had a slight technical problem last month, where headings were missed from pages. Contrary to popular belief this was not an April fool, but a technical problem at the printers. These things happen and it has been rectified as you can see in this publication. I have nothing but praise for our printers, I think they do a fantastic job with the material we send them. *Editor*

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH

The AGM will take place on Monday 19th May at 6.30pm in the church. Refreshments will be served afterwards and all are welcome.

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The final breakfast of this season was held at The George in Longbridge Deverill on 7th April. The speaker, Dr John Harris, sent breakfasters on their way both wiser and with their curiosity pricked about the Quaker faith. John's background in education through a 30 year career at Bath University shone through, providing a fascinating insight into the origins of the Religious Society of Friends, as the Quakers are more formally known, and their modern practices. Founded by George Fox in the 1600s during England's time without a monarch when Diggers, Ranters and Seekers were all looking for alternatives to established religious structures, breakfasters learned that the success of the Quaker movement was in major part down to the organisational skills of George Fox's wife, Margaret, complementing his vision for a faith based on silent worship, spoken ministry and collective experience that constantly seeks to find 'that of God' in everyone.

John asked if the speaker's nominated charity could be a local one. Cornerstone in Warminster was suggested and £90 was raised.

The breakfasts will resume on 6th October when local archaeologist Mike Allen, who has previously intrigued his audience at a breakfast with his explanation of how analysis of land snails can be a powerful tool in interpreting human activity in the past, returns to the speaker's table. If you're interested in attending the breakfasts why not mark this date and the subsequent first Mondays of the month through to April 2026 in your diary?

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

On the first Saturday in May World Labyrinth Day invites people around the world to 'Walk as One at 1' by walking a labyrinth at 1.00pm local time to help create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to another. What a wonderful idea! All you need to do is to find your nearest labyrinth. St John's Church in Sutton Veny can solve that problem for you with its mown labyrinth that has been in place in the churchyard extension since 2014. Now listed on the World-Wide Labyrinth Locator website, perhaps this year there might be more than just the Churchwarden being the only one to Walk at One.

WYLYE VALLEY ART TRAIL

The Wylde Valley Art Trail, which is held every two years, is running again this year from Saturday 3rd May - Sunday 11th May. There will be 82 venues in the area, from Coulston in the north to Donhead St Andrew in the south and free brochures are available in many places throughout the region; these will help you plan your 'trail' or visit accordingly. Look for the yellow signs as you near each venue.

There will be several venues in the Wylde Valley itself and one in particular will be in the Edward's Room (the Small Hall) at Codford Village Hall, where local artists Hilary Jackson (Warminster), Janet Keates (Corton) and Sally Thomson (Codford) will be exhibiting their paintings. Opening hours will be from 10.30 - 17.30 each day. Please visit us; we shall be delighted to see you.



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MINISTRY LETTER

May 2025 will be a time of reflection and recollection, as we commemorate the end of the Second World War in Europe 80 years ago on VE Day - the 8th May 1945.

I find myself thinking about the veterans of World War Two, some I had the privilege of meeting as a doctor, often towards the end of their lives. I was deeply touched by the way they talked to me about their experiences of war, never boastful, always thinking about the sacrifice that people they knew had made, but downplaying the sacrifices that they themselves had made in the course of their service to our country.

Christians have just celebrated Easter - the remembrance of the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross with his suffering and his death. Followed by his rising from the dead three days later.

It's a very powerful message, something that transforms the lives of people who are Christians. Jesus gives his life for us on the cross. He promises that death is not the end, and that we can look forward to life after death, and reunion with those we have loved here on earth. His sacrifice changes everything.

Many of those caught up in the war were Christians, and their faith was often expressed by their own personal sacrifices. Some made the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives, others performed acts of courage and selflessness to save the lives of others, even if it meant putting themselves in danger. There was much suffering and sacrifice on the Home Front as well.

There are innumerable stories of the sacrifices people made during the War - stories we heard from family and friends which we will never forget - even if they are no longer with us.

Let me share with you the story of a non-combatant, a Priest called Maximillian Kolbe. He rejected the chance to sign the Nazi's 'Volkliste' which would have given him protection as a 'Germanised person', but instead worked in a Monastery where he ran a shelter for refugees, including Jews, who were being persecuted by the Germans, forced from their homes and rounded up for imprisonment. In 1941 he was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp.

Continuing to work as a Priest, he was regularly beaten by the guards. After another prisoner escaped from the camp, the SS Commander decided to pick ten men to be starved to death in an underground bunker, to act as a deterrent against further escape attempts. When one of the men selected cried out "my wife, my children", the Priest came forward and took his place. Maximillian Kolbe stayed and prayed with this group of men until they all died, Kolbe last of all, and then only when the guards injected him with a toxic substance.

One story among so many, just one example of how Christians, following Jesus example, play their part in making God's presence visible amongst the violence and chaos humankind inflicts on itself in brutal and senseless conflicts.

So perhaps this May you might recall some of the stories you have heard, and reflect on what sacrifice means to you.

Revd Ian Mack

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28 v16ff RH



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THE BIBLE AS WE KNOW IT

Alcuin, a scholar and clergyman from York in the Court of Charlemagne

Towards the end of February, I managed to visit a most amazing exhibition, The Silk Roads, at the British Museum. It was a mind-boggling exhibition which traced the journeys of the travellers on the Silk Roads that traversed Asia, Indonesia, Europe and Africa carrying a huge variety of goods as well as spreading ideas and various religions (Zoroastrian, Judaism, Hindu, Islam and Christianity). As I followed the route through Europe, I became fascinated by Charlemagne (748-814AD). He conquered most of Europe by the sword but, as a Christian, he felt it was important to spread Christianity and knowledge throughout his empire. With a vast empire consisting of many diverse people, he also saw Christianity as a binding force.

In 781 in Parma, he was introduced to Alcuin, a scholar from the Cathedral in York, who was returning from Rome, and invited him to join his court at Aachen along with other scholars from Europe to develop a centre of learning. Years later, he sent Alcuin as Abbot to Marmoutier Abbey in Tours where he set him the task of amending the Latin Vulgate, the 4th century Latin translation of the Bible by St Jerome. Over the years, the Vulgate

text was transcribed by various scribes in different countries and therefore lacked uniformity regarding the church practices. It generally existed in numerous volumes as opposed to one distinct volume which contained both the Old and New Testament.

Charlemagne wanted the Bible to be available to parish priests rather than held within the confines of a monastery. He had very little faith in the ability of parish priests as they were often ignorant of the basic church service. Charlemagne recognising the importance of literacy, supported Alcuin's efforts to develop the Carolingian minuscule script with its rounded glyphs and distinct letterforms, leading to features like word spacing, punctuation and the introduction of lower-case letters. All these changes made the text more legible and, therefore, easier for priests to read. He also produced little books for the parish priests which had the basics of Christian doctrine - the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and key passages from scripture.

Alcuin's new one-volume Bible had 450 leaves (pages) unlike other Bibles which were in several volumes or, if in one volume, was very big. For example, the Codex Amiatinus (the Jarrow Codex), a single Bible from Northumbria, was written on 1,030 leaves and weighed 75lbs! It is not known how many Bibles were produced at Tours, but the great accomplishment was the spread of the Bible to the countryside beyond the confines of the monasteries. Nearing the end of his life, Alcuin presented a Bible to Charlemagne at St Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Day 800AD when Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo III.

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Our service follows this tradition, using elements of the Northumbria Community's Morning Prayer, including their responsive prayers and liturgy. While it

shares similarities with traditional Anglican worship, it also incorporates extended periods of silence and a slower, more meditative rhythm. After scripture readings and reflections, we pause to sit with God's word, allowing time for it to settle in our hearts. Instead of hymns, we use Taizé chants—simple, repetitive songs that can be sung or listened to as a form of prayer. Through candle lighting, communal prayers, and moments of stillness, this service offers a sacred space to step away from the busyness of life and rest in God's presence. It blends ancient traditions with a contemplative approach, inviting us to encounter God not just through spoken prayers and liturgy, but through listening, reflection, and stillness.

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DID YOU KNOW? The history of the Barbecue

For many of us, one of the joys of summer in this country is having a barbecue in our gardens. We enjoy cooking sausages, burgers and chicken on our barbecues and inviting friends and family to join us. But when did this tradition begin?

The word 'barbecue', and the practice of cooking meat over an open flame, originated with the indigenous Taino people of the Caribbean. They used a wooden framework called a 'barbacoa' for smoking and drying meat. When Spanish explorers arrived in the Caribbean in the sixteenth century, they adopted the term 'barbacoa' to mean the cooking of meat outdoors, over a fire fuelled by wood.

In time, the Spanish brought this concept of 'barbacoa' to North America. Initially, the concept of barbecuing remained the preserve of natives and, occasionally, slaves. In the mid-18th century, the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean and Central America were looked down upon by colonists and travellers and the barbecue was considered a crude method of cooking. However, it was not long before there were accounts of wealthy landowners in parts of America, enjoying barbecues. In fact, in 1769, George Washington noted in his diary that he had gone 'up to Virginia for a barbecue and stayed all night'.

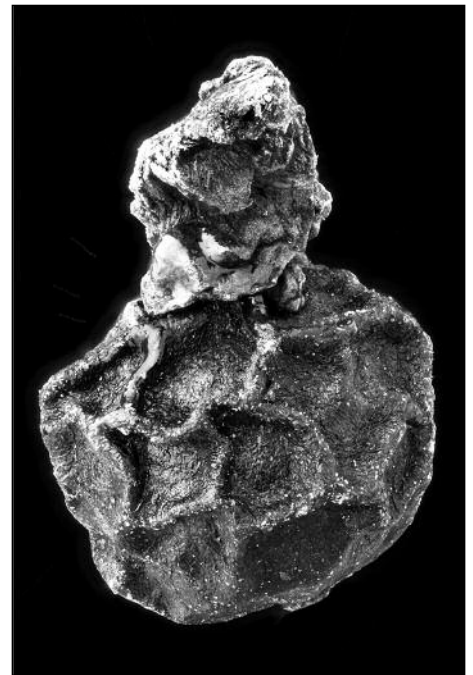
The concept of barbecuing meat grew in popularity in the States and by the mid 20th century, it had become quintessentially 'American'. This 'barbecue boom' of the 1950s in America began to spread to many other countries, including the UK, and has grown hugely over the last forty years. The growth is attributed to a variety of factors, including increased outdoor living, the cost of living crisis leading to more people cooking at home and, more recently, the effect of the pandemic. Today, the barbecue is a global phenomenon, and we cook not just meat, but also vegetables and fish.

In Australia, it is said that the 'barbie' dates back 40,000 years. Historically, the Aborigines cooked their meals outside, thanks to the climate, which lends itself to eating outdoors. In South Africa, the equivalent to a barbecue is a 'braai', but it is more than just cooking meat; it is a cultural tradition and social gathering, often involving friends and family around a wood fire.

Whether cooking on a traditional charcoal grill, or more likely a gas-fuelled machine, I am sure we all enjoy the concept of cooking and eating outdoors and the sense of freedom and fun to be gained from the barbecue. Let's hope the weathers behaves.

Jonathan Wansey

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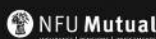
The answer to last month's intriguing photograph by Roger Hammond, is..
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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR MID-SPRING



The 'Before' - comfy and warm

The editor has explained why my blog was beheaded last month (together with some other authors' submissions) but mine was especially annoying as some people were led to believe it had been written by my Guvnor. Regular readers were not misled, however, as they knew he was not so erudite, fluent or amusing - so no harm done.

I am put out this month for an entirely different reason, and you can probably see it in my face which shows exactly what a 'hang-dog expression' is, if you had ever wondered. My lustrous, warm, comfortable and well worn in winter coat has gone in favour of the 'shorn lamb' look of the newborn, the puzzled and the cold. I knew it was coming as they kept talking about it but was

surprised at the mistake over timing; warm enough during the day but bitter first thing after breakfast and last thing before bedtime. Another month's grace, ensuring that a refuge under the barbecue was available, would have been fine but there's no telling what goes through their minds these days. I think it's called human error.

The upside is that I look like a new dog, half my real age of 12 (or mid-80s in human years) and this, itself, has its ups and downs. On the plus side, and as we enter the tick season, the little parasites are easier to spot; on the other, I am expected to be able to jump into the back of the car. Quite what makes them think that just because I look like a different dog means that I am a different dog is beyond me.

Naturally, all my misgivings about this grooming session will dissipate quickly if this glorious early spring morphs into a cracking summer. While great age has brought my Guvnor experience,

patience and optimism (and he would add wisdom), it has brought me scepticism, but which I call realism. This means that as summer arrives, I expect to be cold for the next couple of months. It's a dog's life, you know.



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What has turned into a dry spring, so far, has been a great help to anglers. The rivers are now in good order, high and clear, for the opening of our trout fishing season.

In fishing terms the American Signal crayfish has been a less obvious but almost as important a problem for our freshwater ecosystems. The crustacean was imported deliberately by the Min. of Ag. as a food source. Those responsible failed to take into account that they carry a disease to which they are resistant but which decimated populations of our native White Clawed crayfish. They also failed to realise that it is almost impossible to contain the Signal; it can travel overland and almost all freshwaters now have populations. It is very difficult to control as trapping, which takes out the larger members of the population, causes the smaller members to thrive.

We have had them in the Wylfe for more than 20 years and the damage which they do to the fishery is due to the fact

that they feed heavily on the fly larvae, caddis fly in particular. They hibernate in the winter and will be emerging anytime soon. They have not become as prolific, fortunately, in the Wylfe as they have in some rain-fed rivers. I suspect that the Wylfe water temperatures in the summer are too low, the temperatures in rain-fed rivers tend to be higher in the summer than the chalk streams. In addition the banks are not suitable for them, being too soft. They like banks where they can make a cavity; buildings with their feet in the river are ideal, as in Oxford!

The benefit resulting from their invasion is that they provide a food source for otters and herons. Where they are prolific they can form a very high proportion of an otter's diet and herons probably find them easy to catch. This eases the pressures on the fish populations. Those exotics which arrive in the UK because they find a niche for themselves are welcome, in my view. The Collared Dove and the Little Egret are an asset to our countryside.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

I am typing this with an element of anticipation as I await news from outside on how our TB test is going. Always an unnerving day when its results day. The news so far when I took breakfast out to the team was one IR (inconclusive), she will need to be tested again in 60 days to see if, we pray it goes clear because if not then we are 'shut down' and no cattle can move off the farm, which scuppers our showing season. More importantly the upset of potentially losing an animal and loss of income there is also the enjoyment and social aspect of the showing, especially for our son. I will report the outcome in the next report.

Spring has well and truly sprung! I am sure we are all grateful for the

sunshine, blue sky and dry conditions. Believe me I am equally as happy as every other walker, be it with a dog or not to have the pleasure of not wading through mud and water and last week, I even ditched the boots for trainers, heaven!

On a more serious note, for us this has been a God send. Allowing us to plant crops such as barley which is a malting barley and these warm conditions have been excellent for germination, the beans have been planted, these will be for our own animal fodder, and all this has been so much easier with the dry conditions. Some say we need rain; at the moment we are happy enjoying this glorious spell of weather - long may it last!

May will see the first cut of silage, most probably the first week and as with other crops this warm, sunny weather is helping the grass grow thick and fast but also providing it with lots of nutrition for the cows through next winter. The quality of silage grass is paramount to providing the best possible nutrition for the cows, so yes, the sunshine is crucial.

A few heifers were let out early April with the dairy herd going out a week later. There is always that reluctance from them at first, leaving the comfort of the warm, dry barns to head out onto grass and the open space but within a day or two they are embracing it, and this year has been perfect for them. They are more reluctant when its wet and windy, which goes back to my point at the start of this report. We all enjoy the dry weather with no mud or flooding 'down on the farm'.

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THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

It is amazing how many times I set off down the garden to get my tools with gardening gear on, ready to work on a specific patch, only to be waylaid by something else that catches my eye, so never quite succeeding in doing what I first planned. Never mind, it all makes me happy and does all get done in the end. Recently it was the pond. It had been on my mind for some time, but the cold weather was putting me off somewhat. I needed to get my chest waders on and get in the pond to remove a lot of roots and detritus from the bottom to open up the surface for the waterlilies to flourish a bit more. It's done! The newts seem very happy, we just need a bit more rain to fill it up naturally with water. My fingers are stained a dirty colour and my nails look awful!

By the time you read this there will probably have been a lot more rain but oh, how much we have enjoyed this early warm weather! We have tried to take advantage of it and managed breakfast and lunch in the garden, looking at the wonderful colours of the tulips and late daffodils. Up to this month we have

watched colours in succession, first the whites of snowdrops, then the yellows of primroses and daffodils, and the magnolias have managed to avoid the frost, making their display spectacular this year. But from now on, after the tulips, the garden really comes alive with colour, making it more difficult to see any order in what comes next as a riot of plants and colours burst forth, and become a feast for the eyes for the rest of the summer.

I am delighted to see a such a big variety of bees in the garden, all zooming about in their different ways. There is a small black bee hovering low over the lawn which must be a miner or mason bee, it never keeps still enough to get a proper look. Then the wonderful variety of bumblebees and my favourite of the moment, the bee-fly. I have seen more of them this year than ever, they hover over a plant and have a long proboscis which dives into their chosen flower before darting away at high speed to the next flower. They are all busy pollinating my plants and a joy to behold.

Ali Tebbs



VILLAGE NEWS

CORTON THE DOVE INN

It's lovely to see The Dove coming back to life. The outside has been spruced up and I gather the internal problems are being worked on. A small property business run by two local couples have bought it and, although its final incarnation is not clear, it will hopefully provide a social hub for Corton.

Debi and Paula, two of the new owners, came along to breakfast in the Fane Hall recently and by chatting to locals got a good idea of what villagers would like The Dove to be. Their initial aim is to get the rooms up and running for short holiday lets before turning their attention to the bar area. Ideally we would all like the bar area to return to being a village pub but realise how difficult that can be these days. Another possibility is that it could be a coffee shop. Time will tell ... whatever is happening I am sure we will be kept informed. Debi, Paula and their partners have been very good at keeping the village updated with their plans and asking for suggestions.

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CODFORD VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION

The Trustees of Codford Village Hall have embarked on a major project to improve the insulation and energy efficiency of their well loved and well used village community building. We plan to "future proof" the building, reduce running costs, make it more user friendly, save money and protect the environment. The project has many Stages and will take some time and lots of money to complete but we have made a good start. Bids were made for Stage 1 funding both to The Lottery and to the Warminster Area Board. Both responded well and made very generous

and much appreciated donations. The Lottery awarded us £20,000 and the Warminster Area Board £4,900. With a further boost from our own funds and generous donors we have been able to go ahead with a contract with New Windows, who are Warminster based firm. They have replaced all our old windows and two porches, which had rotting wooden frames and a poor standard of glazing, with modern high efficiency units.

Fitters, Mark Hares and Andy Thorne, turned up on schedule early on 6th March and completed a quality job by 13th March.



ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK

Tue: Pilates & short mat bowls.
Wed: Pilates, Choir, Fit club.
Thurs: Community café, Happy hearts, Clubercise and Badminton.

CODFORD KEY COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING MAY 2025

- 2nd St Peter's church annual parochial church meeting - 18:00 St Peter's church.
- 3rd Wyllye Valley Plants Nursery open day - 09:00 - 13:00.
- 3rd Free drama workshops at the Woolstore theatre - 10:30 - 12:30.
- 8th Coffee morning in support of Prostate Cancer UK, featuring delicious cakes, a raffle, and a cake stall - 09:00 - 11:30 - Codford village hall.
- 8th Hearing aid clinic at Codford village hall - 10:00 - 12:00.
- 12th Annual Codford village meeting followed by Parish Council meeting - 18:00 Codford village hall.
- 17th Codford and district gardening club annual plant sale and coffee morning. 10:00 - 12:00 Ashton Gifford House.
- 17th Free drama workshops at the Woolstore theatre - 10:30 - 12:30.
- 18th Woolstore theatre opens its doors for monthly drinks - 12:00 - 14:00.
- 21st Codford and district gardening club and talk titled 'Unusual plants available to British gardens' - 19:30 Codford village hall.
- 31st Free drama workshops at the Woolstore theatre - 10:30 - 12:30.



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VILLAGE NEWS

WHAT IS A BLIND HOUSE?

Heytesbury has a small, stone built one-man gaol, known as a Blind House. It stands in a prominent position in the High Street. There are a number of these little buildings throughout Wiltshire, including a whitewashed blind house near the Obelisk in Warminster. The slightly larger one in Bradford on Avon, on the bridge over the river, is probably the best known, although it may have been built originally as a chapel for travellers. Most of these gaols were built in the 18th century. At that time, Heytesbury was a small town with two cloth mills (sometimes called cloth factories) and many shops. By 1801 the population in Heytesbury was 3,494 which is nearly four times greater than today.

The various lock ups were all used to house felons for short periods and the one in Heytesbury would have been used to restrain drunks overnight, or thieves, prostitutes and more serious criminals, until they were moved to larger jails. The blind house on the main road in Shrewton has the dubious reputation of being the last resting place of convicted men prior to them being executed on the gibbet on the hill above the village.

None of these gaols had any 'facilities'. Straw would be strewn on either the earth floor, or on a stone bench as in Heytesbury, to provide a bed. A bucket would be used as a toilet. Most had a chain attached to the wall to restrain violent inmates. The only light would be natural light coming through a small, metal grill above head height. The prisoner would not be able to look out. The jail would be smelly, damp, dark, cold in winter and hot in summer. The local constables would be in charge, but all food and drink would be provided by the prisoner's family or friends. In Heytesbury the local magistrate probably lived nearby and there is some evidence to suggest that there was a small courthouse behind the doctor's surgery on the High Street. The gate on the left of the gaol is no longer there and the roof was repaired in 2007.

Nowadays the Heytesbury Blind House is only used to house an effigy of Guy Fawkes each November... but wrong doers should be mindful of its existence, and its history!

Sarah Buttenshaw

SHERRINGTON

Beautiful months of April and May, months of Spring when colour returns and countryside and gardens come to life. April colours are yellow and green, offset by hedgerows that billow with clouds of blackthorn. It has been a Primrose Spring. In the churchyard Persephone flings her mantle ever more widely and this year there is girdle round the eastern end of the little church. Outside the village they are spreading further along the bank and up the track beside White Cottage.

After so much rain the ground is rock hard, we now actually need more! It is needed by the new hedgerow planted beside the track between the Old Chalk Pit and the top barn. Gold Star awarded to the Boyton Estate for its mega planting programme, 950 trees and 10,500 hedgerow plants, brilliant but all in need of rain! Where fields have been under sown with clover and other plants the grass is growing thick and glossy. Must be an anxiety for people with pony paddocks as grass is barely moving.

It is to be hoped that hawthorn blossoms will be generous this year and that there are pollinators to do their work. The lack of berries last year resulted in the virtual non-appearance of Fieldfare and

Redwing. Heard recently the drumming of the Greater Spotted Woodpecker and the 'yaffle' of the Green Woodpecker. Not so vocal lately have been magpies. If for some reason numbers have decreased that will be good news for garden birds.

Much is made of the Dawn Chorus but often there is an Evening Chorus too, enchanting liquid notes from Blackbird, Song Thrush and ever present Robins. Someone much more knowledgeable than I identified a Gold Crest in our tree. Such a tiny little bird, it nests there most years. Nigel always looked out for a Spotted Flycatcher but lately they have not visited though a pair have upgraded to a nest box at the Manor! In the Great Ridge trees are vested with the first sign of green leaves, larch with pale tassels of new growth. In the wide valley where the brambles are cleared is a wonderful spread of primroses, soon to be followed by bluebells. Tucked away in sheltered sunny spots are violets and wood anemones (another name is windflowers).

Swans appeared to appreciate the clearing of the small island. Maybe too late for the performance of nest building, laying and incubation.

Missing our footbridge. However, enjoy Spring!

Betty Lewis



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11 May Easter 4	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
18 May Easter 5	Codford St Peter	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE with Bishop Andrew	choir
25 May Easter 6 Rogation Sunday	Sutton Veny Codford St Mary Knook Manor Farm, Codford Heytesbury	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Sunday Worship ROGATION SERVICE Evensong (BCP)	choir
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on 23rd March at Heytesbury

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May they grow in the Christian Faith

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William Edward Meaden

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