

PARISH NEWS

OF THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY

JUNE 2025

Where the bee sucks, there suck I:
In a cowslip's bell I lie;
There I couch when owls do cry.
On the bat's back I do fly
After summer merrily.



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EDITORIAL

Thank you to all our contributors, without you the Upper Wylde Parish News would not exist.

At this point I do have a request to make to you and future contributors. Is it possible for contributions to be 400 words, I am happy to be over by fifty or under by fifty? I could précis some of the contributions, but I believe this would take away the writer's voice and as a result I do not do it.

What would also be useful are the occasional photo to go with your article, I do not guarantee to use them every time, but it does make the layout less text heavy.

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RC
Editor

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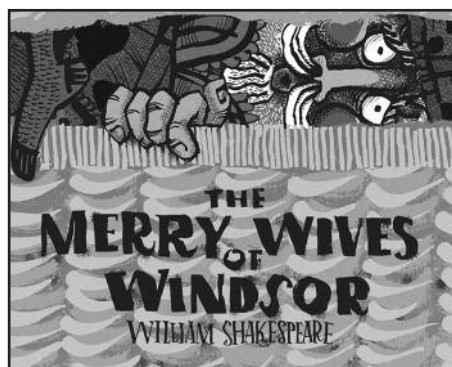
Readers will recall the appeal for items that would help the local war effort in Ukraine. The Parish News is delighted to pass on the results of its success. Our local team reports: 'We have our pick-up truck, now sprayed dark green, and a cargo of spare tyres (hopefully not for our use!), jerrycans, a generator, engine oil etc. Our trip to Lviv will take us about 4 days and we set off late in May.

There was a good response to the recent article asking for your obsolete mobile telephones for Ukraine. A surprising number were kindly given, as well as quite a lot of other pieces of obsolete electronic interest. Very useful recycling. In helping the charity's admirable cause, please be assured you have done a very good turn. Those good people whom we don't know will be silently most grateful to all you kind donors whom they don't know.

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MINISTRY LETTER

A LAMENT FOR OUR LANDLINE

"The number you have dialled has not been recognised." The automatic voice has changed, and the new 'voice' doesn't sound in the least bit friendly.

We've had the same phone number since about 1950 (or did, until last week when we lost it, without apology from the telecoms company). In the days before you could dial local numbers - yes, we go back as far as that - the lady in the telephone exchange at Sutton Veny could be very helpful. "Oh, Mrs Hobbs is not at home at the moment: I've just seen her going to visit Mrs Dunsterville, so I'll put you through." It took over a week, and we finally have our old phone number back, but electronic communication is the way forward (presumably via satellite); the fixed land-line is no longer on offer.

I remember a phrase from a sermon I heard in my childhood. "Talking to God is so much easier than making a phone call: you don't even have to dial the number." In those far-off days, local telephones had 3-digit numbers. Ours (in Heytesbury) was Sutton Veny 283.

Two thousand years ago, the followers of Jesus were given a passport for talking to God (bypassing any satellite): it began 'Our Father in heaven'. Jesus liked to go up a mountain to pray, not because it was nearer to God, but because he wanted time alone; he needed to be alone with God. So do we, but we don't always know what to say, or how to say it. The gospels tell us that the prayers of Jesus all began with the word 'Abba', the Aramaic word a child uses for his father.

"Lord, teach us to pray," the disciples had asked Jesus. And so he taught them the words we know as The Lord's Prayer. This prayer is a first step on our Christian journey and it belongs to all Christian people, whoever they are.

The Archbishop of York has written a book called Praying by Heart: the Lord's Prayer for everyone, from which I quote: 'To say this prayer, just the opening two words, is to say something astonishing and powerful about who we are in relationship to each other, and who we are in relationship to God. Pope Francis himself expressed this with beautiful simplicity.

"I am not an only child" he writes; "none of us is." Moreover, the fact is that our God, not my God, runs through the whole prayer.

"So imagine for a moment that the prayer was not written this way. Imagine we were to say, "My Father", not "our". It wouldn't just change the prayer; it would destroy it. Give me my daily bread. Forgive me my sins. This is a narrow, selfish way of praying. It is all about me and what I want. The prayer only works because it is plural. And because it is 'ours' it is broad, challenging and beautiful."

Katherine Venning

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Peter said,

"This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."

Acts chapter 2 RH

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BOOK REVIEW

IF WE WERE VILLAINS by ML Rio

The novel centres around a group of drama students who are engrossed with Shakespearean plays during their final year at Dellecher (a fictional college) which is an elite arts college. The story follows Oliver Marks, a former student, as he recounts his experiences and what led to his imprisonment.

What I particularly enjoyed about the novel, it heavily features the Shakespearean tragedies with the main characters acting in plays like King Lear, Macbeth, Julius Caesar and Romeo and Juliet.

The events of the story take place in a fictional conservatory, Dellecher which is known for its fierce competition and ambition. This is evident from the beginning of the story and right the way through the novel. It is a character driven narrative as the story revolves around Oliver and his relationships with his friends, including Meredith and James, as they navigate the pressures of their theatrical careers.

As one of seven young actors studying Shakespeare at an elite arts college, Oliver and his friends play the same roles onstage and off: hero, villain, tyrant, temptress, ingenue, extra. The novel incorporates a murder mystery,

with Oliver recounting his story to a detective while in prison. What particularly struck me was the snippets of dialogue from the tragedies and other Shakespearean plays which the characters used in their conversations with each other. Initially, this might be a little off-putting to some readers. For me it was just a part of who the characters were, and it was something I quickly grew used to. Having taught Shakespeare up to A level for too many years to remember, I enjoyed using my knowledge to work out which play it had come from, this is made clear in the dialogue that follows these snippets; even without this knowledge the book is still readable.

Rio set her book up using a play motif. It is divided into five acts, each started with a prologue featuring Oliver in the present. The remaining parts of each act were broken into scenes, telling the story of what happened to the seven friends during their final, fatal year of school.

The build up of tension, both between the friends and within the plot, was palpable. The nervous energy it created made it impossible for me to put this book down. If We Were Villains is truly a MUST-read book.

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ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS
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It has been a year for Commemorations with Anzac Day and VE Day. Watching the beacon being lit on the shore I overheard two teenagers talking about it and it was a thought provoking moment because they both put their phones away and listened to what was being said.

They then turned and were asking really interesting questions explaining that they were doing research for VJ Day.

I answered VJ Day was the complete end to the war. The questions that followed were numerous and enlightening. They took on board the most important message is that we must remember and pass the message on to young people.



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At the funeral of Pope Francis in Rome, we were reminded of a saying that was frequently used by the Pontiff, 'Build bridges, not walls!'. He was, of course, using metaphorical language to describe the importance of inclusion, as opposed to segregation. Many of us will remember the day that the Berlin Wall came down, on November 9th 1989, marking a turning point in the Cold War and paving the way for the reunification of Germany.

Historically, bridge building evolved from the need for humans to cross streams and rivers. The easiest type of bridge would have used stepping stones and wooden logs to traverse the water. Possibly the first real evidence of bridge-building technology is found in Babylonian society, around 4000 BC. Subsequently, significant advancements were made by civilisations around the globe, with the Chinese, Romans and Europeans, all developing bridge-building skills and techniques.

A variety of different bridge structures have been developed throughout history. These include Beam bridges, Truss bridges, Arch bridges, Suspension bridges, Cantilever bridges and Cable-stayed bridges. Each type uses different structural principles to support the bridge deck in order to transport loads.

Some of the most famous bridges

include London Tower Bridge, The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, The Millau Bridge in Southern France, The Colorado Bridge which spans the San Diego Bay, The Akashi Bridge in Japan, The Rialto Bridge which spans the Grand Canal of Venice, The Sydney Harbour Bridge, The Ponte Vecchio in Florence, Iron Bridge in Shropshire, Brooklyn Bridge connecting Manhattan and Brooklyn and Charles Bridge in Prague (to name just a few).

The oldest bridge in England is generally considered to be Tarr Steps, a clapper bridge in Exmoor National Park. It is thought to have been built around 1000 BC. Britain is well known for its bridges and bridge builders, in particular, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Thomas Telford. Brunel was a prominent 19th century British engineer, whose achievements included over a hundred bridges, including the Clifton Suspension Bridge which spans the Avon Gorge in Bristol. Telford was a Scottish engineer and a key figure in road and bridge construction in the 19th century. Amongst his many great achievements was the construction of the Menai Suspension Bridge, which links the island of Anglesey with the mainland of Wales.

Bridges also feature in literature, with famous titles such as 'A Bridge too far', 'A view from the Bridge', and 'Bridge

to Terabithia'. There are also numerous references to bridges in music and songs, perhaps most notably the traditional folk song 'London Bridge', and in more recent times 'Bridge over Troubled Water' by Simon and Garfunkel.

The quote 'Let's build bridges, not walls' is attributed to Martin Luther King but its message, echoed by Pope Francis, reminds us of the importance of seeking unity and understanding in a complex world.

Jonathan Wansey

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

'The Dog's Prayer' can be seen in many a dog owner's home; no-one knows who wrote it, but I thought it was quite good and might give him food for thought, so I dropped it into the Guvnor's inbox the other day and watched expectantly for a reaction. None came for a day or two and when it did, I was quite surprised at how much of a raw nerve I seem to have touched. See what you think:

'O Lord of all creatures grant that man (my master e.g.) may be as faithful to other men as I am to him. Make him as loving towards his family and friends as I am to him. Grant that he may guard with honesty the good things with which Thou has endowed him, as honestly as I guard his. Give him, Lord, a happy and ready smile, as ready and spontaneous as the wagging of my tail. Make him show gratitude as I am eager to lick his hand. Give him patience as great as mine when I await his return without complaining. Grant him my courage and my readiness to sacrifice all for him, even my own life. May he possess my youthful spirit and joy of thought. O Lord of all creatures, as I am in truth a dog, may he truly always be a man'.

He sulked for a while, going through that phase of sniffing every now and again and answering any query of

'What's the matter?' with a curt 'Nothing...' And then, finally, he gave me that look that very clearly conveys, without actually saying anything, 'Well, if you don't know, I'm not going to tell you.'

He did, however, open up (or spill, as the young sometimes say) out walking one afternoon in the sunshine: 'Now listen here, Turbo old mate; it looks as if you have been 'dog-bothering' again with that message you left lying about for me to stumble across. I read it carefully and I must admit I was a tad disappointed that you 'littled' me down in your estimation and 'bigged' yourself up so much. Anything to say?'

I replied, 'Nope; it was Loopy who dog-bothered me with her 'dogma', reminding me of when she donned the special dog-collar for the Pet Service last year, and I did as I was told.' The Guvnor responded, rather coldly I thought, 'Well, shall we call you Adam and Eve from now on?'



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ANGLING NOTES

When the trout season opened on the 15th April, I thought that conditions were very taxing with generally bright sun and a cold East wind. However, those members who ventured out seem to have experienced some reasonably good fishing.

The chalk streams are not early rivers in the sense that some of the rain-fed rivers are and as always in the early days of the season fishing can be very variable and unpredictable. Some members saw good hatches of fly and no fish rising whilst others caught numbers of fish during light hatches. Towards the end of the month the East wind abated and conditions have improved although we

continue to have bright sun.

Hatches of fly tend to be brief during this early part of the season and it is important therefore to choose the correct pattern very quickly. There are probably only three species of fly which are important in April, the Large Dark Olive although these will largely have finished by the end of April, the Medium Olive which will occur for a long period into the summer and the Grannom, a sedge which is very much a fly of April. As we move into May, Iron Blues will become important, some other sedges will appear and then of course the Mayfly.

On many chalk-stream fisheries the Mayfly was all important and

little fishing was done after the Mayfly had ended. The standard of angling has risen quite markedly due largely to communication in all its forms and certainly in our society members are better able to make good use of the less easy parts of the season.

I ventured out to our lakes on the 10th April. The long period of bright sun had produced an algae bloom, the lake was cloudy and I and a friend in two and a half hours fishing caught and saw nothing. The algae use up most of the oxygen in the water and consequently the fish become lethargic. We shall give it another try this week when hopefully the water may have cleared and there may be some activity. It seems that due to climate change the season for fishing in any fertile lake, as ours are, is going to be limited to autumn and winter and as winters becomes less severe, this poses no great difficulty: it simply becomes a welcome extension to the fishing season!

I have a robin incubating eggs in one of my nest boxes. The young rooks are out of their nests and moving about in the treetops. Presumably this was the time when country people ate rook pie! In the days prior to refrigeration the fledglings would produce some very welcome fresh meat at a hungry time of the year!

Robin Mulholland



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DOWN ON THE FARM

Last month as I wrote the article we were in the midst of a TB (Tuberculosis) test on all the cattle on the farm. One positive outcome would be enough to shut us down, meaning we can only sell cows for slaughter and the calves go through what is known as the orange market which means they trade at a very low price. Milk production is not affected, and we can still sell the milk.

On this occasion we had one IR (inconclusive reactor) which is border line. She must be isolated and tested again in 60 days from the results day. If after the 60 days she is positive she has to be slaughtered, and we are shut down and on 60-day testing until we have two clear tests. So, we are not out of the danger zone yet!

Rain! We haven't had any, which is becoming a little bit of a problem. The grass quality is very good for first cut silage but low on yield, not significantly and the red clover we planted with the grass is drought tolerant and has worked well. Second cut is looking desperate for rain, nitrogen has been spread but with no rain or moisture it is sitting rather dormant on the fields.

Wheat isn't looking too bad; some signs of stress and the Spring barley is looking very stressed as the roots haven't

grown deep enough yet to find any moisture. The maize which was drilled very early May is not yet out of the ground. Moving forward we sit tight for the wet spell that is inevitable and probably just as harvest starts. The first crop will be oil seed rape, the yellow flowers of the crop are just starting to go over, and the seed pods will begin to form, the pods hold a number of very small black seeds, if it's a very still day you can hear the rape seeds popping, a sign it is ready for harvest. Oil seed rape is an extraordinary crop and on a hot humid day you can hear the crop growing if you are in a middle of a field. It

grows extremely quickly in the right conditions.

Oil seed Rape or Canola as it is known around the rest of the world has a huge number of uses from cooking oil to cosmetics, engine oil, bio diesel, the crushed by product we feed to the cows, candles and ink to name just a few. Once the OSR is harvested, Spring Barley next for us and then the wheat. A few more cuts (we hope) of grass and finally the maize.

A busy few months ahead 'down on the farm'

Kit Pottow

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THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

Nature's garden is looking spectacular at the moment, the May is in full blossom, the roadsides are covered in cow parsley and the comfrey, coming up behind, is looking wonderful in its pinks, blues and purples. Blossom wherever it grows whether in the hedges or our gardens has been better than ever, I guess because during that lovely hot spell there was no wind to knock it off. The lilac in my garden has looked and smelt heavenly. What a treat for the eyes and for the nose! June is the beginning of the blowsy season with everything bursting forth.



Having watched the buds on the roses getting bigger they are now open and in full colour. How I have missed their scent, and I can now wander round the garden sniffing and looking as though I'm doing a TV commercial for some fabric conditioner! No artificial scent from a bottle will ever come up to the natural smells in the garden.

I am feeling quite relaxed about my garden at the moment, it is pretty much up to date with weeding and shaping and therefore I can relax and enjoy every part of it. However, I have bought a

couple of honeysuckles, one which gives off its scent in the day and the other in the evening. We have a couple of lovely obelisks which have been made for us and they will stand against the awning in front of the summer house where we hope to eat lots of lunches and suppers with each other, or better still with friends. Have you noticed I seem to have a thing about scent? Well, I do think it important during the summer months. There are a few lovely plants that give off scent during the winter, but we are much more likely to be outside to enjoy scented plants for the next few months. I do like to be outside as much as possible whenever the weather allows and where better than here in the Wylde valley.

I am filling spaces with annuals which have been grown in the greenhouse and making up tubs and pots with lovely colours. Getting into the ground has been a bit of a challenge as the dry weather has made the soil difficult to break up; it calls for grit and determination, so plenty to keep me occupied - but not forgetting how important it is to find time to sit and enjoy the view and smell the roses!

Ali Tebbs

VILLAGE NEWS

ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS IN CODFORD

The 25th April saw the 110th anniversary of the dawn landings of the ANZACs at Gallipoli. The original plan was disrupted by adverse winds and tides that gave the Turkish defenders an advantage, but which produced extraordinary acts of courage, dogged perseverance and stoicism by the invading Allied troops.

The Commonwealth War Graves' Cemetery is the final resting place of 97 Australian and New Zealand soldiers who died in Codford, and almost a hundred villagers and visitors gathered at 6.30 in the morning to pay their respects in a moving service of commemoration before the traditional 'gunfire' breakfast in the Village Hall held in the shadow of the map showing the 1st World War deployments around the village and its environs.

'Lest we forget' was at the forefront of the visit three hours later of the Head, teachers and pupils from the Wylde Valley Primary School when a shorter, but no less poignant, service was held with the children each 'adopting' a gravestone and placing a sprig of rosemary on the top in remembrance as their Headteacher laid the school's wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice.

Codford St Mary Church, sitting adjacent to the Cemetery, followed up with its own tribute at Morning Service on the Sunday, rounding off Codford's tribute to our brave allies from the Antipodes.

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Type "Codfordcommunity.co.uk" into your search bar to access the community website. There, you will find various useful and informative content. A new quiz has also been added, which can be found on the home page.

Codford Parish Council minutes can also be found on this website (under articles and contributions).

CODFORD KEY COMMUNITY EVENTS DURING JUNE 2025

- 1st Live music from 'Tariqa duo' at Codford Tea rooms from 1.30pm.
- 4th Film night at the Woolstore theatre. This month's film is called 'Juror 2' 7.30pm.
- 7th Wylde Valley Plants Nursery open day - 9am - 1pm.
- 12th Hearing aid clinic at Codford village hall (small hall) - 10am - 12pm.
- 14th Free drama workshops at the Woolstore theatre - 10.30am - 12.30pm.
- 15th Boyton and Corton church fete 2.30pm.
- 16th Parish Council meeting - 7.00pm
- 17th Codford and district gardening club first summer trip to see the gardens of 'The hospital of St Cross and the alms houses of the noble poor' in Winchester.
- 19th-21st The Woolstore theatre presents its latest production 'The Park Bench' - 7.30pm.
- 22nd Ginny's Sunday market 10am - 2pm.
- 22nd Woolstore theatre opens its doors for monthly drinks - 12pm - 2pm.
- 27th Codford village hall annual meeting 6pm.
- 28th Free drama workshops at the Woolstore theatre 10.30am - 12.30pm.

CODFORD VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK

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

Don't forget all services in the Team are listed in the Parish News p.11 and on the Team website
www.upperwyldevalleyteam.com

COFFEE MORNING IN SUPPORT OF PROSTATE CANCER UK.

A big thank you to all who helped on the day and supported this coffee morning held in Codford on 8th May. The total raised on the day was £893, and with further donations, the final total was just over £1000.

A special thank you to the Thursday Café for allowing 'the men' to take over for the day. Alan Nash and I appreciated all your support for this worthy cause.

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NEWS FROM HEYTESBURY

As summer approaches and the days are becoming warmer, we are opening the church doors to remove the winter chill and encourage visitors to come in. On hot days, the church will provide a cool respite for the dog walker, hiker and cyclist. However, we are already thinking about next winter as it has been two years since the church's heating system died a sudden death and was declared irreparable. Since then, we have been taking advice on different heating systems and renewable energy sources to reduce our carbon footprint.



Having visited various churches and sat under different heating systems, we

have decided on a new system of infrared heating. Most of us are familiar with the red glowing wire of current infrared heaters but Herschel Halo heaters incorporate thin ceramic tiles into ring shaped chandeliers or rectangular panels. The heat produced by the heaters warms surfaces (people, pews, floors) and not the air which is a more efficient way of providing warmth to people in large spaces such as our church. Depending upon the positioning of the chandelier and panels, the zones of heat can be focused on areas where people congregate. We will start by installing the system in the chancel as it will provide an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the system before we consider the nave.

To explain the system, receive feedback from the community and encourage people to help us fund the project, we are putting up a small exhibition in the church. Should anyone be interested in seeing the chandeliers, St Matthew's Church in Bristol (BS6 5TB) has four chandeliers.

On a final note, the Annual Heytesbury Duck Race was a great success with

the duck sales and the cake stall raising £1,363.10. Such is the enthusiasm for the race that the young son of one of the fishermen joined the team at the finishing line and managed to net most of the ducks. The green fingers in the village provided lots of seedlings and plants for the seedling sale and again, a wonderful total of £521.40. Finally, after our VE Day Sunday service, the spring clean volunteers dusted, polished, swept, hoovered and mopped their way through the church.

Tina Sitwell



SHERRINGTON

We are blessed with so many wonderful trees and quite suddenly it seems we are submerged in foliage. Horse Chestnut are loading with their handsome candles, down at Broadleaze those wonderful lime trees never cease to amaze and every where is the vivid green of new beech leaves, silken and almost transparent. The leaves of the copper beech are smoky pink and will deepen to almost mahogany. In the Great Ridge bluebells have been spectacular, almost past their best now but still worth a visit.

In the village the swans made a late start, only nesting once the small island was cleared. I am not sure but I think we have Lee and Mandy to thank? The female now appears to be settled on her eggs, incubating for about 6 weeks. Up at the Manor a pair are nesting on the lake for the second year and last year's young have moved on.

There have been handsome king cups bordering the cress bed, yellow iris to follow and every where banks are starred with enamelled celandines. Toby Bainbridge took an amazing shot of a dragonfly emerging from the pupal stage. What a fascinating thing to see! It takes several hours and the insect must be exhausted. I wonder what it feels like? After all, it is not a normal birth; an entirely new creature emerges, miraculous!

It has been a bountiful year for Blackthorn, hedgerows billowing with clouds of blossom and scent hanging on the warm air, but where were the insects? Hawthorn now in flower, blossom thick as whipped cream and I do so hope pollinating insects appear and are busy in gardens too. Still early for



butterflies but the Brim Stone are about, quite numerous in the wood, a Holly Blue appears in the garden.

Enjoyable as the endless sunshine has been I feel concern for the birds. Some must have young in the nest now needing soft food but how can parents dig for food in ground that is rock hard. Swallows and House Martins need mud for nest building so how are they to fare? Our bird feeder is constantly busy and it must be that natural food is in short supply.

When I am digging the garden in my ongoing battle with ground elder I am aware of the robin who pays close attention and virtually perches on my boots! I feel obliged to stand aside from time to time to allow him to grub around in the turned soil. This he does and flies off with a beakful of minuscule stuff, every little helps!

Everything in the natural world depends on something and if a link in the chain is broken the repercussions go all down the line and, sophisticated though we are, affects us too. One longs for the days when we did not constantly have the wettest, coldest, driest, hottest but just normal weather! So much precious life is at risk, attacked from all sides.

Betty Lewis

WORSHIP in the UPPER WYLYE VALLEY MAY 2025

1 JUNE Sunday after Ascension Day	Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Heytesbury Upton Lovell	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Morning Prayer on Sunday Sunday Worship Patronal Evensong (BCP)	<i>choir</i>
8 JUNE PENTECOST	Tytherington Upton Lovell Heytesbury Codford St Mary	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Sunday Worship Evensong (BCP)	<i>choir</i>
15 JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY	Boyton Codford St Peter Norton Bavant	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Sunday Worship	<i>choir</i>
22 JUNE 1st Sunday after Trinity	Sutton Veny Codford St Mary Knook Heytesbury	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer on Sunday Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	<i>choir</i>
29 JUNE SS Peter & Paul	Heytesbury	10.00	Patronal Festival TEAM SERVICE	<i>choir</i>

UWVT WEEKDAY SERVICES

Fridays Sutton Veny 8.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

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*May they have many
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INTERMENT OF ASHES

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

Gerald Nigel Good

on 11th April at Codford St Mary

John L Powell

on 3rd May at Sutton Veny

Ruth Frances Wilds

on 15th May at Sutton Veny

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