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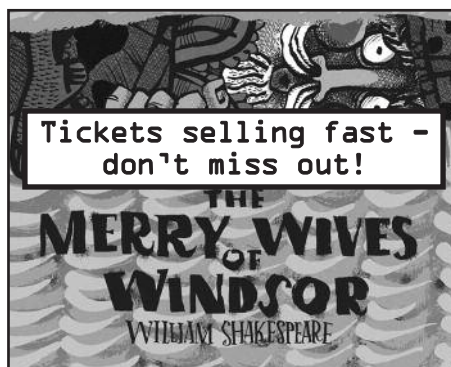
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MINISTRY LETTER

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

It is now six months since I was commissioned as rural dean for the Heytesbury Deanery. A rural dean is appointed by the diocesan bishop following consultation with the suffragan bishop, archdeacon and clergy of the deanery. Rural deans usually have a benefice of their own, but it is not unusual for self-supporting or retired clergy to be appointed. After much prayer and soul searching, it was with some trepidation that I consented.

The verse from the book of Joshua

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it..... And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

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above is the word of God given to Joshua following the death of Moses. God command Joshua to lead the people into the promised land, and it should give us all courage when we are faced with a difficult or unknown task. I have only just been given 'a handbook for rural deans'. If only I had it in hand at the time of being approached things might have been different....

Many people have asked me what a rural dean is and what he or she does? The primary role is to support and connect the clergy and parishes of the deanery. I ensure that the clergy meet on a regular basis and with the lay co-chair, arrange and share leadership of the deanery synod. The synod consists of clergy and the laity elected by their PCC. The rural dean provides pastoral support to the clergy and particularly during a vacancy, to the parishes. He or she works closely with the bishop and archdeacon. I am the ears and

eyes of the bishop in the local area to ensure that the bishop knows of any issues that they should be aware of or be concerned about. My role relates particularly to people and organisations.

I also look after the welfare of retired clergy particularly those who continue their ministry after retirement. I am particularly active in benefices in vacancy and involved with recruitment and pastoral reorganization where necessary.

I find the role interesting, and I particularly enjoy leading worship across the deanery each Sunday and meeting new congregations. Diocesan and strategy meetings can be daunting, but I like being 'in the know', knowing what is going on within and across the diocese and the national church. I am grateful to work alongside Henry Collins, the Lay co-chair of the deanery.

Rev Cliff Stride

Rural Dean Heytesbury Deanery

RIDE & STRIDE 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

On a fine, clear day it is a lovely thing to get up onto any ridge above our beautiful Wyllye Valley and gaze out over the lush countryside. I am always surprised how little one can see of the villages that are largely hidden by trees and the undulations of the landscape. However, the structures that always stand proud are the towers, steeples, spires and pinnacles of our parish churches. They remain, even today, the tallest buildings in most villages, just as they were when first built all those centuries ago.

By my reckoning, if you set off on your bike from, say, Sutton Veny and cycled down the valley (along what we call the 'bottom road'), you would (with a few slight diversions) be able to visit at least 20 churches and chapels between your starting point and Wilton. A few of these churches are now redundant and looked after by a church conservation trust and one or two are ruinous but, in every sense, all of them are 'open' - or certainly will be on Saturday 13th September.

Ride & Stride, an annual nationwide sponsored bike ride with the theme of raising much-needed funds for our ancient churches, has now been going for over 40 years. This is a great opportunity to get some exercise, visit some glorious old churches, learn more about the history

of your local area, and raise money for maintaining the fabric of these precious buildings. Your sponsored efforts also raise cash for the church in your own village.

On the day, the mode of transport can be pretty well anything - it is the number of churches you visit that is being sponsored. So, horse, bike, tandem, on foot or, I imagine, car is acceptable - although it might be difficult to get sympathetic sponsors for that last one. One marvellous fund-raiser in the Upper Wyllye Valley last year did Ride & Stride on his mobility scooter.

For sponsorship forms and further details about Ride & Stride, please contact the local parish organiser for your village / parish church (see below) or Charlotte Mozley on ckmozley@btinternet.com

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Exasperated by inaction elsewhere, four local men set out recently to raise money to buy 4x4 Pick-Up trucks, fill them with donated items needed in Ukraine, drive them to Lviv and hand them over to a very grateful beleaguered country. Now they want to do it again and need our help. To that end:

- You are invited to come to a fascinating presentation in Codford Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Friday 4th July. No entry fee, bar open and be prepared to hear all about this charity doing something extraordinary.

- Listen to how the last convoy was put together.
- Hear what is required to equip the next one and how you can contribute.
- Bring money (or pledge it, BACS it or donate it on Justgiving) and go home knowing you have done something important to help.

Do look up their Justgiving site (<https://shorturl.at/XtuLz>) and be inspired by the stories of Pick Ups for Peace and these four men in particular. (Willie Mahon and David Shaw on behalf of John Russell, Mike Drummond-Smith, Nicholas Walters and Anthony Knyvett).



UKRAINE - TEDDY BEARS

In the middle of May, a small consignment of nine knitted teddies, in Ukrainian colours, was sent off to the NFFU (New Forest For Ukraine - <https://www.newforestforukraine.org/>) in Lymington, to be sent to some of the refugee children suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine. They were made by Eileen Kellow and Sally Thomson. If anyone would like to make a teddy (or two), please contact Sally (thomsoncodford@gmail.com),



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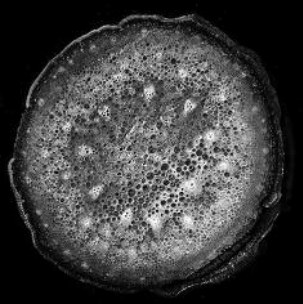
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DID YOU KNOW? ROSES

There is something quintessentially English about a beautiful rose garden in bloom at this time of year. But what is the origin of these much loved flowers?

Fossil records show that roses existed thirty million years ago in Europe, Asia and North America. Roses are thought to have been cultivated first in China, where they were grown in the Imperial gardens of the Chou dynasty, as described by Confucius (551-479 BC). Roses were used for various purposes, including medicine, perfumed oils and decoration. In ancient Egypt and Rome, the rose was associated with love and beauty and it is said that Cleopatra used rosewater to enhance her beauty.

In medieval Europe, roses were seen as symbols of love and beauty, but in England in the 15th Century, the rose became a symbol of conflict in The War of the Roses. The white rose representing York and the red rose representing Lancaster. The national flower for England is a rose. During the 18th Century, cultivated roses from China were introduced to Europe, leading to a new wave of rose breeding.

There are over 150 species of roses across the world and also thousands of hybrids. The scientific name for a rose is 'rosa,' and they are part of the 'rosaceae' family which includes crops such as apples

and pears. Roses are characterised by their multiple layers of delicate petals and thorny stems and most roses are edible, however they don't all taste the same. It is said that if the rose smells pleasant, it will probably taste good too. Roses are commonly classified into seven main types: Hybrid Tea Roses, Floribunda Roses, Grandiflora Roses, Climbing Roses, Shrub Roses, Miniature Roses, and Old Garden Roses.

There are numerous quotes in literature referring to roses and here are just a few:

'Of all flowers, methinks a rose is best.'
(William Shakespeare, The two Noble Kinsmen)

'We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice, because thorn bushes have roses.' (Alphonse Karr)

'He that dares not grasp the thorn, should never crave the rose.'
(Anne Bronte, The Narrow Way)

'God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December.'
(JM Barrie)

'A single rose can be my garden: a single friend, my world.' (Leo Buscaglia)

The fashion of naming roses after people started at the beginning of the 19th century and include many historical figures and famous people. There are roses named after Mozart, Michelangelo and Marilyn Monroe and more contemporary names such as Dame Judi Dench and Paul McCartney. If you are fortunate enough to have a variety of this majestic flower named after you, you might justifiably feel proud to have lived a life 'smelling of roses'!

Jonathan Wansey

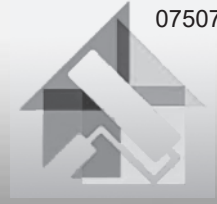


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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR THE SUMMER

I've been in the doghouse rather a lot this month for one reason or another. According to my Guvnor I have been disobedient rather than just nonchalant, a renegade out walking and not just an escapee, more of a bully to pigeons than a scarecrow and greedy rather than just hungry. His wife, and my best friend, tells him not to shout at me, or scold me or threaten to withhold my tea because 'he is just a terrier...' They disagree about little and are specifically d'accord over one thing, however - that a dog's place is on the floor.

I don't think the Guvnor appreciates just how much a short-legged, inquisitive and responsible guard dog

needs to find a vantage point from which to carry out his duties. After all, there is absolutely nothing to be seen at ground level so in the absence of a Wimbledon-type umpire's chair, there is nothing for it but to lie/sit/stand on the kitchen table on sentry. What for, you may ask? Well, the postman followed closely by next door's Labrador, both of whom need a neighbourly and noisy greeting and then, in order of risk, anyone in a yellow, or orange, fluorescent jacket, pigeons, partridges, pheasants, cats and almost any other trespasser from the animal kingdom.

All this is gearing up to tell you of a lovely half hour I had along the river-bank the other afternoon. I was pottering along leaving Post-it notes on tufts of grass and minding personal business, when a hare appeared in my peripheral vision. Hare coursing is rightly against the law; we are bang in the middle of the close season and hares are beautiful creatures and a delight to everyone other than gardeners, but to a terrier who is out to take exercise a chase without malice aforethought seemed utterly appropriate - and I was off like a longdog at 20 mph. After a little while, and by now over the hills and far away, I pulled up panting and with my little heart fit to burst - and gave

up. My last sight of Harry the Hare was of him sitting on a knoll about a quarter of a mile away and, I thought, with his ears giving me a rude sign.

I trotted back to join the Guvnor and his wife; the former was livid, but his wife was delighted to see me, calmed him down and gave me a biscuit.



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ANGLING NOTES

It has become a tradition in The Piscatorial Society to have a supper on the first Saturday after the 12th of May in order to celebrate the beginning of the mayfly season. We have about a half hour of readings drawing on the wealth of high quality literature which exists about the chalk streams. Inevitably there is some looking back in doing this. It is clear from the writings that the chalk streams have been under pressure from man for more than 120 years and the hatches of fly which were dependable and heavy are nothing like as dependable or prolific as they once were. Abstraction, pollution, agricultural practices, increasing urbanisation and more recently climate change,

have all played a part in this demise. What is pleasing however is that after all this time we still have hatches of fly, rivers which are capable of supporting fish life and which visually are little changed. On the day of our mayfly supper mayfly were hatching on the Avon and members were catching trout on their imitations as they would have done more than 100 years ago. It speaks well for the way in which fisheries are managed in this small and heavily populated island. Clubs, syndicates and other similar bodies come together to provide fishing for their members and in doing so there is an incredible amount of volunteer effort goes into looking after the rivers and

lakes, fighting the polluters and abstracters and even mitigating the effects of climate change. Some things are not easy to fight, climate change is one, the amount of chemical pollutants which we flush down the loo is another. There is no current mechanism for getting rid of such and their effects are not known.

We had a cuckoo in and around the village from about the 19th of May for about 4 days. It was probably the same one which was heard in Upton Lovell. This is the first which I have heard for some years. It seems to have gone away and I must ask why? Were there insufficient hosts for it to parasitise, probably hedge sparrows, or insufficient food, large hairy caterpillars or did no mate turn up? I suspect that it would be a combination of the first two factors.

The only swallow which I have seen in the village this year flew into my kitchen probably, looking for a nest site. As I have written in previous years to see swallows one needs to go to the cattle units.

Robin Mulholland

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DOWN ON THE FARM

As farmers we are very vulnerable to rural crime, with land easily accessible and however much security you put in place the criminals will always have the skills to access where they want to go and take what they want.

However, without a rural crimes team the chances of any protection or control goes immediately. In Wiltshire we are fortunate to have an excellent rural crimes team and Philip Wilkinson the police and crime commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon is very much on board with fighting rural crime. Other counties have seen their rural crime teams disbanded, which is very concerning.

Recently I was talking to a police officer (not locally). It was eye opening listening to him and the attitude he has come across about rural crime within the force. He himself being reprimanded by senior officers for seizing several stolen horseboxes and farm machinery, as well as the gang involved; they accused him of wasting policing time and resources. Crimes like this won't be a one-off and are often led by criminal teams working to order, where machinery is sold and shipped over to Europe.

For us theft is an issue, and crime has been strongly evident in our area.

Alongside theft, hare coursing is rampant, a horrible crime and one we utterly detest. As farmers the wildlife on our land is part of our landscape and there to be nurtured and yes occasionally that might mean an organised, planned culling programme as it benefits the health and future of a breed, such as deer or rabbits.

Salisbury Plain provides a perfect habitat for hares but sadly being so open and accessible means it's also the perfect habitat for organised gangs of coursers. This is not just a few people out having a bit of fun with their hunting dogs; this is a gambling game, where huge amounts of money is placed on the dogs and which one is the quickest and catches the hare first. It is illegal, causes criminal damage as the vehicles are driven through land and fences which then puts farm livestock at risk and road users then become at risk because of animals loose on the roads. The criminals are also then able to assess farms and the area for other criminal opportunities. There is also the important animal welfare issue of the hares but also the dogs which often are just abandoned especially if the coursers are alerted and scared off (that doesn't happen often).

What was disturbing for us recently was that we saw coursers in our meadow

grounds at 2pm. That was horrifying and that morning I had seen the hares on our ground and thought to myself at least down by us they are safe. The Plain is open and easy for the dogs to chase the hares and easy for the vehicles to escape via by-ways but in the meadows that would be harder so for them to even be attempting to venture this way and in broad daylight is concerning. On this occasion we suspect they were just scouting the land and with so many footpaths it's easy pickings.

On the note of footpaths PLEASE shut the gates if you open them; we are experiencing a number of incidents of gates being left open on the footpaths, not only does this put livestock at risk but makes it easier to access by those who shouldn't. We are having to padlock gates to prevent crime and to also prevent access onto land that isn't a public right of way. We try to be understanding that people want to walk where it suits them and we take a lenient view towards this but it's being taken advantage of and that is why we are taking further measures on the farm to make land inaccessible and secure our livestock and property down on the farm.

Kit Pottow

THOUGHTS FROM MY GARDEN

I'm not naturally an early bird, but summer is somehow different and there's something very special about wandering around the garden very early in the morning. As I enter the conservatory to get to the garden the smell of the Hoya with its sticky sweet flower umbels, dripping their strong Mediterranean perfume, is a gorgeous first sensation.

Then out into the garden to the still of the early morning as everything begins to wake and gear up for another day. There is a peace to be enjoyed as I wander round the garden taking off the odd dead head from the geraniums and

drinking in the sight of everything bathed in the light of the early morning sun - I'll try not to spoil that thought when the mornings are wet and grey - I'm sure we all prefer to think of the positive!

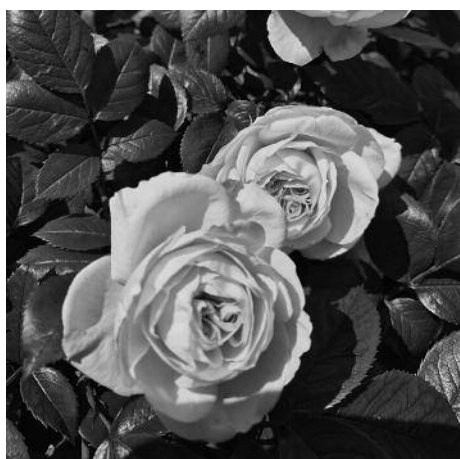
A quiet wander often gives ideas for the future, not always carried out, but lovely thoughts of 'what ifs'. As I'm finding it a bit harder to get off my knees, maybe I should be thinking of a garden with less maintenance; more shrubs perhaps, but maybe it's good for me to keep the knees and muscles working hard.

With shrubs in mind I have been reading about Rosa Persica Hybrids and the effort it has taken to bring this lovely rose into being from the originals that were brought back by plant hunters in the 1700's from Iran, Afghanistan and Russia. After some setbacks, rosarians Jack Harkness and Alec Cocker finally succeeded in breeding the varieties we have today. They come in a variety of colours but have a dark centre and an open head, making them good for our pollinators. Definitely worth considering for less maintenance and pressure on the knees.

I love roses and Jack Harkness is a name I remember my mother using when referring to roses. She loved her roses

and I remember when we moved to the country when I was only about five, the garden was just a field, and part of the new layout included two big rose gardens, one with a patio in the middle for us to sit out and eat whenever possible. I remember having Sunday roast and persuading my mother that we should go inside once the rain started to dilute the gravy! I hope that is not something we have to do during this summer; I'm like my mum in that I want to be outside as much as possible enjoying every bit of my garden, especially with family and friends.

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A wildfire can move at speeds faster than an Olympic sprinter, so we are asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call the fire service on 999 immediately, with as much information as possible.

Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.

You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths and open spaces to the Police on 101.

Landowners and land managers are also advised, where possible, to be prepared for fires and ensure that fire breaks are cut and well maintained with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

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JULY

- 4th July 4th Ukraine Talk CVH 6pm
 - 5th Australian badge cleaning day - 8.45am - Codford village hall.
 - 5th Wylve Valley Plants Nursery open day - 9am - 1pm.
 - 6th Codford park run - 10am Codford village hall grounds.
 - 6th Codford tea rooms is hosting a 50's & 60's through to present day music themed event 1.30 - 2.30pm
 - 10th Hearing aid clinic at Codford village (small) hall -10am - 12pm.
 - 12th Free drama workshops at the Woolstore theatre 10.30am - 12.30pm.
 - 20th Ginny's Sunday market 10am - 2pm.
 - 20th Woolstore theatre opens its doors for monthly drinks 2pm - 2pm.
 - 28th Parish council meeting - 7pm.
- #### AUGUST
- 2nd Wylve Valley Plants Nursery open day - 9am - 1pm.
 - 7th & 8th Sunflower supper club with Made by Orly at Punchbowl farm, Codford - 6.30pm - 10.30pm
 - 10th Codford park run - 10am Codford village hall grounds.
 - 14th Hearing aid clinic at Codford village (small) hall -10am - 12pm.
 - 17th Ginny's Sunday market 10am - 2pm.
 - 17th Woolstore theatre opens its doors for monthly drinks - 12pm - 2pm

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 home page.

Codford Parish Council minutes can be found on the Codford Parish Council website (codfordpc.org.uk) or you can find a link to them from our Codford community website.

CODFORD VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES EACH WEEK

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HEYTESBURY IN HARMONY

On 1st May over 40% of the electorate of Heytesbury, Knook & Tytherington turned out to vote for a new Parish Council. The eleven successful candidates represent a mixture of previous council experience and a fresh perspective. All are showing enthusiasm, new ideas and, above all, are in harmony at their meetings. Two natives of Heytesbury have been unanimously elected as Chairman and as Vice Chair: David Bond and Karen Riggs respectively. Both were born and raised in Heytesbury and are well known.

In addition, Karen has volunteered to liaise with the Parish Steward on his monthly visits. He is employed by Wilts Council to do necessary small tasks. Other councillors will liaise with Wiltshire Police; the Parochial Church Council (PCC); The Heytesbury Open Place (HOP) project team; Heytesbury Social; The Friends of the Churches and Knook Allotments Association. All are being guided by the excellent Locum Parish Clerk who will continue in the job until a new Parish Clerk is appointed. The vacancy will be advertised shortly.

You will find that the members of the new Parish Council are very 'hands on' and Dave Bond has already been seen wielding a chain saw to remove a broken branch from a tree at Park Street corner. The brambles have been attacked in public areas and the dog poo-bag dispensers have been refilled. We want everyone to be able to enjoy our beautiful green spaces and we are grateful to the residents of Cotley Place, and others, for keeping their areas tidy. Many of the new councillors regularly walk around our villages and we advise that there will be zero tolerance for anyone seen dropping litter, fly tipping or not picking up after their dogs. At present the swans on the River Wylde are nurturing at least two small signets so please restrain your dogs in their vicinity.

Meetings of the Heytesbury, Imber & Knook Parish Council are held at 7.00pm on the last Tuesday of the month in the Community Hall at the Hospital of St John. The public are welcome to attend and may speak on any agenda item in the public session. Agendas, and Minutes of past meetings, can be seen on the website: www.heytesburyparish.co.uk and on the three village notice boards. The next PC

meeting will be on Wednesday 25th June (not Tuesday this month).

WHAT IS HEYTESBURY SOCIAL

If you have attended Heytesbury Bonfire Night, VE Day Celebrating 80 Years, Party at the Pub, Pumpkin Festival or other village celebrations over the years, then you have enjoyed a Heytesbury Social event (<https://www.facebook.com/Heytesburysocial/>)

There has always been an enthusiastic, hardworking group of villagers who have organised community events and in 2018 Heytesbury Social grew out of that tradition. Its aim is to promote events in Heytesbury, Tytherington and Knook for the benefit of the community. Its membership is open to any resident in those villages (over the age of 18) and any organisation willing to help the group achieve its aims. The committee is keen to increase its membership so if you would like to join the committee or simply be part of the group by helping to prepare events and give a hand on the day, please contact Karen Riggs (roadhogcaterers@yahoo.co.uk)

SHERRINGTON

Beautiful June and July, months of the rose, wild in the hedgerows, in the garden flower beds or tumbling and climbing on warm walls, filling gardens with colour and scent. In our garden we inherited a Nevada rose that I love. When we came to Rectory Cottage over 40 years ago she was a mature lady so must now be a dowager duchess, still spreading her ivory ball gown. A skilful friend took a cutting that is thriving so the line will continue.

Buttercups and oxeye daisies are every where and on the slope above the village orchids are appearing, some white ones that I think are butterfly. Not many in the churchyard yet, only one or two pyramids so far.

Tilshead was an area enjoyed by Little Dog for a Saturday walk so I have not been there for a while. I missed the cowslips that must have been prolific judging by the spent flowerhead. However there are now swathes of pink sainfoin swaying in the long grass and the first frothy heads of drop wort, a downland cousin of meadowsweet. There are one or two clumps of sainfoin on the track above the village along with the blue cranesbill and the first scabious.

We seem to sink beneath the heavy masses of summer foliage. Entering the Great Ridge by the rugged track leading from the tarmac road, once clear

of the bushes one enters a tunnel of beech trees seemingly bathed in green light. As well as conifers there are splendid oak trees. Such is the resilience of nature that one area cleared of fir trees is now thick with bracken and silver birch. Walking there today I heard a cuckoo and one is heard around the village too. Magpies seem to be everywhere. We have several nest boxes for small birds and I saw one audacious magpie standing atop one, such an elegant bird but with evil intent. They take a heavy toll of fledglings. Four cygnets hatched on the cress bed but the brood at the Manor appear to have been predated. Scarcely any swallows or martins in the sky above the village but in Codford Tiggy Thornton has her swifts back yet again. It must be wonderful when they come swooping in. I never cease to marvel at the miracle of the swift. Weighing in at about 40g they have an impressive wingspan of 42-49cm. On leaving their nests they are airborne for an amazing 2 - 4 years only coming in to land when eggs are laid and young are raised. When migrating they can, I read, cover up to 1,000 kilometres in a day, and in a lifetime could fly 2 billion kilometres. What a magic bird!

A book recently read is Raising Hare. It is an amazing account of a woman's contact and experience with a beautiful animal. It is sensitive, well

written and without undue sentiment so well worth reading. Having read and enjoyed the book it was alarming and disgusting to hear of an incident of apparent hare coursing in the field adjacent to the village. I know that coursing and poaching are pretty rife on the Plain and on remoter farm land and difficult to police but to have it on our doorstep is shocking.

Someone up at the Garage is wearing a halo. My little car limped in with a flat tyre and in 20 minutes Tyto and I were driving home with a replacement! My goodness, the wonderful scent of soft rain on the hot and thirsty land but we need so much more!

Betty Lewis

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JULY 6 Trinity 3	Tytherington	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	choir
	Sutton Veny	9.30am	Sunday Worship with baptism -	
	Codford St Peter	11.00am	Parish Communion	choir
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Sunday Worship	
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	
JULY 13 Trinity 4	Upton Lovell	9.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	-
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish Communion	choir
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	
JULY 20 Trinity 5	Boyton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Sunday Worship -	
	Norton Bavant	11.00am	Parish Communion	choir
JULY 27 Trinity 6	Sutton Veny	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Codford St Mary	9.30am	Parish Communion	
	Knook	11.00am	Patronal Matins	choir
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	

UWVT WEEKDAY SERVICES

Fridays Sutton Veny 8.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

3 AUGUST Trinity 7	Norton Bavant	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Sutton Veny	6.00pm	Evensong
	St Leonard's Old Church		
10 AUGUST Lammas	Codford St Mary	10.00am	Lammas Communion
	Knook	6.00pm	Evensong
17 AUGUST Trinity 9	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Heytesbury church lawn	10.00am	VJ celebration
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Evensong
24 AUGUST St Bartholomew	Boyton	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)
31 AUGUST Trinity 11	Codford St Peter	10.00am	Parish Communion
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"The picture by Jonathan is stunning and I greatly appreciate it.

"It has been a privilege to help with the music in the Benefice. The choir's presence really transforms the services, injecting a vibrancy, energy and spiritual dimension that really raises the 'worship experience' to a different level."

Nick says that he would like to come back to play for the annual ANZAC service in Sutton Veny. It's a long way to come from Devon, but how very splendid!

AN ART CHALLENGE

We haven't had an art challenge for a while, so with the holiday season upon us, I thought it time to encourage you to get out sketch books and cameras, or phones. While it is fun trying to capture a scene from a holiday, I enjoy trying to compose a composite picture. This is one that merges two or more images together. It can, therefore, give an idea of the whole holiday not just one part of it. The photograph with this article shows a composite picture that I did after a visit to Jordan and is in watercolour. It shows the sunset over the Dead Sea, a part of Petra and other ruins we visited. I also stuck some extracts from tourist pamphlets onto the paper before starting to paint. I find being faced with a plain, white sheet of paper when you start a painting can be quite daunting. Breaking up the surface in some way before you start is a great help. When doing this, it is necessary to plan out your composition carefully beforehand.

Do have a go and send your results to the editor. We would like more art work in the Parish News I know there are many talented amateurs out there, please send us some of your work. I will photograph things for you if it helps, contact me through the editor.

Angela Rosenthal

