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Christmas Carols
Also owing to Covid-19, sadly there won’t be any carols at The Black Dog with Sophie Eden this year; however, the Chilmark Church Carol service will take place on Sunday 20 December at 6pm, p9. Meanwhile, the Nadder Valley Benefice Team are organising a Drive-in Covid-secure Carol Service at Bake Barn, Fonthill Estate, on Monday 21 December 6pm, p8.

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Welcome to the December & January issue of The Village Voice
Events to celebrate have been scarce this year so the long-awaited arrival of the new 20 mph signs in the lower part of Chilmark seemed something of a triumph. Early days yet, but let’s hope we see a gradual slowing of through traffic as the year comes to a close. The installation of the new signs was in tandem with new National Speed Limit signs indicating the end point of the speed limit; the positioning of one of these signs in particular caused a few wry smiles - see back page!

Also heart-warming was the sight of steeplejacks hard at work in the winter sun at the top of St Margaret’s Church spire. Even at that height, social distancing seemed to be strictly observed, p8.

As this issue went to press, Church Warden Richard Haupt was seeking opinions on how best to regulate numbers in St Margaret’s on Christmas day, by far the most widely attended service of the year, whilst adhering to Covid safety guidelines. If you have any suggestions, please do email Richard, see church directory, p10.

We’re delighted to report that the St Margaret’s Bells will be rung at midnight on New Year’s Eve to mark the start of what we can only hope will be a better year all round, p9. Also on a positive front is the news that the PCC (Parochial Church Council) has decided to set up two Working Groups to investigate future use of St Margaret’s. Everyone’s input will be welcomed; deadline for registering your interest is Tuesday 15 December, p7.

The first Chilmark Coffee Kitchen took place in the Reading Room at the beginning of November, just before the start of the second Lockdown. It proved popular and we can only hope more will be able to take place soon, p4. And despite fears that Lockdown would put paid to plans for the Remembrance Sunday service in St Margaret’s churchyard, it did in fact take place, with a wonderful turnout of some 70 villagers all socially distanced, needless to say, p8.

The last Doorstep Food Collection of the year also took place during Lockdown; huge thanks to everyone’s generous donations of Christmas foods & items which will be distributed by the Trussell Trust, p5.

We wish you a happy Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.

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Parish Council News
Chilmark Parish Council met in the Reading Room on Wednesday 4 November.

Village Street & Road Names
Following an inquiry from a resident about the lack of road name signs in parts of the village, the Parish Council is keen to hear whether there is any demand for additional signage.

Councillors discussed the fact that some streets in the village are long and would require more than one sign, whilst other roads have historically been known by different names.

A map of Chilmark dated 1918 names just one street, Frog Lane. It was agreed to ask residents for their views on whether additional road names signs would be of benefit to the village. It was noted that there would be a cost implication and this would need to be funded locally rather than by Wiltshire Council.

Roles of Councillors
It had previously been agreed that Cllr Bev Small should lead on Planning and Cllr Elizabeth Pelham on Animal and green/pasture issues. Inspection of Frickers Paddock playground, in line with insurance requirements, will now transfer from Cllr Patrick Boyles to Cllr Sir Raymond Jack. Cllr Boyles will continue as Flood Warden until his retirement in May 2021.

Other roles and tasks still to be determined include: Roads (Community Area Transport Group, South Wilts Community Safety Group and liaison with Parish Steward) and Snow Warden. Cllr Boyles agreed to continue with these roles until Parish Council replacements could be found.

Date of Next Meeting
The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 6 January.

Latest Planning Applications / Decisions

Ref: 20/05833/FUL
Ridge Farmhouse, Frickers Lane, Ridge SP3 5BS
New replacement window to east elevation.
New door access to north elevation.
Reinstatement of previous outbuilding/stables to west of main house.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Morris
Final Decision: Approve with Conditions
16 November 2020

Ref: 20/06258/FUL
Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark SP3 5AJ
Proposed replacement dwelling.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wolseley Brinton
Final Decision: Approve with Conditions
24 November 2020

Ref: 20/08368/LBC
Englefield House, Becketts Lane, Chilmark SP3 5BD
Repointing of a Listed Building.
Applicant: Mr Gardner
Target date for Decision: 24 November 2020

For more details on recent applications or decisions, please visit address below, entering the respective planning application number in Search bar:
pages.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning

AGM
The Chilmark Reading Room AGM took place via Zoom on Tuesday 24 November. The election of the management committee was conducted by Trustee Patrick Middleton. We are very grateful to him for his support of the Reading Room and his kind words.

Sadly our VE-Day party, ceilidh, barbecue, Halloween party, casino evening and Christmas Bazaar plans all had to be cancelled this year. Many private functions had to be called off and our regular groups were unable to meet. On a more positive note, the Reading Room was used as a distribution point for bread and watercress orders during lockdown.

As the government restrictions eased in the summer the Reading Room was able to re-open under strict hygiene and social distancing conditions, which allowed committees to meet. Chilmark and Ridge patients of the Hindon Surgery can collect their prescriptions once a week from the Reading Room and the weekly Chilmark Coffee Kitchen will continue when the current lockdown ends.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. We look forward to seeing you again when the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for the time and energy they invest in ensuring the Reading Room is a place where the local community can socialise and attend classes or meetings.

Morag Philpott

The draft Minutes of the last meeting can be read at: www.chilmarkreadingroom.co.uk

The Holly & the Ivy…
Although Covid-19 has sadly put paid to this year’s Reading Room Christmas Bazaar, a Holly & Mistletoe sale will take place on Saturday 12 December from 12 noon to 4pm. Huge thanks to Stephanie Lucas who has kindly volunteered her garage / driveway at Becketts, directly opposite the Reading Room, as a venue for the sale. In order to honour social distancing guidelines, and hence avoid gatherings of villagers, the RR committee has agreed the stall will be operated on an honesty box basis. Please do come along on the day. Meanwhile, roll on 2021 for the return of mulled wine and mince pies.

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen
We just managed to have our first meeting the day before the latest Lockdown with a dozen villagers coming along for coffee, cake and a (socially distanced) chat. Everyone seemed to agree that it was a welcome opportunity to socialise locally and catch up on Chilmark gossip! I am very grateful to the individual sponsors for paying our heating costs and to the whole team of helpers for volunteering their time and baking skills. Sincerest thanks...
also to all those who came along and donated so generously to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless.

I hope to resume the Coffee Kitchen as soon as government guidelines permit; please look out for Village Voice updates and posters when restrictions are eased!

Lynn Menzies

Could you save a life?

Sadly, it has been impossible to organise any resuscitation (CPR) training sessions during the past few months and, clearly, this is likely to remain the case for some time.

However, we never know when we may be in a situation where we need to resuscitate someone (most often a close relative or friend). If you would like to revise your CPR skills, here are suggestions for two websites which are helpful:

**bhf.org.uk** (British Heart Foundation): click on ‘How you can help’ on the Home page, then ‘Learn how to save a life’, then follow the links to ‘How to do CPR’ where there is an update on modifications to CPR during Covid-19 with a series of training videos (designed for use with mannikins but still useful to watch)

**resus.org.uk** (Resuscitation Council): click on ‘CPR Right Now’ under ‘Are you a member of the public?’ for a brief update and short video demonstration. Immediately below this section is a link to ‘Lifesaver’, a series of interactive films where you can test your knowledge in realistic scenarios.

Most of us have a little more time during Lockdown; this could be a good way to spend it…and it could save a life!

Lynn Menzies

**Reading Room Prescriptions Collection**

The Reading Room Medication Collection system has been in operation since 7 September and is run by nine volunteers from the village. Any patient who is registered with the Hindon Practice and whom, for whatever reason, is exempt from the payment of prescription charges, is eligible to join the scheme.

There have, understandably, been teething problems but most of these seem now to have been ironed out. Hindon Surgery is very pleased with the system and there is no suggestion from the surgery that the system should change following the recently revised government Covid-19 guidance; indeed the clinical staff are very keen to reduce footfall at the surgery. They would like to encourage all eligible local residents to participate in the scheme.

It would undoubtedly help if those on a regular / repeat prescription should, where possible, try to order everything they need just **once** every four weeks.

Reading Room pickup time is 3.15pm to 4.15pm Thursday afternoons. The service will continue on Thursday 24 December and Thursday 31 December.

Angus Menzies

**Chilmark Doorstep Food Collection**

Thank you for all the wonderful Trussell Trust donations in November, from Christmas Puddings and Crackers to essential day to day food items, as well as all the supermarket vouchers that were given. It is reassuring to know that some families, who might not have otherwise, will be able to enjoy a little festive joy this year. If the Collection day passed you by and you would love to ensure a few more families can have a happier Christmas, please call me and I can collect your items from your doorstep. Best Wishes, Kathryn Mann 07766 113327.

**Christmas Wreath Workshop**

Last year 23 people attended the 7th Christmas Wreath Workshop in the Reading Room. I have been wondering for some time if this popular event could happen this year and am still none the wiser. When we move out of Lockdown, on 2 December, we may have a better idea. It might be possible to have an afternoon, and an evening event, on Wednesday 16 December, in order to keep everyone safe and socially distanced.

I will contact everyone in the next two weeks to see how they feel about coming. Hopefully we can do something, even maybe by Zoom! If not, we will look forward to Christmas 2021. Chrissie Eden 01722 716571.

**Pub Carols**

Sophie Eden writes: Hello Everyone, I hope you’re all keeping well and safe in these extraordinary times? Sadly I don’t think we will be able to have our traditional carol singing in the pub this year due to the pandemic. Thank you again for supporting it so wonderfully and perhaps remember all the fun it’s been in the past 17 years! If you have any comments or ideas, please feel free to email me Sophie_eden@yahoo.com and I look forward to next year; roll on Christmas 2021. Take care and have a very Happy Christmas. Love from Sophie Eden

**The Black Dog Inn**

The pub will resume normal trade within the Covid-19 Tier 2 guidelines on Thursday 3 December. Takeaways have been slow this time round but we can still offer them through December, as well as the Xmas party menu. It’s unfortunate the Xmas carols won’t be happening this year. To make a booking call 01722 716484, or send an enquiry via the website www.blackdogchilmark.co.uk

James Cole
Village Voice AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Chilmark Village Voice was held on the Tuesday 24 November, via Zoom because of Covid-19 restrictions. In his report the Chairman, Sir Peter Jennings, offered special thanks to Sarah and Glen Miller for all their outstanding work in producing the newsletter, particularly during the pandemic and the lockdown periods. The VV had been a very important focus for co-ordinating the highly important and successful community support during such hard times.

The Treasurer, Mike Scott reported that the newsletter made a small surplus of £102 over the last financial year, largely due to reduced printing volumes during the first lockdown. The Parish Council was thanked for its generous contribution of £350 towards the running costs and the Treasurer reported that the newsletter had sufficient funds to operate for a further year. Glen and Sarah Miller expressed their gratitude to the anonymous donor who enabled the production of a coloured 50th issue in the summer. With no new nominations to the committee, and all members being prepared to stand again, the Committee was re-elected for a further year. Sir Peter Jennings indicated he would not be standing for Chairman next year.

Mike Scott

Chilmark & Fonthill Village School
The traditional tea and cake sale, raising funds for Children in Need, had to be rethought this year. School cook, Kylie Hook, baked Pudsey cookies which could be pre-ordered through the school office. In addition, there was a non-uniform day with pin badges and wristbands available to buy at lunchtime. Money is still coming in but at this stage the total sum raised stands at £150.

Kylie Hook with Elm Class school Council representatives

Farewell at Greystones
Friends and neighbours bade farewell to Margaret Wood in November when she moved from her home in Becketts Lane some 43 years after arriving in the village. A senior civil servant until her retirement, Margaret became a stalwart member of the Chilmark Cricket Club Teas team; she was also a highly efficient Secretary of the Chilmark Village Show for some years.

Margaret has moved to a new home near family friends in Alton. We welcome James Blakelock to the village as the new resident of Greystones.

Pupils marked Remembrance Day with watercolours of Poppy fields

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Church Working Groups

At the Parochial Church Meeting (PCC) on Friday 13 November, it was agreed unanimously to form two working groups to look at the future use of St Margaret's, following the Church Survey earlier in the year. One group - Services & Events – will consider the timing and content of religious services, as well as other possible activities in the church building. The second - Premises & Facilities - will cover the provision of facilities, and any possible premises enhancements, to enable these activities to go ahead.

Lynn Menzies has volunteered to lead/chair the Services & Events group, whilst Grant Philpott will chair the Premises & Facilities group. Both groups are open to non-PCC members and aim to discover the views of as many residents as possible, in the hope that St Margaret's can continue to play a significant role at the heart of the Chilmark community. The working groups will meet separately from the PCC to report back with their recommendations for consideration at the next PCC meeting on 12 February.

We genuinely desire to hear from as many people as possible, so please do feel welcome to join either or both groups, getting in touch (via contacts below). Alternatively, if you simply wish to register your views / suggestions, please do forward them. We have set a deadline of 15 December for registering of interest. We're hoping the groups will meet early in the New Year.

Services & Events:
Lynn Menzies on: angus.menzies1@btinternet.com or 01722 717925

Premises & Facilities:
Grant Philpott on: grphilpott@yahoo.com or 01722 717897

If registering your interest via email, please copy your emails to the Revd Elaine Brightwell and Richard Haupt in their respective roles of Team Vicar and Churchwarden. Thank you.
elainebri57@gmail.com
richardrichard1234.rr@gmail.com

Summary of Church Survey responses (Feb 2020)

- **29 responses** of which **24** said they would like to see greater community use of the church building
- **18** said a Toilet was needed – 15 regarded it **essential**
- **16** called for a **Kitchenette**, or at least minimal catering facilities
- **18** said they felt change was required to service time & length, and/or content. **Only 3** people said they were happy with the existing service time.
- Of the 18 above, **11** said they’d like to see earlier and shorter services; **7** said they would like to see the introduction of an Evensong service. Suggested morning start times ranged from **9am, through 9.30 & 10, to 10.30am** at the latest. Suggested service lengths varied from **20 minutes to 45 minutes**.
- **13** called for the removal of pews (not necessarily all pews) to create a space for events, community use, exhibitions, gatherings, functions, maybe workshops, etc. Suggestions ranged from removing just the ‘back’ pews (ie from main South entrance back), or the north side aisle pews between the organ and the west door - perhaps relocating them to the Lady chapel - to removing all of them. **Moveable (comfortable) chairs to replace the pews.**

Comments on service type & content:
- The hymns and services too traditional; please consider modernising both to attract younger people comments
- Singing hymns people recognise makes them happy and they are more likely to return.
- More good musical hymns to sing, not struggling with tunes we don’t know.
- I hate the ‘peace’ in the service. If It has to be in, it should be at the beginning or the end of the service.
- The hymn selection (and their contents) is poor and they are too long.
- Reduction in use of Psalms and old fashioned translations of the Bible; reduction in use of old fashioned hymns.
- I think more familiar hymn tunes would be appreciated. We should offer a greater variety of services.'

Advent Study

The Revd Tina Fox is leading a weekly Advent Study course via Zoom, in the run up to Christmas, starting on Thursday 3 December at 2pm. Anyone in the Nadder Team Benefice is welcome to join the course which is described as ‘a walk through the season of Advent.’

Please contact Tina if you interested and the ZOOM details will be sent to you:

Tinafox1811@gmail.com or 01722 716010
Focus Point

*Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,* grumbled Jo, lying on the rug. So begins Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel Little Women.

I wonder how you might complete that same sentence - *Christmas won't be Christmas without any…*

One of the many things that I shall miss this year is the sound of the Salvation Army Band playing Christmas Carols as I finish my Christmas shopping. I enjoy pausing in the rush as I listen to the familiar carols and remember the reason for the season.

As I write we are in lockdown and some feel we will be until after Christmas, while others think we will be able to celebrate with our family and friends as we always have. By the time you read this hopefully we will have clarity. But maybe not.

Uncertainty seems to have robbed us of so much this year and perhaps left many of us with feelings of loss and grief.

As we continue to face the uncertainty that Covid-19 has brought into our lives, Christmas 2020 will be different. We may struggle and try to re-create Christmas’s past or we may seize the opportunity to create new traditions and memories.

I wonder what it was like that first Christmas. Was it also full of uncertainty? A young unmarried girl finding herself pregnant in such strange circumstances. Travelling over 60 miles on foot to Bethlehem and being unsure of where they would stay. The one certainty was Mary knowing that the birth of her child was imminent. There must have been times when uncertainty threatened to overwhelm them. Yet they carried on.

This year our Carol services will be different. But we will once again tell the story of God becoming like us in order that we might become like Him. We will be reminded from the Gospel of St John that *the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overwhelm it.*

The promise of that light is not just for Christmas Day; it doesn't go out on Boxing Day but continues to shine, leading us through uncertainty and times of feeling overwhelmed. Have a safe and blessed Christmas.

Revd Elaine Brightwell

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November

An Act of Remembrance took place on 8 November in the Churchyard of St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark, led by Revd Tina Fox, assisted by Revd Colin Fox and Church Warden, Richard Haupt. This short, but well attended act of worship replaced the usual Service of Remembrance owing to the restrictions imposed by Corona Virus. The familiar words from the Ode to Remembrance, in the poem, The Fallen, by James Binyon, were spoken with great emotion by Janey Middleton and Hannah Haupt. The names of the fallen of Chilmark were read out with due solemnity by Sir Richard Packer. There were no bugle calls to mark the beginning and end of the ‘silence’ this year. However, as the clock struck 11, the eerie sound of the reverberation of church bells ebbing away to complete silence seemed to be in keeping with the mood. The Kohima Epitaph, the verse attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds, reputedly inspired by the epitaph written by Simonides to honour the Greeks who fell at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480BC, was read out resolutely by Patrick Middleton; a poignant moment, in a year that saw the 75th commemoration of VJ day. No singing was permitted during the Act of Remembrance, but members of the choir, led by Felicity Pattenden were able to sing the National Anthem. The drizzle that began to fall as the service ended added a damp note, but the faces of the 70-or-so strong congregation as they left, showed how, paradoxically, such a sombre occasion could also prove to be uplifting.

Work on the spire has now been approved and is due to start on Monday 30 November, going on for a week. The survey of the spire which was carried out a year ago had revealed deterioration in the masonry joints. The repairs and repointing now in hand should halt or greatly slow this deterioration and stop water coming in. Ladders will be put up round the spire. The portaloo in the churchyard near the lychgate is for the exclusive use of those who may feel the need to descend from the spire to visit it.

Revd Elaine Brightwell

Drive in Carol Service

The Nadder Valley Team is planning a Drive In Covid-secure Carol Service at Bake Barn, Fonthill Estate, on Monday 21 December at 6pm. The venue has ample hard standing for 100+ cars. More details to follow. The postcode for Bake Barn is: SP3 5SY

St Margaret’s Church Spire

Picture: Peter Young

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Neil Pattenden, Fabric Officer
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**St Margaret’s Chilmark - Church Notices**

We are pleased to see that acts of worship will be permitted again once the current lockdown ends. All being well we hope to resume services from 6 December. Just as a word of advance warning, at the start of December, there will be some work done on the spire. This will not affect the opening of the church for private prayer, but there will be workmen on site. Visitors to the church are asked to observe the taped off areas in the nave in order to preserve bio-security; they may also catch a glimpse of a temporary ‘portaloo’ discreetly tucked away under the trees!

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**Christmas Services**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all villagers to attend our Christmas services this year. The proposed services are shown below. We are not sure yet how the services will operate, but as soon as we know, we will let villagers know through the Village Voice. Our services at St Margaret’s will be as follows:

- **20 December**: Carol Service 6pm
- **24 December**: Christmas Eve Communion 10pm
- **25 December**: Christmas Day Service 11.15am
- **27 December**: Christmas Morning Praise 11.15am

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**Church Cleaning Rota**

During the current Covid-19 restrictions St Margaret’s will remain closed on Fridays & Saturdays to allow you access for undisturbed cleaning. If you have any queries, please contact me on 01722 716571. Chrissie Eden

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**Ringing out the Old, ringing in the New Year**

We hope to be ringing the bells at St Margaret’s on 31 December to herald the start of the New Year. And good riddance, I say, to the old one this time! The bells will ring for a short period as usual around midnight, so I hope everyone will enjoy hearing them. Let’s hope the New Year will be a better and more settled one for all, and God bless us everyone... Linda Jones, Tower Captain

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Surgery News: Both Hindon and Tisbury Surgeries have asked us to advise that with Department of Health advice changing on a daily basis, patients should check their surgery’s website or Facebook page for the most up to date Covid information.

Hindon Surgery

Now we are in a second ‘lock-down’ we want to remind all our patients that we and all general practices and hospitals are very much open for business. If you have concerns about your health please contact us.

We may see far fewer patients face to face at the moment - national Covid-19 safety instructions are that we should manage problems remotely if it is safe for them to be done in this way. So if you call us, you will be offered a telephone appointment first. Emails and messages on our website are also a good way to contact us for non-urgent issues, and possibly avoid engaged signals on the phone. Many of you who have been doing this often find we may respond in minutes, as opposed to the previous system of making an appointment, waiting for it to come around and then waiting in the waiting room to be seen.

Over the summer the surgery started doing more planned reviews of long-term conditions but again in ways to reduce infection risk. We only asked you to come to the surgery for things you could not do at home or with remote consultations (like blood tests and cervical smears), and we thank everyone for their help with this by sending in weights and blood pressure readings, filling out assessment questionnaires and sending photographs.

In March the number of appointments dropped by 5%. This continued until May with 32% fewer appointments. However, this increased so that by September and October we had 25% more appointments than a year before. The annual total to the end of October 2020 was 19,096 which was just 1.3% below 19,350 in the 12 months to the end of October 2019. So we are maintaining our level of service even during the Covid crisis. On average each patient continues to have eight clinical contacts a year. With the changes, each of these takes longer than previously and this is why we have provided at least three extra remote GP sessions, and one remote nurse session, a week so that our usual same day service can continue.

We also have fantastic help from the medicines home delivery service volunteers. This service will continue as it reduces visits to the surgery, especially important as you still have to wait outside. We are supported by an elderly care team including staff from Age UK and the Centre for Independent living and many of you may be contacted by one of the team to check you are OK and if there is anything they can do to help.

We had a huge uptake for the ‘flu vaccines and have one more drive-through clinic for people aged 50 to 64 without high risk long term conditions on Saturday 5 December at Berwick Farms. We are also helping plan with local practices the staged delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine when it is available.

There are other ways to help reduce your risk of a severe illness should you catch Covid-19. NHS Chief Executive Sir Simon Stevens said: “The evidence is now in: severe obesity can double your chance of dying from Covid-19. So this pandemic is a call to arms to adopt medically-proven changes in what we eat and how we exercise. That’s why the NHS is going to accelerate its offer to help, including through wide uptake of our Diabetes Prevention programme which helps people shift the pounds, avoid Type 2 diabetes, and also slash the risk of severe Covid-19.”

A third of people who died in hospital from COVID-19 had diabetes.

You can use an online tool, hosted by Diabetes UK, to calculate your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by answering a series of basic questions including age, weight and ethnicity. https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/ start. If your score comes back as moderate or high, you will be able to refer yourself to a local ‘Healthier You’ service for support remotely or online.

We will be contacting all our patients with known pre-diabetes with similar information as they are all eligible for this help. Patients have told us how very helpful it has been and it may be a useful and positive thing to do over the next few months.

Our thanks and best wishes to all our patients for Christmas and the New Year. Keep safe and keep going. There will be an end to this with an effective and safe vaccine coming fairly soon; meanwhile, better hospital treatments if you become unwell, plus the changes all of you have made to keep yourselves and others safe from this virus, are helping in these difficult times.

Patrick Craig-McFeely, Sally Hayes
and all the staff at Hindon Surgery

Tisbury Surgery

As we write this article, there is heightened publicity and excitement regarding the Covid vaccine. Safety and testing procedures are ongoing and guidance from NHS England is received on a daily basis. Rest assured we will contact all our patients regarding the vaccination in due course.

Thank you for your understanding over recent months as we have had to alter our way of working. Although Covid-19 prevalence is still quite low in our area compared with others, it is here, and we all need to continue with the precautions we have been taking over the past months. We thought it might be useful to add a few reminders/tips to help make your contact with us easier:

- All appointments with a clinician will initially be via telephone. If the clinician would like you to have a face-to-face appointment, they will make it for you at the time of your telephone conversation.

Diabetes Prevention programme which helps people shift the pounds, avoid Type 2 diabetes, and also slash the risk of severe Covid-19.”
We do not routinely call to advise the results of blood tests which are satisfactory. You will be contacted if repeat tests are needed or if the clinician wishes to see you.

A special plea: please to return any surgery equipment you might have; despite our usually faultless loan system, a couple of our blood pressure machines have not been returned. Prompt return is even more important currently as there are a finite number of machines – all of which have to be put into quarantine for 5 days and cleaned before being lent to another patient. We will be lending out more equipment in the weeks ahead - so please follow the guidelines given to you by the clinician and return the machines promptly after use.

Samples MUST be with us by 10.30am (Monday to Friday), duly provided in a sterile pot and labelled with time and date. The hospital courier comes at 11am every week day and it is essential that the Health Care Assistants and nursing staff have time to process them before they are collected.

If you require reports, letters, etc, please request these in writing (via email, or via the contact form if you have online patient access, or post).

We will continue to maintain the high standards of cleanliness in the surgery - so please don't be offended if a clinician wipes the chair after you have sat on it in the waiting room - it is for your own and subsequent patient's safety!

As we've probably all seen on the Government sponsored advice, don't delay in contacting us if you have new and persistent symptoms that concern you.

We will be inviting all patients aged 50-64 to have a seasonal flu vaccine here at the surgery in December.

This will be the surgery’s last communication in 2020, so we would like to wish all our patients a Happy Christmas.

Dr Laurence Carter, Dr Adam Smith

Salisbury Hospital Letter

The Chief Executive of Salisbury Hospital Foundation Trust wrote the following ‘open’ letter to patients and member of the public in response to the latest lockdown announcement:

'It is right we take action now to reduce further spread of COVID-19, which is increasing in our local community. While cases here at the hospital remain relatively low we sadly continue to report new deaths of patients who had tested positive for COVID-19.

The hospital is fully prepared to deal with the predicted increase in hospitalisations as we have maintained our state of preparedness following the first wave. Throughout our response to the pandemic the hospital has continued to provide urgent care to everyone who needed it; with or without COVID-19, our A&E department was open 24/7, our maternity team continued to deliver babies and, across the hospital, staff acted with compassion to care for the sick.

We have learned a lot since the start of the pandemic and have used the summer to prepare further while also restarting services that were disrupted by the first wave. In the coming months we will do all we can to keep elective surgery and non-urgent services open for as long as possible and to continue cancer treatment and diagnostic procedures.

We remain here if you need us. If you are asked to attend an appointment at the hospital, please do. The hospital’s priority is always patient safety and we have put a number of measures in place to maintain a safe environment for patients and staff.

We are incredibly grateful to all the staff at the hospital who work tirelessly to provide safe and compassionate care to our patients and the continued support of our colleagues in other organisations and the local community.

We are braced for a tough winter. But there is only so much we can do in the hospital. We need everyone once again to act together and help stem the rising tide of infections. By following the guidance, we will be able to protect ourselves, our family, our friends and our neighbours.'

Stacey Hunter Chief Executive, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
Recycling & Waste Collections  
December 2020 / January 2021

NB: please note different collection days over Christmas

Tuesday 8 - Household waste – grey bin 

Tuesday 15 
Blue lid - mixed dry recycling
Black box - glass & clothing
Green lid - chargeable garden waste
(no household compost)

Tuesday 22 - Household waste – grey bin

Wednesday 30 - Blue lid, Black box, no garden waste

January

Wednesday 6 - Household waste

Tuesday 12 - Blue lid, Black box, Green lid - including Christmas Trees

Tuesday 19 - Household waste – grey bin

Tuesday 26 - Blue lid, Black box, Green lid

For more information on what to recycle and in which bin, or to order extra bins, please visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

To book recycling centre visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres

Mobile Library Service

Just as we had announced in November that the Mobile Library Service was up and running again, then Lockdown began. Wiltshire has now been in touch to say the mobile libraries will be back on the road from Thursday 3 December, offering limited browsing and with safety measures in place, as described in last month’s issue. However, the forthcoming December & January dates for Chilmark were not available as we went to press. For the latest situation, please check: https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/
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When is a Welshman in fact a Scot.?! 

Some readers may recall this time last year our Reading Room & PCC Treasurer Johan Denekamp winning two gold medals at the Welsh National Indoor Rowing Championships in Cardiff. And a proud winner he was, having been born, brought up in Wales. It was no surprise to friends that Johan was keen to defend his titles in this year’s renewal, particularly given the extra hours’ training he’d had all summer during Lockdown. Then to his distress, Johan discovered the organisers weren’t staging the event this year; instead, they were running it online with their Scottish counterparts.

Johan submitted his entries and all seemed fine until, with just two weeks to go, he was told he didn’t fit the definition of Welsh for the entry requirements:

Q1: Are you at School in Wales - no I’m 61
Q2: Do you live in Wales - no not just now
Q3: Do you go to a gym in Wales - not anymore

His responses:
• I was born in Wales
• My mum was Welsh
• I lived and went to school in Wales 3-18
• BTW You forgot Q4 – are you Welsh? I’m Welsh
• And I’m the defending Welsh Champion – so I should get a wild card!

He added, perhaps unwisely: ‘Under your rules - Gareth Bale couldn’t play for Wales!’

To cut to the chase, Chilmark’s resident Welshman was told his only option was to compete in the Scottish Open races. ‘I was as mad as hell,’ he said, but the rage clearly paid off. Competing virtually from his ‘garden shed/gym’ at Rock Cottage, Chilmark, in late November, Johan not only took Gold medals in the 2,000 and 500 metre rows, but also added a third gold to last year’s tally, with a win the 4km Bike Erg. And two of his wins set new Scottish Records, to boot.

‘So, three gold medals but none can be recognised in the land of my fathers/mother! But it had sort of motivated me to have that ridiculous ruling before the races,’ he adds wryly.

Scouts Quest for Camp Site

Many people will have lasting memories of time spent as a Cub or Scout. For two years now Salisbury and South Wiltshire Scout District has been raising funds for the Camp Site Quest. We need to raise £150,000 and purchase a piece of land within a reasonable distance of Salisbury for our young people to use at any time of the year.

So far, we have raised a magnificent £50,000 and that is all down to the hard work of the leaders, the young people and the generosity of the general public. Now we have a chance to raise a lot more. Aviva the insurance company has a Community Fund which runs a crowd funding site for charities and this year they have accepted our project. Individuals can make donations directly to our Camp Site Quest over the next month or so. Aviva employees decide how much of a £275,000 pot to donate to charities with projects from the fund. Other charity groups can offer match funding. The more donations we receive, the greater the chance of receiving donations from Aviva and match funding.

This is where we need all of who you can to help out. You can make a donation on behalf of yourself or your family, and we will be truly grateful. You may also help spread the word by letting every parent of the 1,250 young people we have in the District, along with all your friends and work colleagues, know about the Camp Site quest and encourage them to visit the Salisbury Camp Site Quest page on the Aviva Community Fund web site. www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/camp-site-quest

We only get one chance at this so please do not be shy, send out the link and let's see if we can get much closer to our dream of our own Camp Site so that we get our youngsters out doing what they always are asking for: camping.

Father Robert Miller

Cranborne Chase – needs your help

The Cranborne Chase and Chalke Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme is looking for local residents to join its Community Stakeholder Group. The Partnership Scheme is a National Lottery Heritage Funded project and will be relying on the Stakeholder Group to provide the view of the local community in delivering the scheme until the end of 2024.

The requirements of the candidates are as follows:
• Are you a local person with a broad range of interests?
• Are you actively involved in the local community?
• Do you want to help the area as a whole and the needs of the communities in and around Cranborne Chase and the Chalke Valley?

Applications will be welcomed from representatives of local communities and parishes in and around the scheme area, particularly those with interests in the environment, wildlife conservation, heritage & history, recreation, health & wellbeing, young people, volunteering, interpretation, practical skills and business. The closing date is 31 January 2020.

The stakeholder group will meet every three months and the first meeting is expected to take place in February.
2021 If you are interested in being involved or would like to know more, please contact the Landscape Partnership Manager Jonathan Monteith on 01725 517417 or email jonathanmonteith@cranbornechase.org.uk

For more information, visit: https://cranbornechase.org.uk/landscape-partnership-scheme/

Tisbury

With the 2nd Lockdown coming to an end, Tisbury community bus service will be re-starting its regular shopping trips for members as from Thursday 3 December. Trips will be available to Shaftesbury, Gillingham, Warminster and Salisbury. All details are on the Tisbury website at: tisbus.co.uk/calendar/

Tisbury is strictly adhering to government guidance and its own health and safety protocols to protect passengers and volunteers. To book your seat, or to become a member please, ring the Tisbury Trip Coordinator Dave Milas on 07500 802525, or email coordinator@tisbus.co.uk

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

In line with many other UK conservation groups, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust has decided it is safe to restart some of its volunteering programmes. The volunteer groups will adhere to social distancing and hygiene rules and those classed as extremely vulnerable are being asked not to attend any events.

Lots of volunteer opportunities are available, including a wide range of conservation tasks and roles as diverse as café volunteer and livestock lookers. Last year Wiltshire volunteers provided 66,000 hours of volunteering for the Trust. Applications for positions are still being invited for 2021.

For more information, please visit: www.wiltshirewildlife.org

Tisbury Natural History Society

With the easing of Lockdown, TNHS is keen to return to its usual programme of activities but in the meantime it has three talks in the diary, on the subject of Birch trees, the Isle of Purbeck and organic farming. The first of these – Birch Trees worldwide and in history – will be given by author and ethnobotanist Anna Lewington on Thursday 17 December at 7.30pm, via Zoom.

Anna’s first book, Plants for People published in 1990, was written for Kew Gardens in association with the Natural History Museum and was used extensively in the initial phases of the Eden Project. Since then Anna has authored more than a dozen more books covering, in particular, the role plants play in the lives of people in the South American rain forests. She will be talking to us about her most recent work, on the role of Birch trees, around the world and throughout history. If you’d like to hear Anna’s talk, please email Dick Budden at treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com and he will send you the link you will need, and instructions on how to join.

For anyone who’s not previously been on a Zoom call, or would like to try one in advance, Dick says he will be happy to organise a dummy run - just add that request to your email.

Come 2021, the next two talks are:

• Thursday 21 January - Why the Isle of Purbeck is so special, by botanist and photographer Bob Gibbons.

• Thursday 28 January – Neil Hartley on organic farming

For more information on the Society, visit: www.tisburynaturalhistory.com

Hedgehogs Byways

With hedgehog numbers in rapid decline across the country, the RSPB is urging householders to consider creating hedgehog byways between neighbouring gardens.

Hedgehogs need to walk a mile or more at night in search of food and modern gardens with sturdy fences are making this frequently impossible. Creating safe corridors for the creatures to travel from one garden to the next is an easy solution, and a great activity to carry out with neighbours. For simple tips, on how to create hedgehog friendly highways and byways, visit: www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/createnaturehighwaysandbyways/
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Crimes of note, 1-14 November

Chilmark
- Unknown suspect has driven through a fence to gain access to a field for hare coursing, damaging the fields and fencing.

Fonthill
- Person/s unknown have lifted a locked gate off its hinges to gain access to fields next to A303 near Chicklade, for hare coursing. Vehicle has driven over several drilled fields. Left field gates open allowing sheep out, causing damage to drilled fields.

Police Plea to Landowners
Wiltshire Police are urging landowners and farmers to ensure they are securing barns and outbuildings following a national increase in raves and large gatherings during the second lockdown. Though none yet reported in Wiltshire, there has been a number of incidents across the country where large groups of people have gathered for illegal raves, contravening the Government’s Covid-19 restrictions.

A Wiltshire Police spokesman said: ‘Due to the colder weather, it is clear that those organising these large illegal gatherings are looking for indoor locations and venues. Therefore, we are urging those who have large buildings such as barns or warehouses on their land to take extra precautions to ensure they are secure.

If you are aware of any information or suspicious activity which could indicate a large gathering is being planned, please report this to us via 101.

Crackdown on Speeding
Wiltshire Police are to spend £70,000 on the recruitment of a new Traffic Enforcement Officer and speeding enforcement equipment to boost the efficiency of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) teams. The announcement comes a month after an Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) survey found that people in Wiltshire wanted to see greater enforcement of road traffic offences.

CSW uses volunteers to record the speed of drivers through a specific area. This generates a significant amount of community intelligence and the new cash investment will help speed up the processing of the 40,000 or so reports each year from the 1000 volunteers across the county.

The new Traffic Enforcement Officer, and camera equipment, will work alongside CSW teams to educate and enforce road safety. An IT solution is also required to manage the significant administration that comes with sending multiple letters out daily.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon Angus Macpherson said: ‘The recent survey from the APCC not only showed that our local communities do not feel safe on the roads, but they also feel that not enough is being done to take action against motorists who break the law.

‘More than 82% of our residents surveyed either agreed or strongly agreed that they wanted to see greater enforcement of traffic offences. Now, it may be that this is more about people’s perceptions of road safety rather than the reality of the situation, but either way, something must be done. The number of ‘killed and seriously injured’ road traffic collisions have risen in recent years and reducing the harm caused on our roads is an area of priority,’ he said.

National Speed Limit
Amidst the general satisfaction that 20mph speed limit signs had finally been installed in Chilmark, a few eyebrows were raised at the site of a brand new National Speed Limit sign at the bottom of the Kents Hill byway (path) by Claybush playing fields. Long gone are the days when a four-wheeled vehicle could navigate this route…!

Wiltshire Police

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