Key Donation
Tisbury resident Pamela Harrocks who lost car & house keys whilst on a Chilmark dog walk has said she’s delighted for her £100 donation to go towards The Village Voice running costs. Pamela said: ‘I shall never forget the wonderful kindness of the Chilmark and Ridge community. I was truly humbled at that time and will always remember their spirit. In this day and age it’s remarkable.’

Click and Collect from Fonthill
Bird & Carter Farm Shop & Café has launched a new Click & Collect service, enabling villagers to order from home and collect from Fonthill the following day. With Covid restrictions tightening again, it’s thought the service will appeal to those who don’t wish to queue for fresh food and store cupboard essentials. See: birdandcarter.co.uk/collections

Village Voice website
www.chilmarkvillagevoice.co.uk for current and back issues.

Welcome to the October issue of The Village Voice
Autumn had arrived in force as this issue went to press with memories of long summer evenings disappearing fast. Bumper crops of apples, blackberries and veg of all types have been a treat; with cold nights approaching, maybe it’s time to start harvesting those hedgerow sloes.

The biggest crowd to gather in Chilmark since the start of Lockdown turned out for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in St Margaret’s on Sunday 27 September. All masked-up and socially distanced, more than 30 people gathered in the church as Janey Middleton retired after nearly 20 years sterling service as Church Warden; Sir Peter Jennings also stepped down from the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Annual church reports were given and a new PCC was elected. This year’s APCM took place some six months later than usual, owing to Covid restrictions; next year’s APCM is due to take place in March or early April - p8. The Revd Elaine Brightwell said that when Covid is over, the PCC will be considering as a priority possible changes to services, and to how St Margaret’s could best be used as part of the Chilmark community.

As we reported last month, Patrick Boyles and Jenny MacDougall also retired from key village posts this summer - see p4 & 5 for their accounts of Parish Council life. The updated list of Parish Council members can be found on p16.

With Covid regulations being updated almost by the week, Reading Room Secretary Jenny Gavin has been busy keeping the RR committee informed. In short, committee meetings can still take place and so, in theory, can other activities but the conditions are complex and so far none of the regular users have opted to risk it. The maximum hall capacity remains at 15 and the committee has regrettably decided it would be impossible to hold the annual Halloween Family drop-in this year - p5. Meanwhile Kettlercise teacher Annabel Webb is continuing to deliver her classes by Zoom.

Chilmark Cricket Club’s severely shortened 2020 season came to an end in September - report on p6. Thanks to Patrick Middleton for the final contribution in his Nauticalia series, and also to Felicity Trotman for her provision of unusual names from Chilmark’s past - both on p7.

We wish you a happy October.

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October Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14  From 11am  Wiltshire Food Collection  From your doorstep
Wednesday 14  6pm  Reading Room Meeting  Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Sunday 18  11.15am  Harvest Festival Service  St Margaret’s Church
Monday 26  Start of Half Term  Chilmark School

November

Wednesday 4  7pm  Chilmark Parish Council Meeting  CRR
Friday 13  6pm  Parochial Church Council Meeting  CRR

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Parish Council News
The Parish Council meeting on 2 September welcomed Mr John Nicholas as the new Parish Clerk following the retirement of Jenny MacDougall at the AGM in July. Mr Nicholas lives in Bowerchalke where he also serves as Parish Council Clerk.

Sir Raymond Jack, of Ridge, was welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council, following his election in July.

In the Public Forum ahead of the main meeting, a resident enquired about the lack of street name signs in the village. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Bev Small would produce a map indicating where signs existed and where they didn’t. The possibility of a survey of villagers as to whether there is any demand for signs would be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted that the 20 mph speed limit for the lower part of the village had been agreed and that signage and implementation was awaited. It was thought delays to any action were as a result of Covid.

Likewise, a Wiltshire Council decision was still awaited on the ongoing attempts to get Kents Hill listed as a maintained road. It was agreed to urge Wiltshire Councillor Bridget Wayman to pursue a settlement of this issue once Covid pressures had eased.

Date of Next Meeting
The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 4 November at 7pm, in the Reading Room.

Latest Planning Applications/Decisions
Ref: 20/07098/FUL
Oxley, Cow Drove, Chilmark SP3 5AJ
Garage Conversion. Demolition of an existing external store; construction of replacement garage
Applicant: Mr Stafford
Consultation expiry: Monday 5 October.

Ref: 20/08293/TCA
Black Dog Inn, Salisbury Rd, Chilmark SP3 5AH
5 unspecified trees – fell
Applicant: Mr Robert Jones
Consultation expiry: Saturday 17 October

Ref: 20/06804/TCA
Chield Marc Farm, The Street, Chilmark SP3 5AU.
Lawson cypress tree - fell
Applicant: Mr Stuart Hayward
Decision: No Objection

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
Target date for Decision: 8 September

Ref: 20/06258/FUL
Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark SP3 5AJ
Proposed replacement dwelling
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Wolsey Brinton
Target date for Decision: 21 September

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

A Chairman’s Life
When I was house hunting, after some 20 years living to the south east of Salisbury in the village of Woodfalls, I came across an estate agent’s particulars for a small bungalow in Frog Lane. A very good friend, who had attended the local school and had fond memories of growing up in Frog Lane. A very good friend, who had attended the local school and had fond memories of growing up in Frog Lane, urged me to buy it telling me I would never regret the move. He was so right.

I came to Chilmark in January 1997 and was co-opted onto the Parish Council by the then chairman, Chris Stuart-Nash in 2002. Alan Thorn took over as chair in 2003 followed by Edward Leatham in 2004 and then I took over in 2005. So four chairmen in four years – so perhaps some stability would not be amiss.

Looking back, I can only remark on how much I have enjoyed my time as a member of Chilmark Parish Council. My role as chairman was to try to conduct our regular meetings in a friendly and informal manner, while at the same time attempt to ensure that we followed our statutory obligations and reached our decisions in a lawful and comprehensive manner. The guidance that Jenny, our Parish Clerk, gave was of immense and invaluable assistance in this.

During my term of office I came to know a great number of residents - sometimes in providing information and advice, sometimes helping to solve highway problems or sometimes in relation to planning issues. In general terms it enabled me to feel a real part of the community that I had joined. I was even invited to open the Church Fete, cut the ribbon to the Chilmark Cricket Club pavilion and take part in two of the Chilmark Amateur Dramatic Society productions of CADS.

The highlight of my time in office was working alongside District Councillor Mike Fowler and Moira Constable of the Rural Housing Trust in getting phase 2 of the Affordable Housing Project at Frickers Paddock completed. This development, comprising a combination of properties for rent and/or part purchase, has encouraged local residents to stay within Chilmark rather than to move away due a
shortage of suitable houses being built by market forces. Hopefully phase 3 will be up for consideration when local needs are identified in the coming years.

We are very lucky in Chilmark in having a full contingent of Parish Councillors, all of whom give their time freely for the benefit of the community. With Sir Richard Packer taking on the role of chairman, and Bev Small accepting the office of vice-chair, I am sure that the village is in good hands for the future.

Patrick Boyles

A Clerk’s Life

My contract as Chilmark Parish Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer commenced on 11 January 2001 when Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Nash was the Chairman, followed by Edward Leatham and Alan Thorn. Patrick Boyles became Chairman in May 2005 until July this year when Sir Richard Packer took over at the AGM.

I had recently moved back to this area after an absence of many years during which time I worked in full time employment in the Foreign Office, the Army and SSAFA and then in charge of the Defence Military Welfare Service in military hospitals in this country and overseas. My parents were elderly and I had a very demanding Labrador named Fergal and my husband was travelling overseas with his job so it seemed sensible to take part-time employment. My roots and family have been in the Chalke Valley for many decades and the stewardship of the Wiltshire countryside and villages has always appealed to me and so I became the first Parish Clerk to work for three local Parish Councils.

I shall definitely take away some very fond memories of the lovely people and friendships I have made through the Parish work in Chilmark. I suppose one of the high points has to be when Princess Anne officially opened the Affordable Housing at Fricker’s Paddock. Both the Chairman Patrick Boyles and I were able to talk to her in a very relaxed manner before she was helicoptered away. The day we walked the footpaths was another highlight when the English countryside was its best. The issues of potholes and road surface and drainage have always been uppermost in our priorities and it has seemed an uphill struggle to get action from the authorities but it is a great sense of achievement when this and all matters raised can be resolved. I always enjoy balancing the accounts for audit and I shall miss my annual internal audit. Our volunteers for this role have been such willing, able and pleasant people, Colin Diaper and James Lock to name but a couple.

I don’t suppose any of us ever imagined working during a pandemic and masking up for meetings or holding zoom meetings which must be one of the strangest experiences ever. However the work of the Parish Council seems to continue through thick and thin and parishioners set a wonderful example keeping the show on the road which I find very humbling. It is this sense of community and cooperation which is quite extraordinary and which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I feel I have been so well supported by my Chair and all the Councillors have been so pleasant and I shall miss you all. Chilmark is an unusually attractive village and it has been so worthwhile playing my part and helping to keep it in good shape, protecting it from traffic problems, flooding, insensitive development and all the other ills. Long may Chilmark and residents continue to thrive!

Jenny MacDougall

According to the latest government guidelines for village halls, committees are still permitted to meet in the Reading Room provided social distancing is maintained. For other events the Reading Room can accommodate up to 15 people split into groups of up to six, sitting ‘1m plus’ apart. However, each group may not mix with another group. Under these conditions the committee will, regrettably, not be able to hold the children’s party at Halloween this year.

Like many other venues the Reading Room is now obliged to display a NHS Track and Trace QR poster. If you have downloaded the NHS Covid-19 app onto a smartphone, and allowed access to the camera, the poster on the door can be scanned to register you, otherwise the event organiser should note your details for track and trace purposes.

The next Reading Room Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 14 October at 6pm.

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

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Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

School reopened on Monday 7 September after a busy summer of building work. A new efficient boiler has been installed and a lovely, larger library is almost ready to use. Once the furniture has been delivered, and Mrs Garcia has finished her amazing sorting work, it will be up and running. Due to the current circumstances the grand opening will take place in a different way which hopefully we will be able to share.

We would love to increase the number of books available to the pupils, particularly those on the following list:

www.chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.uk/pie-corbett-reading-book-list/

If you have a copy you wish to donate, or you would like to buy a copy for the school, we would be very grateful. We aim to use this reading spine of books as a reading challenge for each year group, but to do so we require many more copies than we have at the moment.

Please contact Mrs Rennard if you are able to help: admin@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.uk or phone 01722 716348. Thank you.

Chilmark Cricket Club

The season that never looked like starting finally ended in September, with three last games rounding out the truncated fixture list.

At the end of August Chilmark ventured to the far side of the A303, for a first ever game against Chitterne. The opposition looked to be cobbled together with whomever they could get out of bed on time, yet they still had Chilmark in trouble at 18-4 early on. But then Sam Packer spanked a quick half century and all was well. Ned Pattenden, meanwhile, argued successfully against an LBW decision, only to be clean bowled next ball. Defending 140 might have been difficult, but the hosts were soon 23-4 and the game was as good as won. Ricky Corbin (2-1) was on a hat-trick at one stage, while George Stevenson (2-11) once again proved he’s going to be lethal in years to come. The locals got within 31 runs in the end, though it might have been closer if their scorer hadn’t inadvertently added two overs that were never bowled to the scorecard.

Mere then returned to Cleeves Farm to exact some revenge for their defeat earlier in the season. Sam Moss (2-36) was the most effective of Chilmark’s bowlers, while George Stevenson waited an age for a skied shot to reach him on the boundary, only for his momentum to then carry him over the fence. Chasing 218 for victory, Chilmark never really got close. Ollie Clayton (55) and Ned Pattenden (32) put on a solid partnership in the middle overs, but once they were dismissed things quickly fell apart. A shout out to Reg Allen for defying coaching manuals, physics and reason while hitting three boundaries using a technique resembling an Alaskan lumberjack.

And then it was Breamore for the final game of the season.

Once again Chilmark struggled with the bat, despite a brisk innings from Sam Packer (28) at the top of the order. Ollie Clayton (55 not out) was again the mainstay, with Jason Stearman (22) bashing a few around towards the end. 157 wasn’t much to defend, but it was made easier by some excellent bowling from Ed Lewis (4-29) and Hugo Boys (3-25). Club co-founder Ned Pattenden found himself at the centre of the action, dropping one crucial catch, but taking another to remove Breamore’s best batsman. Despite this the visitors found themselves within striking distance in the final over. With two balls remaining they needed six to win, while Chilmark needed one wicket. A thick edge flew to Pattenden once more, who juggled and fell with the ball, then hung on to it at the last moment, to give the team a winning feeling to carry through the off season.

And that was that. Due to the abbreviated season there will be no official awards given out, however a quick summary of the leading protagonists looks like this. 

Leading batsman: Ollie Clayton 155 runs @ 51.67
Leading bowler: Hugo Boys 6 wickets @ 16.50

We’ll not give out any unofficial awards either, not least because Ben Fowles didn’t do anything embarrassing enough. Instead a reminder for those who were there, and an insight for those who weren’t, of the season’s best moment:

It was a Sunday at Cleeves Farm. The game had been called off as the opposition was unable to get a team together. Instead Chilmark organised a practise game amongst its troops. Darren Lee was the bowler, Ed Lewis the batsman. The first ball sailed over the fence at long on. So did the second. The third went the other side of the sight screen. The fourth was the biggest of the lot, flying over the boundary at mid-wicket. The fifth wasn’t quite middled, but still found the next paddock. And so it came down to the last ball. Six sixes in an over? Lee wasn’t having any of it. He bowled it wide down the leg side. Too wide. Practice game or not, that was going to have to be re-bowled. So he did, and Ed swung, and the ball was despatched into the carpark. Darren Lee is Chilmark’s all time leading wicket taker.

How is your Broadband service?

In our current CV-19 dominated times, many of us have been even more reliant on the internet for home-shopping, entertainment and of course Working From Home. Quite a few residents have expressed frustration with the current major providers, stalled Zoom meetings (business, family or yoga!), delayed downloads, paused tv dramas.

One of Boris’s messages during his election campaign (careful what you wish for..!) was to upgrade rural areas to gigabit-speed broadband (that’s ten times faster than current broadband). Have we seen it in Chilmark? Not yet, but that could change.

Recently, several articles have appeared in the national press promoting the government funded ‘Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme’ worth up to £1500 per household (£3500 for businesses) to ensure more people have access to these higher speeds.

The fund provides Full Fibre to your door, not just to the green cabinet by the Black Dog and then down the old copper wires which slows it all down again.
I'm pretty happy with my current provider (I've tried several) but I tested my speed while writing this – 16Mb/sec, not the 34 promised.

Following some research and a chance conversation with a resident of Ridge (who enjoys 10x my speed) I contacted their provider, Wessex Internet, who are approved for the government’s Voucher Scheme.

Wessex Internet already provides rural Wireless Internet (originally conceived for the farming community) - see the pole at the top of Sandy Hill - but with our stone walls and line of sight limitations (and some non-positive reviews) the only interest is a cable-to-door service.

They are interested in expanding their network within our area but it all depends on numbers. The more the merrier (read cheaper). To explore this further as a community might I suggest individuals register at: www.wessexinternet.com/iwantfullfibre/

Mike Haynes

Watercress
Our thanks go once again to Tim Stoop for bringing the Chalke Valley’s best Watercress to Chilmark every fortnight. As this issue went to press, Tim was due to deliver his latest order, bringing the total number of bags of Watercress consumed by Chilmark & Ridge residents since April to nearly 1500. An impressive tally.

Should you be interested in placing an order, please contact Tim Stoop on: timangistoop@gmail.com or 07783 713096.

Wiltshire Food Collection
We are all set to get collecting again with the incentive of putting together as big a package as we can over the next couple of months in the lead up to Christmas. Please remember any small amount helps enormously. If you have any questions at all regarding the Collection please do not hesitate to contact me, Kathryn Mann, on 07766 113327.

Our next doorstep collection date will be on Wednesday 14 October, from 11am. Thank you!

The Black Dog Inn
The Black Dog has updated its opening hours as below.
Monday to Friday: 12 noon-3pm and 6pm-11pm, serving food 12-2.30pm and 6-9pm.
Saturday & Sunday: 12 noon-11pm, serving food 12-2.30pm & 6-9pm.

The pub also has a newly updated website: www.blackdogchilmark.co.uk
Latest news and updates can be found on Facebook and Instagram @blackdogchilmark

New for Autumn the pub is introducing Sunday roast dinners with a choice of two meats.
To make a booking call 01722 716484, or send an enquiry via the website.
The Black Dog team look forward to welcoming you.

Chilmark Names
Following last month’s piece about the Christian names currently most popular in Chilmark, our tally of 10 Catherine / Kate variations was increased to 11 with the addition of a Kitty! We suggested that if anyone had a spare half hour on their hands, it would be fun to hear of the most popular Christian names in Chilmark and Ridge in years gone by.

Many thanks to Felicity Trotman who tracked down some unusual names from Chilmark’s past. She found Temperance Lemon, thought to be a founding member of the Mothers’ Union; Repentance Randall, father of Chilmark postmaster Ferdy Randall back in the 50s & 60s, and Etheldrida Prichard, who asked to be called Drida.

Other suggestions please to: info@chilmarkvillagevoice.co.uk

Nauticalia No 5 - Ship Identification
Nato abbreviations for warships:
BB Battleship
CVA Aircraft Carrier – Attack
CVS Aircraft Carrier – Support
CCH Helicopter Carrier
CC Cruiser
DD Destroyer
FF Frigate
MWV Minor War Vessel
SSBN Nuclear Submarine (Ballistic Missiles)
SSN Nuclear Submarine (Torpedo armed)
SSK Conventional (Diesel) Submarine

Types of sailing vessels:
A full rigged ship Traditional large sailing ship, 3 masts, square rigged on all 3, bowsprit.
Clipper A fast 3-master
Schooner 2-masted, the after mast taller than the forward
Cutter Single-masted, 2 jibs, one ‘flying’
Sloop Commonest single mast yacht, one jib.
Yawl Sloop-like with additional small mast and sail at the stern.
Whaler Yawl rigged boat, also equipped for being rowed (‘pulled’), and more recently motored (3 in 1)
Dinghy Small sailing or rowing boat – under about 16 ft.
Scow A dinghy with a single small mast and sail.
Skiff A small boat rowed single-handed.

That really concludes all I know on Nauticalia. I send you BT (end of message) and AR (closing down on this network).

Patrick Middleton
Graham Southgate, Team Rector

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Focus Point - Priorities
It always seems to me that, with the conclusion of summer, we tend to go back into the autumn routines. It is so easy just to be swept along by the pressure of events and sheer force of habit that we sometimes do not stop to think what life is really about, or the significance of today, yesterday, and tomorrow. Let me explain.

Today gives us the chance to think about our health and homes, family, friends, job, love, pleasures and all the other personal blessings we now enjoy.

From yesterday, we might remember all the people who have made a difference in our lives: those who have cared for us and nurtured us, borne with us through all life’s difficulties, taught us, inspired us, showed us what they knew of God’s way of life, helped us to know, love and serve Jesus. If we stop to think about it, we will realise just how many people have been generous with their love, time and resources, indeed with themselves.

For tomorrow, there are all our hopes and fears, our dreams and our plans. Yet tomorrow also raises questions about why we are here, and about our priorities. What shall I do with the rest of my life? How can I show my appreciation of everything people have done for me? What can I share with others? What can I give to others? How can I become a better person?

Facing questions like this may help us to escape from our routines. Life is a precious gift, not to be wasted. At this time of year, we have also been giving thanks for the blessings of the harvest, now almost completely gathered in. Saint Paul wrote of the ‘harvest of the Spirit’, suggesting that we should look for the growth and ripening of particular qualities in our lives - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. If more people focussed on developing these qualities in their lives, how much better a place our world would be!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of St Margaret of Antioch
More than 30 villagers turned out for the Morning Service preceding the APCM on Sunday 27 September. Some 27 stayed on for the meeting itself at which Janey Middleton stepped down after nearly 20 years as Church Warden. The Revd Elaine Brightwell thanked Janey for all she’d done for St Margaret’s over the years: ‘I have never known someone who has gone so far beyond the call of duty. Thank you so much,’ she said. Janey was presented with flowers and a gift organised by parishioners and thanked everyone present for their support over the years, particularly her husband Patrick. Afterwards, Janey said: ‘I was quite bowled over by such kindness, and do thank you all.’

Sir Peter Jennings, retiring after some eight years on the PCC, was also thanked for his service. Richard Haupt was re-elected as Church Warden and there were no nominations for the second Church Warden vacancy.

Delivering his Financial Report PCC Treasurer Johan Denekamp said St Margaret’s finances were not quite as rosy as they may have appeared a year previously. On this basis, the PCC had recently agreed not to pay Quarter 3 of the annual £18,000 Share due to the Diocese. He described this as ‘a pretty significant moment’ and added that it had not yet been decided whether to pay Quarter 4’s Share. In response to a query from a parishioner about the implication of the Share not being paid, the Revd Brightwell confirmed that the church would not be closed as a result of this. She added that she believed the whole question of the Share was likely to be raised at Church of England Synod level in the not too distant future.

In his report as Fabric Officer Neil Pattenden said the leak in the plumbing system had finally been mended; the work now outstanding was on the Spire and this had been priced at around £4,500.

The Revd Brightwell thanked everyone for their ongoing support, including the bell ringers, the organists, the church cleaners, the flower arrangers, and churchyard tidy-uppers. She added that following Janey Middleton’s retirement, help would be needed with duties such as sidesmen / sideswomen and she hoped those stepping forward to join the PCC would assist.

Three new nominations were put forward for election to the PCC but, owing to an Electoral Roll technicality, only one of them could be elected on the day. The Revd Brightwell said the two other nominees could be elected at the APCM in the spring. In the meantime, she said, everyone was very welcome to attend PCC meetings; the next one will be in the Reading Room on Friday 13 November at 6pm.

Children’s Holiday Workshop
The Nadder Valley half term workshop is due to take place on Thursday 29 October, 4.30-6pm, in Fonthill Bishop, Covid-19 rules applying. If we are unable to meet, we’ll be holding the workshop online. The theme will be Light. Booking essential.

Contact Revd Jo Naish on 01747 871820 or revdjoannanaish@gmail.com
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**St Margaret’s Chilmark**

**From the Church Register**
Service of Holy Matrimony on Saturday 26 September 2020.
Gary Rogers to Tracy Stevens.
Service conducted by the Revd Juliette Hulme.

**Churchyard Working Party**
Thanks to everyone who turned out for the churchyard tidy-up in early September. Great work done and the churchyard looks really wonderful. I am extremely grateful.

**Janey Middleton**

**Church Cleaning Rota**
Many thanks to all of you who are on the cleaning Rota; your help is much appreciated. 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. **Chrisissie Eden**

**October**

- **Group**
  - 4th: eight
  - 11th: nine
  - 18th: ten
  - 25th: one

**November**

- 1st: two
- 8th: three

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**Harvest Festival Church Flowers for Sunday 18 October.**
The church Festival flower arranging plan is up in the church porch as below; the church will be open on Saturday 17th for arrangement dropping off.

**Windows:**
1. Mrs Quaile
2. Mrs Stoop
3. Mrs Haupt
4. Mrs Lucas
5. Mrs Perou
6. Mrs Nixon
7. Mrs Miller
8. Mrs Eden

**Wall hanger**
Mrs Cockrell.

**Pulpit**
Mrs Philpott

**Chancel windows**
Mrs Young

**Chancel slopes**
Mrs Hewell

**Altar**
Mrs Small

**Font**
Mrs Middleton

**Porch**
Mrs Kemp

**Table**
Mrs Diaper

**Thank you**

**Stephanie Lucas and Bev Small**

Ed’s note: wonderful to see 16 ‘ladies’ on the list; it would be even more wonderful to see some chaps’ names too. Any willing ‘boys’ out there??
Benefice of Nadder Valley (Team Ministry)

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**Hindon Surgery News - Flu vaccinations**

These articles are written a few weeks before publication which means in these days of rapid change what is written can be overtaken by events. Last month I wrote that the child flu vaccinations would be later than has happened, and we have had to delay the last of the flu clinics for adults at increased risk due to some of the vaccine being unexpectedly delayed. This clinic will now be on Saturday 31 October, at Berwick Farms.

We still have had no information about the vaccine supplies for the new group of low risk people aged 50 to 64 and will contact everyone in this group as soon as we know what is happening. We are not currently able to order the extra vaccine required for this group and GPs have been told they must not vaccinate anyone who is at low risk aged between four and 64. If that is you and you don’t want to wait for the government to make a plan (the only information we have been given is this may be in November or December) you may be able to buy a flu vaccination from a community pharmacy.

**General practice is open**

We have never closed and, like all other practices, are working harder than pre-Covid with an increase in patient contacts to well above normal levels. To meet this demand our nurses now do additional work from home and the GPs are working around an additional five to six sessions, also from home. It may appear that the surgery is less busy but we are busier now than at any time in my 30 years as a GP.

With the recent increases in the number of cases of Covid-19 (thankfully with far fewer hospital admissions and deaths but disturbingly with most of these caught from people not showing any symptoms) it remains paramount that the surgery is a safe site so that those patients who need to be seen in the building (for a blood test, procedure or examination that only we can do) have the confidence they will not be at increased risk of catching Covid-19. We need your help by using this access to remote medical opinion thoughtfully and understanding that every contact with us will start with a telephone/email consultation.

Around 70% of queries do not need a clinician’s input and, like other practices, we may introduce an e-consultation facility that can filter off some queries with advice on where to get the information required. We can have more than 70 patient contacts for a GP in a day and this level of consultation is only sustainable by using all the resources of our surgery and primary care network (PCN) team, and having our patients working with us. With the winter coming and possibly even more queries about winter illnesses please use the NHS 111 or 119 number as your first point of contact if you have any concerns about possible Covid-19 symptoms and to arrange a test (which cannot be done in practices).

**New Staff & New Building**

We welcome Gemma Dunford as a new receptionist who will be working three days a week. Covid-19 has meant we need more staff across the whole organisation, and has also highlighted the lack of space in the present building. Nine of our 13 staff work from home at times, and a maximum of three patients are allowed in the building at any one time. Six years after the start of the Hindon village plan, and following some setbacks, the CCG has agreed to support a new surgery in Hindon. There is still a long way to go and the village needs to support the development in the planned referendum next year but this major step in securing a state of the art surgery, good for the next few decades, is a significant expression of confidence from the NHS in the future of Hindon Surgery.

**Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely**

**Tisbury Surgery - Flu Clinics**

We hope to have vaccinated almost a thousand over-65 year old patients by the beginning of October. A big thank you to all patients who attended the three clinics and to our staff who worked long days both in and around the gazebos in the car park!

Flu clinics for those aged under 65 who fall into the At Risk categories (including those with diabetes, chronic liver, kidney, respiratory or heart disease, and patients who are immuno-suppressed, have had a stroke or TIA, or who are pregnant or a carer) will be held in midweek afternoon/evening clinics this month. We will contact you by text if we have your mobile telephone number. Otherwise please telephone the surgery any weekday after 11.30am. to book an appointment.

Arrangements for patients aged 50-64 who do NOT fall within the category above will be contacted during November/December depending upon the Government’s ability to source further vaccines. We will publicise details when we have them.

We will also be inviting 2-3 year olds and other eligible children to come to the surgery to be vaccinated in separate clinics.

There will be other opportunities to have the flu vaccination in midweek clinics and you may be offered a vaccination opportunistically by a clinician when you come to the surgery for a ‘face to face’ appointment.

**Dr Laurence Carter, Dr Adam Smith**

**Our train service runs again...**

A few months back, as lockdown took hold, I was asked to write something light for *Focus* and other local magazines. I think what resulted appeared in June. I had been thinking about the silence engendered by the lack of trains through Tisbury. I live near the station and while I put up with the noise I like an open window at night. So I can hear the sounds of the trains again.

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The trains are not the only sounds: passing youths, demonstrating their access to alcohol, if not the maturity to drink it in an adult fashion, lurching home often make the sort of noise which makes one grateful for double-glazing. Or one hears what appears to be the late passenger train, then silence until the early morning train; perhaps a grandchild of the old milk trains which ran in the days of a double track.

Sometimes, when all good trains should be in bed, a ghost train, unannounced, and known only to a signalling computer's internal workings, breaks the silence; its passage something that cannot be anticipated by a mere mortal. I have asked and been given various explanations: that it carries complicated equipment to check the lines for faults (would for Christians the equivalent be conscience?); or is going to Gillingham, Yeovil or Exeter to await the waking hour when it will have become (transformed?) the first passenger train of the day.

The daytime service at least through Tisbury seems to be back to what passes for normal, even in the rumours it provokes. A newcomer even this August asked me was it true that Wilton station would be reopened and some of our track redoubled? I gently explained that this was a rumour that surfaced regularly every couple of years. I didn't suggest he watch for flying pigs, the only sure sign that these things are about to become actualities, but was tempted. So we still have lonely trains cast aside on the loop outside our station, forever passed by those on the main line.

There is some hope for the patient. Coupling for those going east may follow at Salisbury, while westbound trains sometimes find a change in their fortune at Yeovil. Even so, advertised timetables can still seem a bit like a horoscope in a newspaper. A lonely hearts' column might give more hope? Perhaps introducing them to the lonely trains that pass in the night?

Fr Robert Miller

Teen Tisbury finally gets its SK8park

After a decade in the making, Tisbury has finally got its new skatepark. The £105,000 state-of-the-art facility was officially opened in September by Pam Chave, a former Tisbury Parish Councillor. She was joined by local resident Jonathan Jones who, as a youngster, pitched to Pam the idea of building a new community skatepark. Set between Nadder Leisure Centre and Tisbury swimming pool, on the King George V Playing Field, the new skate bowl is proving to be a big hit with Tisbury’s teen scene.
Recycling & Waste Collections October 2020

Tuesday 8
Blue lid - mixed dry recycling
Black box - glass & clothing
Green lid - chargeable garden waste
(no household compost)

Tuesday 15 - Household waste – grey bin

Tuesday 22 - Blue lid, Black box, Green lid

Tuesday 29 - Household waste

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

Household Recycling Centres
Because social distancing is required at the Household Recycling Centres, the number of spaces has been reduced quite considerably. When the HRCs were first re-opened the queues were very long. To try to bring some order to the queues, a booking system was introduced. The queues have disappeared but I would be interested to hear your views on your experiences and whether we should keep the booking system.

If you would think about the following questions and email me at bridget.wayman@wiltshire.gov.uk I would be grateful.

- Have you used the online booking system to visit a Household Recycling Centre?
- Was the booking system easy?
- Were you able to book a slot easily?
- Did your visit go smoothly?
- Would you prefer the booking system to continue after social distancing ends or a return to just turning up whenever you want?

Any further comments?

Wilts Cllr Bridget Wayman

Mobile Library News
Wiltshire Council is looking at options for safe resumption of the mobile library service during the pandemic. It is hoping to resume the service in the near future but it has not been able to do so yet. A decision is expected soon. For latest news please visit:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-news

Ride & Stride 2020
Glen Miller would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship of his Ride and Stride cycle in aid of St Margaret’s Church & Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust on Saturday 12 September (he visited 15 of the 16 churches in the Benefice). He was overwhelmed to have received so much support from the village and, together with his own self-sponsorship, has raised £635. This sum will be forwarded to Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (WHCT) which in turn gives back 50% of the sum raised to Chilmark PCC for the upkeep of St Margaret’s church fabric.

The Trust gave a £500 grant towards the repair of St Margaret’s West Window in 2018, and will almost certainly be approached again by Chilmark PCC for building upkeep / improvements in the near future. The annual Ride & Stride event is WHCT’s chief source of income and, when it comes to giving Grants, it looks favourably on those parishes that have supported the event.

Chilmark PCC Treasurer Johan Denekamp also took part in the event with his wife Lesley, visiting some 19 Wiltshire churches on their motorbike. They are donating £250 direct to the St Margaret’s Fabric Fund. It’s hoped that next year we can encourage more villagers to take part; it would be great to see some families and younger participants on the day. For more information on the work of the Trust, please visit:
www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

Provenance
A new field to fork food shop opened in Tisbury High Street in September. Provenance is selling what it describes as seasonal feel good food, including flatbreads, daily changing salads and healthy meals to go. Cold pressed juices and coffee are also on offer.

Founder Sam Rosen Nash, a Guild of Fine Food judge, is partnering with local farmers, growers and producers to create a shop that will support local business whilst being high on eco credentials. See:
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Police News
Wiltshire Police have launched a new-look rural crime team to protect isolated communities and make Wiltshire a place that criminals fear. The team will focus on agricultural, environmental, wildlife and heritage crime and it has been brought together to increase confidence, whilst carrying out more intelligence-led operations.

Made up of one sergeant, three constables and 35 community policing team officers who work as Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officers, the team will be operating across the county. An Inspector will act as a tactical lead in addition to members of the Special Constabulary who will be used on pre-planned operations.

Wiltshire Chief Constable Kier Pritchard said: ‘We have made some significant advances in the way in which we police rural crime in recent years, however, criminals are becoming more organised and determined, and are using more sophisticated technology so there is always more that can be done.

He added: ‘The introduction of the new dedicated rural crime officers to the team will help us immensely in our ability to run projects and focus on prevention alongside our partners. As well as the extra officers, the team will be provided with extra intelligence support to allow for intelligence-led policing in relation to prevention, detecting criminal activity and proactive operations. We will continue to improve and adapt as necessary, but I know the team are determined to make Wiltshire a county that criminals fear and think twice about before entering.’

Communities are encouraged to report all rural crimes, however small, via 101, or 999 if a crime is in progress.

Heating Oil prices
Richard Willan of the Nadder Oil Buying Club has provided an update on prices this year. He writes: 2020 has been an extraordinary year so far. In January the price per litre, before 5% VAT, was tonking along in the late 40p per litre range and peaked at 50ppl, but then Coronavirus struck and demand for oil dropped, coinciding with a price war between the Saudi and Russian oil producers. Prices dropped like a stone and at one point Nadder Oil Buying Club were fulfilling orders at 17ppl – an unheard of price this century.

Over the last few months, prices have recovered to the mid 20s and the most recent orders were being fulfilled at 23.50p per litre, plus 5% VAT. You can access the historical prices achieved by NOBC by logging on to www.nadderoilbuyingclub.com

We are reasonably hopeful that prices will remain in the mid 20ppl range for the rest of this year; however, do please keep your tank topped up during the cooler months. Oil levels drop like a stone when there is a cold snap. Do email me for further information: richard.willian@me.com

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