

THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Monthly Newsletter for Chilmark & Ridge and Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard

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Excellence Award for Chilmark Volunteer

Our warmest congratulations go to Janey Middleton who has won special recognition in Salisbury Hospital's 2015 Striving for Excellence Awards. Janey has been a volunteer at the Hospice since 1994 and in December was given the Governors' Volunteer Award for being a 'selfless, caring and energetic volunteer – dedicated to others wellbeing.'

We were saddened to learn of the deaths in January of former Cow Drove resident Rosemary Mercer and of long-retired but fondly-remembered Chilmark School teacher Miss Palmer. Tributes can be found on Pages 6 and 7 respectively.

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Welcome to the February issue of The Village Voice

It is hard to believe nine weeks have passed since the last issue of The Village Voice and with 2016 now well underway, and the winter days fast lengthening, it would be easy to forget an unfortunate event in Chilmark early in December. On a dank Tuesday morning a hapless Hungarian HGV driver, equipped with latest Sat Nav technology, found himself and his container lorry wedged into an immovable spot in the lane at Lower Mooray, the 'Unsuitable for Wide Vehicles' sign having failed to alert him to the nature of the road ahead. Thus he became the latest in a list of HGV drivers who have failed to adhere to route instructions apparently issued to all drivers delivering to the EHD wine storage depot near the former Chilmark Quarry. As you will read in Parish Council News on Page 4, efforts are underway to improve signage to the site. In the meantime we fear for continued damage to the precious banks and hedgerows of Chilmark's narrow lanes.

On a brighter note, the New Year was welcomed in by fireworks at The Black Dog and the wonderful ringing of St Margaret's Church Bells. Thanks to all those involved.

Good news as we went to press is the Horticultural Society's decision that the Village Show WILL take place this year, on Chilmark's historic Fairmead, the field opposite The Black Dog. Also welcome news is the appointment of a new Head Teacher at the village school. More details inside on both these items.

And finally, our warmest congratulations to Neil and Felicity Pattenden on the birth of their granddaughter Alexandra, a sister for Ivor, in the early hours of 21st January.

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Copy deadline 20th of each month. Please note that there will be one issue for December & January (copy deadline 20 November) and one issue for July & August (deadline 20 June). Items will be welcomed from any individual or village organisation and should be sent to the Editor. However, newsletter content remains at the discretion of the Editorial Team and on some occasions will be space dependent. If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, please contact the Treasurer.

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The Village Voice - Diary

February Dates for your Diary			
Monday 1st	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Tuesday 2nd	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Tuesday 2nd	7pm	Social Stitches	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Wednesday 3rd	9.30am	Keep Fit / Village Walk	meet at CRR
Wednesday 3rd	7.30pm	Chilmark Cricket Club AGM	The Black Dog
Friday 5th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Monday 8th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Wednesday 9th	9.30am	Keep Fit / Village Walk	meet at CRR
Friday 12th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Monday 14th		Start of School Half Term	Village School
Monday 14th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Tuesday 16th	7pm	Social Stitches	CRR
Wednesday 17th	9.30am	Keep Fit / Village Walk	meet at CRR
Wednesday 17th	7.15pm	Village Show Meeting	The Black Dog
Friday 19th		Last day of of School Half Term	Village School
Saturday 20th	7 for 7.30pm	Film Night, Tisbury, 'Suffragette'	Victoria Hall
Monday 22nd	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Wednesday 24th	9.30am	Keep Fit / Village Walk	meet at CRR
Friday 26th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Friday 26th	7 for 7.30pm	Mazaika - Russian Folk Duo	CRR
Monday 29th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Future Dates for your Diary			
March 1st	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
March 9th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	CRR
March 11th	7pm	Sloe Gin Judging	The Black Dog
March 19th	7 for 7.30pm	Film Night, Tisbury, 'The Lady in the Van'	Victoria Hall
March 24th		End of School Term	Village School
March 29th	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
April 11th		Start of School Term	Village School

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Social Stitches - please contact Yvonne Stocker on 01722 716299 for more details

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Parish Council News

To read the latest minutes and future agendas:
www.southwilts.com/site/chilmarkparishcouncil/

Meeting with MP

Andrew Murrison MP has offered to meet with members of the Parish Council to talk about any issues they wish to raise. The meeting will be held on 20 February at 10am in the Reading Room. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

HGVs travelling to EHD site

The Parish Council is pushing for feedback from Wilts Council and the Area Board over the issue of signage of heavy delivery vehicles to EHD at RAF Chilmark. The Parish Council is very concerned about the misdirection of vehicles and on behalf of residents has requested the authorities take action.

Kent's Hill

Residents living at Kent's Hill, Barn Hill and Hops Close have asked Wiltshire Council to clarify the signage and to repair the road. There is discussion about the status of the road and the responsibility of Wiltshire Council to undertake repairs. The Parish Council supports the residents who have raised this issue.

Fricker's Paddock Affordable Housing

Given the concerns expressed by members about compliance with the Wiltshire Core Strategy on development in designated small villages being restricted to "infill", and how this might impact on other parts of the Core Strategy, it was felt that it might be premature to schedule a meeting with Hastoe before all members had time to re-examine relevant sections of the final published and adopted version of the Core Strategy. This would not preclude Hastoe and Wiltshire Council from holding a public meeting in the meantime. Should they do so before the next PC meeting then members could of course attend in a personal capacity.

Drainage Survey

Wessex Water have apologised that their drainage Survey was not ready before Christmas. They have experienced difficulties obtaining details of some of the private drainage systems in the catchment area. They are looking to reduce groundwater infiltration in to the foul sewers and also to remove some surface water connections. Once received the report should clarify the options that are viable.

Help to clear Drains

The Chmn arranged a meeting with the Wiltshire Council Drainage Engineer who was unable to attend. Wiltshire Council should undertake an annual cleaning of the drains and culverts but it would be a help if residents could clear the surface debris away from the drains outside their properties. In the event of unusually heavy rainfall every measure helps.

Emergency Planning

The Parish Council would like to set up a nucleus of volunteers who would help in case of an emergency. Anyone with specific qualifications i.e. a nurse or doctor, key holders of the Reading Room, First Aiders or just anyone who wishes to lend support, please would they get in touch with a member of the Parish Council. To see full list of members as at January 2016 please see page16.

Next meeting of Chilmark Parish Council

This will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7pm in the Reading Room.

Chilmark Village Show - Stop Press!

At the Chilmark Horticultural Society's AGM on 21st January it was agreed that there WILL be a Village Show this year, but with a different date and venue. The Show will take place on Saturday 3rd September and is to be held on The Fairmead (opposite The Black Dog) by kind permission of the Wittgenstein family. In recent years the Show has taken place mid to early August on the School Playing Fields. Following last year's enjoyable but loss-making event, Committee members concluded some sort of re-launch was needed if the Show was to be viable in future. Details have to be finalized and the committee is keen to hear from anyone who might be able to provide hands-on support and help on the day. Please come to a meeting on **Wednesday 17th February at The Black Dog** to find out more. Options up for discussion including having a Barbecue and starting the Show earlier than in previous years, say at Lunchtime. Show Secretary James Lock would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping to ensure this year's Village Show is a fun and successful event – 01722 717558.



Get Fit Christmas Lunch!



Russian Cabaret comes to Chilmark!

Please join us for 'Mazaika'

Friday 26th February - 7 for 7.30pm

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Christmas Bazaar

A good turnout and variety of stalls made for an enjoyable afternoon on Saturday 5th December. There was keen bidding for the silent auction prize of a day with the Historic Sports Car Club at Castle Coombe motor racing circuit, while the Christmas Produce and Gifts Stalls saw brisk trade, all to the backdrop of mince pies and delicious mulled wine. Thanks to everyone who generously donated raffle and tombola prizes together with sale items including some of Chilmark's finest mistletoe! The afternoon raised the terrific sum of £800.42 for the Reading's Room upkeep. The committee is hugely appreciative of everyone's support.

Future events for the diary:

Friday 22 April -

Wine Tasting - details TBC

Saturday 14 May -

Queen's 90th Birthday celebratory Tea Party

Friday 24 June -

Stand-up Comedian Dominic Holland

If there are any events **you** would like to see in the Reading Room **please** let us know!

For latest Reading Room news and updates please visit: www.chilmarkreadingroom.co.uk

Get Fit Christmas Lunch!

Chilmark's Wednesday morning Get Fit 'Gals' enjoyed a brisk walk round Ridge before heading to the Black Dog for a pre-Christmas celebratory Lunch. We meet at 9.30am outside the Reading Room each Wednesday - all ages and levels of fitness welcome. For details please contact Viv James on 01722 717868.

Christmas Carols

They seem a long time ago time ago now, but Chilmark enjoyed three events: Sophie Eden's great accompaniment to the enthusiastic sing-along at the Black Dog, the candlelit Carol Service at the church,

which was decorated so beautifully, and the stalwart band of carollers on 19th December.

For once, the carol singers were delighted that it wasn't blowing a gale, lashing down with rain - or snowing. We were most grateful to kind providers of refreshments, particularly at Cross Farm and the Old Post Office and, best of all, by the wonderful generosity of those we serenaded. We have since received a letter of thanks from the Chairman of Salisbury Trust for the Homeless for raising 'the excellent total of £282.01 (including £7.50 Gift Aid)'. This was £100 more than we have ever collected, so a big thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

Felicity Pattenden

Sophie Eden writes:

I'd just like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the Black Dog Carol Night on Wednesday 23rd December. I don't think I've ever seen so many people in the pub and from the first carol we sang, I knew it was going to be a great night of singing. It certainly has become a highlight in my festive season of piano bookings and I hope it will continue for many years to come. We will keep the same date so those who come home for Christmas can join in the merriment and hence a date for your diaries - Friday 23rd December 2016 for this year's Carols. I hope to see you all there, have a good year and once again thanks for coming.

Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

The Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Adam Smith as Head Teacher. Currently a senior teacher at Pimperne CE Primary School, Dorset, Adam will take up his new role on Monday 22 February. In the intervening period we have been very lucky to secure the services of an experienced Head Teacher, Julie Slack, who will lead the school until half term.

The Governors would like to thank last term's interim head John Kimberley for all his hard work. A busy term finished with the excitement of Christmas - events included a splendid Nativity, a fabulous Carol Service complete with hand bells, a delicious Christmas lunch and finally Father Christmas and his eager elves at the children's Christmas Party! All were wonderful opportunities for the pupils to get involved in the celebration of Christmas and for the school community to come together.

We go into 2016 with a renewed confidence and the school is now in a much stronger position. We welcome two new members of staff this term - Miss Susanna Freeman will be leading Willow class and Mrs Kate Foley joins Katie Graham in Oak class. We look forward to a purposeful term!

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Rosemary Mercer

15th December 1927 – 9th January 2016

Rosemary Mercer (Rosie to many friends) arrived at Frickers House, Cow Drove with her husband, Mick, in 1988, following his retirement as Bishop of Exeter three years earlier. In the intervening period they had spent three happy years in Hindon where, as Vicar of Hindon, Chicklade and Pertwood, Mick fulfilled his ambition to be a country priest. It was during this time that Rosemary first met future friends from Chilmark.

Born and brought up in Lincolnshire, Rosemary went to Nottingham University to read History at the end of the 2nd World War, a relatively rare occurrence for a woman at that time as the majority of places went to returning servicemen. It was on a visit to what she 'naively' thought was a monastery – in fact Kelham Theological College – that she met husband to be, Eric 'Mick' Mercer. After university, Rosemary taught for a year and she and Mick subsequently married in 1951, settling in Cheadle Hume, Stockport, in the Diocese of Chester from where 14 years later he was appointed the first Bishop of Birkenhead. Their two children Patrick and Bridget were born during this time and it was in Chester that Rosemary first served as a magistrate, in turn moving to the Exeter benches when Mick became Bishop of Exeter in 1973. This work was important to Rosemary and, once in Chilmark, she continued as a magistrate on the Salisbury benches, serving a total of 35 years as a Justice of the Peace. Her friendships formed during this time continued with monthly trips to Salisbury Playhouse, the theatre being one of Rosemary's great loves.

Soon after Rosemary and Mick's arrival in Chilmark their three grandchildren, Hugo, Lydia and Rupert, were born and were to become very regular visitors. Mick died in 2003. By this time Rosemary had become a stalwart supporter of village activities; she was a founder member of CADS (Chilmark Amateur Dramatics Society), a key member of Chilmark's Book group and a regular attendee of Chilmark Church in all weathers, giving great service with beautiful flower arrangements and as a Sacristan. Rosemary also had a special knowledge of Italy's history and arts, and, having taught herself Italian, became a tour leader on religious art tours of Italy. After 26 years at Frickers House, Rosemary moved to a Church of England retirement home in Worthing in Autumn 2014. She died after a brief illness having spent a lovely Christmas with her family in London.

Memories of Rosemary:

Rosie was a lovely, elegant lady, always interesting to talk to and knowledgeable about so many things including politics. We all miss her very much.

Sue Stott



Some of us first met Rosemary at an upholstery class in Hindon while she and Mick were living there after retirement from Exeter. Eclectic conversations in class between the hammering, took us a little while to discover that the elegant and stylish and adept worker in the corner was a retired Bishop's wife, certainly not a stereotype!

Through all adversities Rosemary maintained a dignified stoicism and was always cheerful and more interested in other people's worries. She will be very fondly remembered as an example of great style, humour and versatility. **Stephanie Lucas**

Rosie was a woman of many parts: highly intelligent, witty, incredibly good company, down to earth yet high-flying, I could go on. Supportive of the Church in her own special way, she was always the wife of a churchman, but never the Bishop's Wife! Always bandbox smart: I found her one day, weeding her drive, perched on a stool, fork in hand, smart treads, and sporting a really stunning hat – no doubt labelled "Gardening" in her collection.

Janey Middleton

She took great delight in her grandchildren, and enjoyed having them to stay when they were young. She was a stalwart member of the Book group and very supportive when it went through thin times. She rarely missed a meeting, and often hosted the group at her house. Rosemary was driven by willpower. She did not want to leave Chilmark just over a year ago, but once the decision was made, she set her face to her new life in Worthing and was happy there. **Sally Butcher**

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Miss (Jill) Palmer

Miss Palmer, who passed away on 7th January, was a teacher at Chilmark Primary School (before it became Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop Primary School) for her entire working life. She started her career at the school straight from Teacher Training College in September 1951, and she remained there until her retirement in September 1989.

A very enthusiastic teacher, Miss Palmer was well loved and respected by parents, staff and children alike. She was renowned for her generosity, not only donating prizes for any fundraising event but also to individual families when she would take children on a camping holiday.

Every Ascension Day would see the whole school going on a ramble and Miss Palmer would always have a push chair for the weary ones, and for carrying the picnic lunches; the few of us left that knew her still talk about those days.

She was involved in all aspects of village life and was a regular churchgoer. She also ran the Brownies for many years and was a guider as well. She was renowned for her cups of tea at the Brownie camps.

Wendy Rooke

A message from Dunkin & Margaret Symes

We have been very touched by all the good wishes, thanks and hospitality given to us on our move from Chilmark to Old Sarum and thank you all.

We had 34 happy years in the village and while we saw it change considerably in many respects, it still remains a warm, friendly and vibrant community.

We miss all our friends but hope to meet them from time to time in Salisbury.

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More from Ridge in the 1900s

In the 3rd extract from Harris family diary, Raymond Jack provides further insight into life in Ridge in the first part of the 20th century.

The English landscape, especially the landscape here, is remarkable for the variety of features within a small area – arable, pasture, woodland, hill and valley, river and stream. Today the proportion of grassland is reduced and the main activity is arable farming conducted by very large machines in spurts of activity. Very often the landscape is empty of activity. The variety of agricultural activity round Chilmark is but a fraction of what it was, particularly at smallholder level. In the past there would have been people working almost wherever one looked. This point is illustrated by a selection of entries from the diary over the years:

1901: 4 March - Father went to town to see about some hay as ours will only last a day or two.
12 April – plants: beans, onions, parsnips, peas and potatoes. 3 May -Father and Flo (aged 11/12) potato planting all day; I washing.
1902: 26 April - Father put nine load of dung to the ground in Allotment (a field) for potatoes.
1903: horses in, 16 October (into a stable for the winter). Got the mangolds home, 14 October. Had the corn thrashed (by a travelling, probably steam driven, thrashing machine) - 11 sacks oats, 11 sacks beans. Began planting winter beans 6 November, all day, and all day 11 November.



1904: 31 May - Billy Howell and Ted Coombs and G cut the grass down allotment. 7 June - cut out in orchard. The 11th - carried (ie carted) hay down allotment. 27 Sept - had eight sacks potatoes down allotment. 6 Oct - Dad went to Harnet sale: bought three milk buckets and machine table (Knap Farm had cows until about 1960). Cut the rick down Allotment (ie opened and cut into a hay rick) about 27 October. 1 November - Dad and I went to Salisbury and bought three calves, Cherry, Cowslip, Whity.

1905: our corn lasted till 16 February. Put up new cow stalls end of January. Planted some spring beans 23 March and sowed some barley and oats down allotment. Had an old wagon from F Harding. George cut some of the grass from Ashley Wood field - carried it all by the 19th. Our barn thrashed 12 September all but the beans; had eight sacks barley, one sack wheat, three bushel vetches and 22 sacks oats. Sold nine sacks of oats at 8 shillings (40 pence) a sack to Ern Blanford. Jack shot old Captain, 7 December (a horse?). Rose had bull calf 3 December and Merry had heifer calf, Molly, 30 December.

1907: cut the lower piece of grass in Allotment 7 July. That finished the hay making. Cut the oats Monday morning, the 27th. Cut the barley Monday afternoon and, morning of the 28th, cut the wheat. Thrashed our corn 19 November.

1908: had eight pigs born 17 April.

1909: had a hen and seven chicken given me 20 September.

1912: Dad sold four pork pigs to Gilbert Baker 15 April.

Raymond Jack

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Meeting the Duke

I pressed royal flesh the other morning in Birmingham. Nothing to do with me, really; it was glory reflected from my famous uncle Alfred, who won the VC in the First World War. The City Council had decided to plant lawn plaques with the names of the ten VCs from the city who had fought in that conflict. I was there representing my family as virtually the last of the Wilcoxes.

Prince William, the Duke of Lanc...no, Oxf...no, the other one: Cambridge, yes. That's it. He was there to do the unveiling and to talk to nobodies like me, while be-medalled Johnnies looked on.

Leaning down (so refreshing to talk to someone with even less hair than I), he asked: 'and you're from....?'

'Chilmark.'

'Ah, yes. Derbyshire, isn't it?'

'No. Near Salisbury in Wiltshire.'

'Ah, that Chilmark.'

'Yes, that one. Actually, your father came to unveil our Millennium Cross.'

'Really. When was that?'

'The...er...turning of the Millennia.'

'Which one?'

'The last one.'

'Ah yes.' (Nodding) 'He did a lot of that stuff then, I remember. Did you say you were from Sainsbury's?'

'No. Near Salisbury.'

'Ah yes.' (Leaning forward). 'Where did you get that remarkable scar?'

'Well, it's rather a long story. I was walking down the main strasse in Heidelberg when...'

Then an aide leaned forward and whispered in the Royal ear. 'Do excuse me,' said the Duke and moved on.

Nice chap. Very, very tall and very, very thin, like his wife. But better looking than his pictures. Bit dodgy on geography, though, which could be awkward when he reigns, given the Commonwealth and all. Still, look at the Duke of Edinburgh. No. On second thoughts, don't.

Footnote: All the above is caricatured nonsense, of course. Prince William was quite charming and interested in my family, although we spoke for only about three minutes. He wished to be remembered to the Black Dog. It seems that Harry had told him about it.

John Wilcox



Chilmark Cricket Club AGM

The AGM will be taking place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd February at the Black Dog and all are welcome to attend. We would love as many people from the village as possible to attend so that they can hear first hand about both the adult and junior cricket occurring in our village this year. We look forward to seeing you there. .

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Clergy Notes for February

Even though you'll be reading this in February, if it isn't too late, may I wish everyone a very happy and blessed new year!

Our services this month will follow their usual pattern of two more traditional services, Parish Communion on 7th and Matins on 14th, followed by our All Age focussed services of Family Communion on 21st and Morning Praise on 28th. Morning Praise is our least formal service; ideal for young and old who would like to spend a short time praising God and inviting him to be more and more part of our lives. All our services are at 11.15am, so easy to remember!

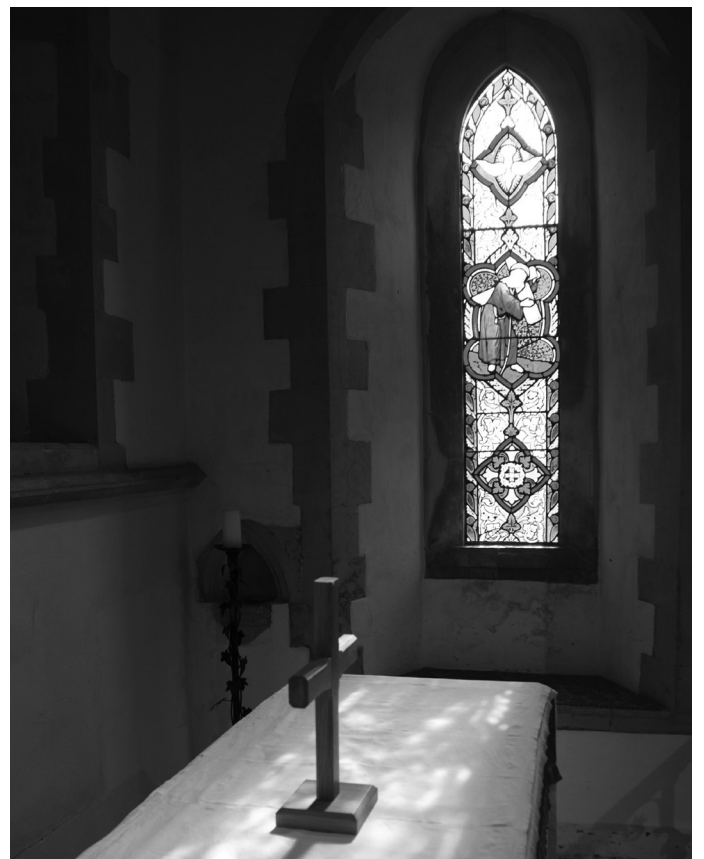
An advance notice for the beginning of March, though: 6th March is Mothering Sunday, so we will have our informal Morning Praise service that day. An ideal service for children to bring Mums - and Dads - along to and, as always, there will be posies for everyone.

Last year the PCC changed its policy of giving to charity by nominating certain Sundays as "gift Sundays" when the collection was given to a particular cause. This worked well and so we are continuing this in 2016. You will find the details of our giving elsewhere in the magazine but we can give thanks that a grand total of £1328 was given last year. This is more than the previous year following the old policy. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our various charities.

Charitable giving reminds us that we are linked in fellowship with those who struggle, both nearby and so much further afield. The Chalke Deanery, of which Chilmark is a part, is linked with the Diocese of Cuibet in South Sudan. Our own curate, Revd Mark Hayter, visited the diocese on our behalf in November to check on the various projects that we are supporting financially with donations from different parishes in the Deanery. Our first project was to support an agricultural adviser to help people in remote communities relearn farming skills that had been lost when so many had fled their villages and lived in the bush during the Sudanese civil war. Now we are also encouraging entrepreneurship amongst Mothers' Union members by supplying them with sewing machines and setting up training, as well as an IT project, funding fruit tree growing, and the training of pastors, amongst others. There is always a newsletter on the church noticeboard and we now have prayer cards in the church, which, as well as offering guidance about what to pray for there, give a very good picture of the life and work of those remote communities. It may well be that the PCC will choose this as a charity for this year but if you'd like to make a personal contribution to our deanery projects, please do contact me. Funds are sent through a Deanery account set up for this purpose. Our personal links with the bishop of the diocese and the church there offer a direct and secure way of funding projects in that still-troubled nation. Please do hold the people of Cuibet in your thoughts and prayers.

With every blessing.

Rev. Jane



Church Times

NADDER VALLEY CHURCH ROTA February 2016										
Date	7th February		10th	14th February		21st February		28th February		Next Sunday
SUNDAY	Next before Lent		Ash Wednesday	1st of Lent		2nd of Lent		3rd of Lent		4th of Lent Mothering Sunday
South Area										
ANSTY	11.15 M	LAY		11.15 PC	GS	11.15 HC _{BCP} said	AS	11.15 FC	MH	11.15 M
COMPTON	9.30 PC _T	GS				11.15 Sw	JA			11.15 Sw Lay
FOVANT	8.00 HC _{o2T}	MH				6.00 E	JA	9.30 PC	MH	8.00 HC _{o2T}
SUTTON	6.00 E	GS		9.30 PC _{o2T} (SM)	GS	9.30 PC _{o2T}	JT	(Fov)		6.00 E
SWALLOW-CLIFFE	11.15 PC _T	GS	10.00 HC _T + Ashing GS	6.00 E	GS	8.00 HC _{BCP}	AS	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 Sw
North Area										
BARFORD	11.15 FC	JT	10.00 HC+Ashing JT	9.30 M	LAY	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT	9.30 PC	JT	11.15 FC
BAVERSTOCK	9.30 HC _T	JT								
CHILMARK	11.15 PC _T	MH	7.00 HC+Ashing JT	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 FC	JT	11.15 MP	JT	11.15 PC _T
DINTON	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT		11.15 FC	JT	11.15 PC	RW	9.30 M	LAY	8.00 HC _{BCP}
T.EVIAS	11.15 FS	LAY				9.30 FC	CF			11.15 FS
T. MAGNA				9.30 PC	JT			6.00 E	JT	
West Area										
CHICKLADE				6.00 E followed by Annual Meeting	AS			11.15 HC _{BCP}	GS	
FONT'BISHOP	5.00 E	AS		8.00 HC _{BCP}	AS	9.30 M	JA			FS Time tbc
FONT'GIFFORD	8.00 HC _{BCP}	AS		11.15 M	MH	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JH	11.15 M followed by APCM	AS	8.00 HC _{BCP}
HINDON	9.30 PC	AS	10.00 HC+Ashing MH	9.30 PC	MH	6:00 E	AS	9.30 PC	GS	9.30 PC
TISBURY	9.30 FS 6.00 PC _T	LAY JT	10.00 HC AS 7.30 PC+Ashing AS	8.00 PC _T 9.30 PC 6.00 QF	JT AS JA	9.30 PC 6.00 E chor	AS JT	8.00 HC _{BCP} 9.30 PC 6.00 P & P	AS AS AS	9.30 FS 6.00 PC _T
<small>HC_{BCP} - BCP Holy Communion PC - Order 1 Communion PC_T - Order 1 Communion, traditional language. FC - Family Communion FS - Family Service PC_{o2T} Holy Communion Order 2 Trad . M-Matins or Morning Prayer QF - Questioning Faith Sw - Service of the Word JA - Judy Anderson.....PAB - Paul Britton.....PB - Paul Bunday.....TC- Thelma Caughey CFColin FoxMH - Mark Hayter..... JH - John Hamilton.....GS - Graham Southgate AS - Andrew Staley.....JT - Jane Tailby RW - Richard Wren</small>										

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Church Fete - Saturday 18th June

Please make sure that Saturday 18 June is in your diaries for this year's Chilmark Church Fete. It will be held in the gardens at The Old Rectory by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Neil Sutton.

Many thanks for the kind offers of help already received. Please do get in touch with the organising committee if you would like to run a stall, help set up, bake a cake....

Contact Felicity Pattenden 01722 716271 or Bev Small 01722 716943. All suggestions and ideas enthusiastically welcomed! The next Fete update will be in the March edition of The Village Voice.

St Margaret's Chilmark

In addition to our usual Sunday services:

Ash Wednesday 10 February, 7pm - said Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday 6 March, 11.15am - non-Eucharistic Family Service

Charitable Giving 2015

Collections from four designated Donation Sundays:

Childrens Society	£180
World Vision - our sponsored child, Awoke	£274
Alabare	£303
Salisbury Hospice	£561
and	
Friends of Salisbury Cathedral (PCC giving)	£10
Medecins sans Frontieres	£374

(Lent charity lunch at height of Ebola epidemic)

From the Registers

We Commend to God's Love
16 December 2015 - Betty Wilcox

We welcome in Baptism

6 December 2015 - Louise Susan Gavin

Benefice of Nadder Valley (Team Ministry)

TEAM CLERGY

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MASSES

Tisbury, Sacred Heart: Sunday 9am (sung) & 6.30pm (said)
Wardour, All Saints: Sunday 11am (sung)

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Sunday Service: 10.30am

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The Village Voice

Hindon Surgery - Staff changes and PRG

2016 will see some changes at Hindon Surgery with the retirement of three long-standing members of staff.

Janice Major joined the surgery as our practice secretary eight years ago after retiring from her job at Hindon Primary school. She leaves at the end of January 2016. Nurse Stella Rhodes has run our award-winning diabetes service for over fifteen years and retires at the end of March. Jill Wing has been here even longer as a receptionist and more recently as a dispenser. Jill will be retiring soon after Easter. We will be very sad to see them leave and wish them all the very best in their busy retirements.

Sara Broome and Charlie Kitching have already expanded their hours and been trained up by Janice to ensure a seamless transfer of responsibilities.

We have appointed Sister Bernadette Watson to replace Stella and she starts her induction training in early March. Her job will include some work visiting patients in their own homes where this helps with continuity of care (eg soon after discharge home following an emergency hospital admission). She will also take on the monitoring of long-term conditions like annual asthma checks and six-monthly blood pressure checks. Sister Sally Davies will take over the diabetes work.

We will be recruiting a new member of staff to take on Jill's work in reception and the dispensary. The details are on our website and initially will be for three sessions a week.

The next meeting of our Patient Reference Group (PRG) will be in early February and this year we want help to plan the future of Hindon Surgery. Your GPs are also approaching retirement age (not for a few years yet but these things take time) and we need the help of our patients to plan how to manage this so that the surgery continues in the way our patients want. If you want to contribute to this discussion and are not a member of the PRG please ask to join and give your email contact details at reception.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

Tisbury Surgery News

New GP registrar

We look forward to welcoming Dr Rachel Davison to Tisbury Surgery on 3 February 2016. She will be with us for six months as part of her training to become a GP

Text messages

As from January 2016 we are able to send a text message to our patients to remind them about their appointments. Patients will also be able to cancel their appointments by text if they are no longer required. Thus it is ESSENTIAL that we have your

current mobile telephone number.

Please remember to tell us if you change your number and also let one of the receptionists know if you do NOT wish to receive these reminders. We will not automatically be sending texts to patients aged 16 years and under. However, if you are aged between 12 and 16 and would like to receive text reminders, please come and see the reception staff.

Patient Self Check-in Screen

We now have one of these in reception. It is simple and straightforward to use, but will NEVER take the place of our receptionists! You may find it more convenient to use the screen when the reception staff are busy dealing with other patients either at the desk or on the telephone.

Do please collect a copy of our latest newsletter from reception – or have a look at it online on the surgery's website - www.tisbury-surgery.nhs.uk It contains a wealth of information.

Dr John Dalton, Dr Laurence Carter

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Tuesday 2 February

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Green lid - garden waste, NOT household compost

Tuesday 9 February

Household waste (grey bins)

Tuesday 16 February

Blue lid / Black Box / Green Lid

Tuesday 23 February

Household waste

For more details of which bin to use, visit the following link:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/recycling

If you have concerns or complaints about the Rubbish Collection service please contact Dawn Jeanes, Customer Services Officer, Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100. Alternatively, if you wish specifically to complain about the Black Box collection or to order replacement boxes and/or lids, then contact Hills Waste at Calne on 0845 6032085. They seem keen to receive feedback, good or bad, from households in our area and are happy to replace damaged boxes free of charge.

February fun for Tisbus

With the cold of winter well and truly upon us, what is better than a good home cooked meal with the best ingredients from the local community? That's why Tisbus will be taking its members to Udder Farm Shop at East Stour on **Wednesday 10th February** to experience this delight. Along with lunch there will be the opportunity to buy some wonderful produce from their deli, fishmongers and butchery, as well as local farmers, all at a reasonable price. Plus, with their new reward card, you can also collect points to be redeemed against your purchases in the future. As the Udder Farm Shop is a firm favourite with Tisbus members, you

will be able to build your points total on future trips as well. Pick-ups for this trip will start at 11am, returning at 2.30pm. The cost of the outing will be £7 (children £3.50, under 7s free) plus the cost of your meal.

On **Wednesday 24th February** there will be an outing to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Rated 4.5 out of 5 on TripAdvisor this seems to be one of the best places to visit in the South. Members can wander the historic streets, visit the 1940s traditional sweetshop, penny arcade and Edwardian pub as well as view the Thornycroft collection of vintage vehicles. You will be able to reminisce in the 'how we used to live' collection and see what you can remember as you 'travel through the years'. Visitors/children can even 'play Post Office' or dress up as a Victorian. Pick-ups for this trip start at 9.30am, returning at 2.30pm. The cost of the outing is £13 (children £6.50, under 7s free) plus museum entry fees (adult £9.45, concession £8.45, children £5.75, family £27.25; carers and under 5s enter for free).

Don't forget all of our regular door-to-door shopping trips that run throughout the year come rain, shine or snow.

If you would like to book a seat on one of our trips, find out more about Tisbus, or become a member, then simply call our administrator on 07500 802525.

Film Night in Tisbury

We are showing the period drama *Suffragette* (12A) on Saturday 20th February in the Victoria Hall, Tisbury High Street. The film stars Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham-Carter, Meryl Streep and Anne-Marie Duff, amongst others. It tracks "the story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State;" – must be seen.

Tickets at £6 available from Kate Good Pottery, High Street, Tisbury (01747 870367) closed on Mondays. Please get your ticket early as seating is limited in the Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Performance begins at 7.30pm. Any profit will go to St John's Fabric Fund.

On 19th March we shall be showing the much acclaimed film *The Lady in the Van* starring Maggie Smith. Do make a note.



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The Village Voice - Local Police

TISBURY AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM



Bulletin for February

There were 28 reported occurrences in the Tisbury Area, across the month of December, compared with 33 occurrences reported to Police in the month of November. All crime reported is showing below the average expected, although there is a slight rise in 'Violence against the Person' offences but this is still within the average upper and lower limits expected. Please continue to ensure your property is safe and secure and report any crimes or suspicious behaviour

The weather has been causing a few issues in our area recently. Please drive to the conditions and be on the lookout for fallen trees - they can be very well camouflaged when covered in ivy and hanging low over roads - and for floodwater; even large puddles can cause an accident when hit at speed.

Tisbury Community Safety Partnership

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the Elizabeth Hall, Tisbury, at 4pm where the future of Wiltshire Police will be on the Agenda. Guest speakers: Wiltshire's Police & Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson and James Brain, Inspector, Community Policing Team (Trowbridge & Warminster sectors) with his deputy, Sergeant Louis McCoy. Please join us to listen and to ask questions. All members of the public and community groups are very welcome. For further information, or if you'd like to submit a question in advance, please contact the TCSP coordinator Bev Ford at tcspartnership@gmail.com or 01747 871 638

Police Information Point (PIP)

Please refer to the Wiltshire Police website under Departments > Neighbourhood Policing Teams > Tisbury.

Public consultations

Details of further opportunities to meet members of Neighbourhood Policing Team are also available at the Wiltshire Police website under Departments > Neighbourhood Policing Teams > Tisbury.

Other means of contact include:

Landline or mobile: dial 101
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In an **emergency**, of course, always dial **999**.

Outcomes of specific crimes
If you are interested in the outcome of a local crime, you may find it by visiting <http://www.police.uk> and entering your postcode.

Tisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC Greg Fergusson 1208

PCSO Vicky Huntley 6126

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