# VILLAGE VOICE

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

### St Margaret's Annual PCC Meeting

Sunday 24th April, 12 noon in the church, is an opportunity for everyone to attend and ask questions about St Margaret's annual report and accounts, and the maintenance and running of the church. There is a vacancy on the Parochial Church Council for another member, and also the position of Churchwarden as Stephanie Lucas is stepping down from the role after many years of dedicated service. See p9 for more details. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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### Welcome to the April issue of The Village Voice

Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns behind us, the dawn chorus starting the day and lighter evenings to enjoy at the end of it, all exciting reminders that British Summer Time is here for the next six months, with much to look forward to in Chilmark. First up this month is the Playground Committee's Village Quiz followed by the Reading Room Wine Tasting (p4 & 6 respectively).

May Day (1st May) will be marked in style with Tea & Cakes and Songs of Praise in the Reading Room, and your chance to nominate and sing your favourite hymn (p9). Meanwhile, as the Cricket season gets under way, Sebastian Faulks will be a member of the Authors team playing Chilmark CC in a Home T20 fixture at Cleeves Farm on Friday 6th May. All this is just a taste of the busy summer ahead in the village.



As spring has sprung, the Wednesday Morning Keep Fit Walkers have been enjoying a variety of routes around Chilmark, accompanied by an assortment of canine pals. New walkers always welcomed – see page 3 for contact details.

Elsewhere in this issue, news of the Village Voice Sloe Gin competition plus a delicious Chilmark Chocolate Cake recipe for all those preparing for Cricket teas, Royal tea parties & Summer fetes!

Best wishes for a wonderful spring.

The Editorial Team



### The Village Voice - Village Directory

The Village Voice Editorial Team

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

		April Dates for your Diary		
Tuesday 5th	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)	
Sunday 10th	10am-4pm	Social Stitchers Workshop	CRR	
Monday 11th		Start of School Term	Village School	
Tuesday 12th	7pm	Reading Room Meeting	CRR	
Friday 15th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR	
Saturday 16th	2.30pm	Village Quiz	CRR	
Saturday 16th	7.30pm	Moviola, Tisbury, 'A Walk in the Woods'	Victoria Hall	
Tuesday 19th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR	
Friday 22nd	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR	
Friday 22nd	7.30pm	Wine Tasting	CRR	
Sunday 24th	12 noon	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Chilmark Church	
Tuesday 26th	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close	
Tuesday 26th	8pm	Chilmark Reading Group	TBA (contact as below)	
Wednesday 27th		AONB Planting Out	Pertwood Farm	
Wednesday 27th	7.30pm	Choristers' Concert	St Paul's Cathedral	
Friday 29th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR	
		Future Dates for your Diary		
May 1st	4.30 for 5pm	May Day Tea & Songs of Praise	CRR	
May 8th	12-5pm	Fonthill House Gardens open	Fonthill Bishop	
May 11th	7pm	Parish Council AGM	CRR	
May 14th	3pm	Queen's Birthday Tea	CRR	
June 18th	2.30-4.30pm	Chilmark Fete	The Old Rectory	
June 24th	7.30pm	Comedian Dominic Holland	CRR	

### **Activities Contacts:**

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### **Parish Council News**

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### Defibrillator Response Team

Volunteers are urgently needed to respond and activate the Defibrillator in case of an emergency. It is hoped that a new Coordinator can be appointed to replace Tony Harrison who has resigned. A short training session will be given by a St John's Ambulance Representative and this will be paid for by the Parish Council. The defibrillator is fully automated and gives simple instructions on usage so that in fact anyone can use it who is not trained. Please give your contact details to a member of the Parish Council or the Clerk, Jenny MacDougall - 01722 790339; email address: jenny.macdougall@outlook.com

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Harrison for all his work in connection with procuring and fitting the defibrillator and carrying out regular checks. He also set up the first Defibrillator Response Team for which we are extremely grateful. We should like to wish him well for the future.

### Tisbury Tithe Barn

Concerns have been raised about the planning application which, if approved, could potentially increase traffic flow in the surrounding area including villages such as Chilmark and Ridge. The PC has made representation on this matter. Members of the public can also make their views known and can write asap Ref: 15/11990/FUL Tisbury Tithe Barn

to:
Becky Jones
Senior Planning Officer
Development Services
Wiltshire Council
The Council House
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#### Village Gates

The PC is making enquiries about the possibility of installing Village Gates at the entrance to Chilmark to encourage motorists to drive slowly through the village. Both Barford St Martin and Fonthill Estate have been approached for their views.

### MP's Visit

An Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on 20 February for Dr Andrew Murrison MP to meet members of the PC and residents and to discuss any local issues of concern. He was very grateful for the meeting which enabled him to pick up a number of issues, notably relating to heavy vehicles and drains which he will follow up.

**The Annual Assembly and the Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council will be held in the Reading Room on Wednesday 11 May 2016. All are welcome to attend.

### How much (or little) do you know about Chilmark?

Find out on **Saturday 16th April** when the Playground Committee will be holding a **Village Quiz**.

Question sheets will be on sale from 2.30pm at the Reading Room with the winners announced at 4pm.

Refreshments will be available when you get back to the Reading Room with your completed answer sheets.

There will be a Family sheet intended for youngsters and an Adult sheet with some fiendishly difficult questions.

Come along and have some fun and test your observational skills!

## Chilmark Fete - Saturday 18th June 2.30-4.30pm in the gardens at The Old Rectory, Chilmark

The plans for this year's Village Fete are well underway. No danger of it clashing with the Wimbledon Ladies' finals this year so please do make sure that the date, 18th June, is in your diaries!

There will be delicious cream teas & ice creams, fantastic pony rides, exciting stalls and sensational sideshows. Please do get in touch with bevsmall@me.com if you can provide prizes for the raffle. We are also looking for kind donations of plants, bottles and homemade cakes. The children of Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School will be May pole dancing and the Friends of the school will be running the ever-popular Pimms tent.

We are also looking for willing people to help put up tents on the Friday evening and help take them down again straight after the Fete – beer will be provided! If you would like to a hire table, help run a stall or can help in any way then please contact Felicity Pattenden 01722 716271 or Bev Small 01722 716943.

All offers of help and kind donations will be enthusiastically welcomed. More details to follow in May's Village Voice.

### **Chilmark Horticultural Society**

What are you doing on April 27th? Why not join the AONB team and other volunteers in planting out the 400 chalk grassland plants that we have been growing in the CHS Polytunnel? This will take place at Pertwood Farm near Longbridge Deverill, if you would like to come along then please get in touch with me and I will provide more details nearer the time. You can spend as much time as you want doing this – and then we can go back next year to see the difference we've made! Please get in touch with David Blake david@wessexwildlife.co.uk

### Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

World Book Day on 3rd March marked the official opening of the school's new library. Pupils have been enjoying the library and its books for a while but we had not officially opened it until now. Our VIP was an ex-pupil of the school, Mr Mike Rawlins, formerly of Ridge, who was a student here 70 years ago and then went onto the Grammar school. He has made a very generous donation to the school library fund which was gratefully received. The students would like to extend their thanks and plan to use the money to buy even more books.

As part of the World Book Day, pupils dressed up and brought in their favourite books. Some of the pupils also attended the library opening along with Mrs Small, our fantastic hard working Governor, who had made this library project possible. All the pupils at Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop received a World Book Day £1 book token which can be spent at all major supermarkets. The school is keen to add more books to our library. If you would like to buy a book to donate to the school, please contact the school on

01722 716348/716487 or admin@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk your name will be added to the inside cover as a benefactor of the library (some small fame and recognition!).











Tickets are selling fast for the **Wine Tasting** in the Reading Room on Friday 22 April, 7.30pm, so please book soon if you wish to avoid disappointment. Wine expert Kent Barker, of the **Beckford Bottle Shop**, has kindly agreed to run the tasting. Tickets £12 to cover a range of wines, including one special surprise, plus accompanying nibbles.

Tel 01722 717473, Sarah Miller.

Meanwhile, we hope you'll be able to join us on Saturday 14 May, 3pm, for a Tea Party to celebrate HM the Queen's 90th birthday. Delicious cakes appropriate to the occasion to be served, including Chilmark Chocolate Cake, see back page for recipe.

We look forward to welcoming comedian **Dominic Holland** to Chilmark for a performance on **Friday 24 June**, courtesy of Wiltshire Rural Arts. Dominic Holland is one of the country's most respected stand-up comics and will be familiar to many from his radio and television appearances. Tickets will go on sale in May.

The Russian Gypsy Folk Duo **Mazaika** wowed a delighted audience with their wonderful violin, accordion and tenor repertoire at the end of February. They thoroughly enjoyed the Reading Room's acoustics and, having revealed afterwards that they can perform every Abba song released, it was suggested that maybe they return at a future date for a Chilmark Abba night?! Many thanks to those people who provided scrumptious Russian-themed canapés for the evening, all of which were eagerly devoured. All in all, a night to remember.



### **Sloe Gin Night!**

The second Friday in March proved a memorable evening for those gathered at The Black Dog for the judging of The Village Voice's Sloe Gin competition, not least for our esteemed judges John Wilcox and Neil Pattenden. Thanks to an enthusiastic turnout, the pair had the pleasure of tasting and comparing notes on some 15 individual tots of Chilmark's best home-nurtured liqueurs. Judging went down to the wire, with the 'brew' of Dave Williams of Chilmark Kennels, taking first place just ahead of Simon Butcher. Runners-up were all complimented for the varying flavours, colours, and strengths of their entries and discussion about different sloe-gin making techniques ensued late into the evening. Huge thanks to all those competitors for taking part – your entries raised £30 for Macmillan Cancer Support; to to our judges for their skill and fortitude on the night and to James and Jayne for hosting the event. In the words of Jayne: "What a super evening. It was so wonderful to see The Black Dog full of lovely villagers". Roll on next year!



Our esteemed judges - John and Neil



The winner - Dave Williams and wife, Jenny



### **Chilmark Cricket Club AGM**

As the cricket season approaches the squad have been busy preparing the pitch, equipment and infrastructure as well as psyching themselves up for an overseas tour – to the Isle of Wight! Several junior Chilmark players have progressed to the senior squad and we look forward to welcoming them into the team.

The club is always on the lookout for new talent and we welcome any eligible players to come and attend our practice nets sessions on Friday evenings at Cleeves Farm, from 6.30pm. These are due to start on Friday 15th April but this is weather dependent. Our first match of the season is on the 17th April so it would be nice to blow the winter cobwebs away.

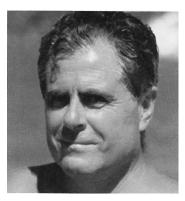
We have a busy fixture schedule planned with additional T20 fixtures in the diary, one of which will be against 'Authors' in which Sebastian Faulks himself will be playing, on the 6th May. Our first Home match of the season is on Sunday 1st May against Erlestoke; the remaining matches for May include:

Wednesday 4th May
Fonthill T20 - 6.00pm (A)
Friday 6th May
Authors T20 - 6.00pm (H)
Sunday 15th May
Lobsters - 2.00pm (H)
Sunday 22nd May
Chalke Valley - 2.30pm (H)
Friday 27th May
Sports Shed T20 - 6.00pm (H)
Sunday 29th May
Old Bedfordians - 2.30pm (H)

Support is always welcome... and of course it helps that we are known for producing one of the finest teas in Wiltshire cricket at the interval, along with an excellent BBQ at the close of play. Onwards!

### **Cricket Tea Helpers!**

With the Cricket Club's first home match of the season on Sunday 1 May, we are looking for any willing tea servers, cake and sandwich makers to join our wonderful team of stalwart helpers. If you think that you could provide a cake, tray of sandwiches or serve teas for even just one of our 15 home matches this summer then please do contact **Bev Small** bevsmall@me.com 01722 716 943. We are very happy to reimburse any costs. Cakes and sandwiches can also be collected if you are unable to deliver them directly to the cricket ground on the day.



We were saddened to learn of the death in February of former Chilmark resident Mike Venner. Below is a tribute in his memory by John Wilcox.

#### **John Michael Venner**

17th June 1930 – 22nd February 2016, formerly of The Malt House, Chilmark

Mike Venner, who passed away in February, aged 85, was one of the sturdiest and most cheerful supporters of Chilmark village life for nearly 23 years, before moving with his wife Carol to a retirement home in Westbury on 1st March 2012. In the words of Carol 'he was always around to help put up marquees and tents and take them down again.' He served on the Reading Room and Flower Show committees, was a founder member of the cricket club and, memorably, was a cheerful elf in bunny-eared costume helping Santa Claus distribute presents to children in the Reading Room. He had a long and distinguished career in the brewing industry becoming, with his brother David, joint managing director of the family business, E.J. Venner & Co in the City of London. His greatest passion, however, was sailing and he spent many hours on board his small yacht in the Solent and was a dedicated collector for the Life Boat charity. In addition to Carol, Mike leaves a daughter, Katharine, and a son, Jonathan.

**John Wilcox** 



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## 23. Church Times

### **Clergy Notes for April**

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Easter in Chilmark and my thanks go to all who helped decorate the church and who will have taken part in our Holy Week services. The Good Friday service with the choir was set to be particularly special. It was also good to welcome the pupils and staff from our school into the church for their Easter service, and to welcome their new permanent head teacher, Mr Smith.

Our services this month, following the usual pattern of formal and informal worship, continue in April, so do come along and join us. The first Sunday of May (1st May) will be a bit different though when we leave the church building and hold a special Songs of Praise service in the Reading Room at 5pm, preceded by Tea and Cakes at 4.30pm. If you have a favourite hymn (new or old!) you'd like to sing, please let me, or the church wardens, know and we will include it. Do come along for a good sing, even if you are not a regular at church.

There is a real sense as April progresses of Spring and new life, reminding us of the Easter story of new life and resurrection. May you know God's love as you enjoy the beauty of our countryside at this special time.

With every blessing, **Rev. Jane** 

### St Margaret's Chilmark - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Vestry Meeting followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on SUNDAY 24 APRIL at 12 noon in the Church. All supporters of St Margaret of Antioch Church are welcome to attend and ask questions regarding the annual report and accounts and the maintenance and running of the church.

There is a vacancy on the PCC for another member and also for the position of Churchwarden as Stephanie Lucas is stepping down from the role at this year's Annual Vestry Meeting. Please contact the Revd Jane Tailby or Janey Middleton should you be interested in either of these vacancies.

Are you interested in finding out more about

### The Bible and the Christian Message and how to apply it to our daily lives?

Do come and join us for a friendly tea time get together On Tuesdays from 5.30pm to 6.45pm at Broadlands, Cow Drove, Chilmark

If you would like to know more, please phone

Mike or Sue Stott on 01722 716727

### May Day Songs of Praise

in the Reading Room, Sunday 1st May, 4.30pm Tea & Cakes followed by Singing (hymns of your choice!) at 5pm. Everyone welcome to come and sing along - please let Jane Tailby or Janey Middleton know of a hymn you would like included.

### Chilmark's Favourite Hymns in 2007 were as follows:

- Morning has broken
- Make me a channel of your peace
- All things bright and beautiful
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- Praise my soul the King of Heaven
- The Lord's my shepherd
- · Go, tell it on the mountain
- Jerusalem
- Lord of all hopefulness
- · Jesus I have promised
- We plough the fields and scatter

Are these your favourites now? Please let us know (Jane Tailby or Janey Middleton).

Email: jdtailby@aol.com or mimanora@aol.com

### **Charity Lunch**

A very big thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Charity Lunch held in the Reading Room on 10th March. The soup makers, table layers and washers up, and all those who attended and donated so very generously: thank you! Some thirty lunchers were treated to a choice of six delicious soups plus cheese and rolls. We were able to send £299 plus gift aid to the Community Palliative Care team at Salisbury Hospice - they are so grateful.

### **Churchyard Spring Tidy**

My thanks, also, to the great team (young and older!) who turned up to work in the churchyard on Saturday 12th March. It was a marvellous effort and we achieved a great deal.

Janey Middleton.

### Gardens Open Fonthill House

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Sunday 8 May 12noon-5pm entry £6 Teas In aid of All Saints Church Fonthill Bishop



### Church Times

			NADDER VALL	EY CH	JRCH ROTA API	RIL 2010	6		
Date	3rd Ap	pril	10th Apri	il	17th Apr				Next Sunday
SUNDAY	2nd of E	aster	3rd of East	er	4th of Eas	ter	5th of Easter		
South Area									
ANSTY	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 PC	GS	11.15 HC <sub>BCP said</sub>	MH	11.15 FC	MH	11.15 M
COMPTON	9.30 PC <sub>T</sub>	MH			11.15 Sw	GS			9.30 PC <sub>T</sub>
FOVANT	8.00 HC <sub>02T</sub>	GS			6.00 E	GS	9.30 PC (Fov)	MH	8.00 HC <sub>02T</sub>
SUTTON	6.00 E	MH	9.30 PC <sub>02T</sub> (SM)	GS	9.30 PC <sub>о2т</sub>	GS	Patronal		6.00 E
SWALLOWCLIFFE	11.15 PC <sub>T</sub>	GS	6.00 E	GS	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	MH	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 PC <sub>T</sub>
North Area									
BARFORD	11.15 FC	JT	9.30 M	LAY	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JT	9.30 PC	JT	11.15 FC
BAVERSTOCK							6.00 ANZAC	JT	9.30 HC <sub>BCP</sub>
							Service		
CHILMARK	11.15 PC <sub>T</sub>	AS	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 FC	CF	11.15 MP followed by APCM	JT	11.15 PC <sub>T</sub>
DINTON	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JT	11.15 FC	JT	11.15 PC followed by APCM	JT	9.30 M	LAY	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>
TEFFONT EVIAS	11.15 FS	LAY			9.30 FC	JT			11.15 FS
TEFFONT MAGNA			9.30 PC	JT			6.00 E-At		
							Baverstock		
West Area									
CHICKLADE			6.00 E	JT			11.15 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	
FONT'BISHOP	5.00 E	AS	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	9.30 M	JA			5.00 E
FONT'GIFFORD	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	AS	11.15 M	AS	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	AS	11.15 M	LAY	8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>
HINDON	9.30 PC	JT	9.30 PC	RW	6:00 E	AS	9.30 PC	RW	9.30 PC
			8.00 PC <sub>T</sub>	JT			8.00 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	
TISBURY	9.30 FS	AS	9.30 PC and	AS	9.30 PC followed	AS	9.30 PC	GS	9.30 FS
	6.00 PC <sub>T</sub>	GS	baptism		by APCM		6.00 P & P	LAY	6.00 PC <sub>T</sub>
			6.00 QF	AS	6.00 E chor	JT			

HC<sub>BCP</sub>- BCP Holy Communion PC - Order 1 Communion PC<sub>T</sub> - Order 1 Communion, traditional language. FC - Family Communion FS - Family Service PC<sub>O2T</sub> 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 ....... CF ......Colin Fox ......MH - Mark Hayter......... GS - Graham Southgate

AS - Andrew Staley......JT - Jane Tailby ....... RW - Richard Wren

### **Choristers Concert - St Paul's Cathedral**

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 27th April, 7.30pm, a unique concert involving choristers from nearly every cathedral in the land will take place St Paul's Cathedral, London. This special gala celebration of our 1400 year-old heritage has been arranged by organisers in Hindon and Chilmark. It would be wonderful to have local support.

Perhaps a comfortable local bus could be hired to whisk those interested up to London and back? It should be over by 9.15 pm, so you could all be home by 11 pm.

Contact **Felicity Pattenden** 01722 716271 for details.

Tickets available from:

www.ticketmaster.co.uk/choristersconcert



## Church Times

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Pity, oh do pity the poor book signer

If you are a novelist, it's a fair bet that the finest words in the English language are "The End." You've finished the damn thing; no more agonising about plot twists, how to spell milleni...millennium, or whether we are now allowed to finish a sentence with a preposition. Yes, The End, in fact, is the beginning – the start of that wonderful period called between books.

But this can be shattered by what could well be regarded as the most dreadful words in the English language: "can you come and do an in-store book signing?"

You can't say no, of course. You must go and sit like a constipated lemon, usually by a draughty doorway, for at least three hours while people brush past you on their way to buying books written by wealthy toads like Salman Rushdie and Martin Amis. You have to say yes, because The Retailer Is King and His Majesty has to be obeyed.

A typical morning will go something like this. You arrive at eleven and wait while a young girl with spectacles and acne goes to find the "special events manager," another young girl with spectacles and acne, who smiles and says, "I knew we had someone coming this morning but I couldn't remember who. What did you say your name was...?" Then they find the publicity show cards sent by your publisher and, more importantly, a chair and coffee that is always too milky.

At about 11.32, someone will stop, pick up one of your books, open it, frown, curl a lip in disgust, put down the book and walk away. At 11.47 a sweet old lady will ask if there is a ladies' toilet she could use. I always welcome this because it will probably be the only genuine enquiry I will have all morning.

At 12.02, someone will pick up a book, immediately march off to the sales counter to buy it and then slink back and put it back. "Sorry,' she (it's always a she) will say, I thought you were someone else." "Yes, I am," I will call after her, "I'm bloody Agatha Christie. She's dead, too." Nobody laughs.

I sell a book at 12.25 by blocking the path of an elderly gentleman, seizing his lapels and shouting, "You like historical adventure, surely? I am C.S. Forester writing under a non-de-plume. Buy a book, you swine, buy a book, or I'll break your knee caps and set fire to your house."

At one pm, Jim Farrand will stagger towards me and say, "Do you fancy a bite of lunch and three bottles of Cote de Rhone?" I always say yes. It seems such a pity to disappoint him and he once bought one of my books, 13 years ago.

**John Wilcox**, whose latest novel, "Dust Clouds of War", has just been released on bail.

**Nadder Valley Women Who Lunch Group** 

Our next meeting will be held at the Wyndham Arms on Thursday 14th April. We are delighted to be hosting Michael Maxwell Steer, the director of the Cherubim Music Trust, which is based in Tisbury. Please find out more about the Trust from their website, www.cherubimtrust.org. Anyone who would like further details or would like to attend please contact Sue Evans at smebad@btinternet.com or phone 01747 840600.

### **Chilmark Village Show**

Just a quick reminder that The Village Show date has been set for 3rd September 2016 and it will be held in the Fairmead, across the road from the Black Dog. We are getting in a few ideas for Olympics-themed games, but we could do with some more. We also would be grateful if you could talk to anyone you know who might want a stall, help with the village barbecue or help with running events. Please get in touch with David Blake david@wessexwildlife.co.uk

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their services for setting up and taking down the Show – but we are still a fairly select group, so please don't be shy! We need your help on Friday 2nd September to set up, and on Sunday 4th September to take down.

For those with businesses, large or small, there will be more advertising in the Show Programme this year and lots of opportunity for local businesses to sponsor the event. Your business could feature on roadside signs, banners around the Show Ground. A half-page advert in the programme costs just £20. For more information, please get in touch with James Lock james.lock01@btinternet.com

#### Age UK Salisbury

Volunteers urgently needed to help older people

Please join us as an Information & Advice Volunteer at our Salisbury drop-in centre - an opportunity to make a difference to the lives of older people. You'd be providing information and advice on anything from benefits to buses to builders. Up to four hours a week; full support and training given; any travel expenses reimbursed.

Do please get in touch today: enquiries@ageuksd.org.uk 01722 335425 Age UK Salisbury District, 21 Brown Street, Salisbury, SP1 2AS

### **Hindon Surgery News**

### Patient surveys, Patient Reference Group Meeting, Publications and Parking

Thank you to all patients who have responded to various surveys. The Friends and Families Test is ongoing, and over 99% of our patients would recommend us and we have had some lovely comments showing we provide what you want and like, and we will continue to do this. The results are also back from the IPSOS MORI surveys sent to some patients in 2015. This attracted newspaper attention with our surgery being rated the 'best' in Wiltshire with 100% satisfaction. Other local surgeries also had satisfaction rates of well over 90%. Across Wiltshire, the practices providing continuity of care where the doctors and staff know their patients are highly regarded.

We discussed these results and other matters at the Hindon Patient Reference Group on 23 February. The summary report is available on our website and in the waiting room. The highlights are that the group liked what we provide and want this to continue much the same and were keen to meet the CQC inspection team when they visit this year.

We want to congratulate our GP Assistant, Dr Julian Treadwell, for being the co-author on the leading article in this month's journal for the Royal College of General Practitioners. Julian is vice-chair of the college group looking at over-diagnosis and over-treatment and advises and lectures nationally about this. Copies of the article will be in the waiting room.

Car parking is a perennial problem and we need your help to reduce problems as much as possible. Recently a number of cars in our car park but also in the street have rolled down the slope. Many drivers especially in cold weather (handbrakes can freeze in the locked position) leave their parked car in gear and the wheel turned so if this fails the wheels hit the kerb. This is the driver's responsibility and everyone uses our car park at their own risk. Please make it as safe as possible for yourself, other users and Hindon residents.

Dr Craig-McFeely, Dr Hayes & Hindon Surgery

#### **Chilmark Defibrillator**

The cabinet containing the defibrillator is situated in the porch of the Reading Room on Beckett's Lane and is available for all to use; there are separate pads for adults and children.

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Collections dates for April:

#### **Tuesday 5 April**

Household waste (grey bins)

### **Tuesday 12 April**

Blue lid - plastic bottles, cardboard, brown paper, shredded paper

Black Box – glass bottles & jars, newspapers, junk mail, tin cans, metal lids, silver foil, clothes & shoes Green lid - garden waste, NOT household compost

#### **Tuesday 19 April**

Household waste (grey bins)

### **Tuesday 26 April**

Blue lid / Black Box / Green Lid

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

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

### Step out this Spring with Tisbus

The first trip in April for Tisbus members is a lunch trip to Mattia, the 50s style diner at Camel Hill, Somerset, on Wednesday 6th April. Capture the spirit of yesteryear by taking a step back in time with Freddy and Andrea Mattia in their authentic flagship American Diner. They combine their passion for good food, classic music and the culture of rock 'n' roll in the 50s. Escape from everyday life to enjoy one of their famous milkshakes or sought-after homemade burgers in a nostalgic American paradise. The perfect place to meet, eat, drink and have fun. The cost of this trip is £9 (children £4.50) plus the cost of your meal. Pickups start at 11am, returning at 2.30pm.

Two weeks later on Wednesday 20th April Tisbus has arranged for members to visit Abbotsbury Swannery. The Swannery is a 600 year old natural history paradise which is home to the world's only managed colony of free-flying mute swans. More than 100 nests produce over 600 cygnets for visitors to walk amongst. There is also a self-service coffee shop serving homemade food from locally-sourced ingredients and suppliers, and which caters for vegetarians and customers with allergies (glutenfree, dairy-free and wheat-free products are always available). There's a great gift shop, audio-visual show and rustic play area. The cost of this trip is £11 (children £5.50) plus entry fee: Adult - £12, Child (5-15 years) £9, Super Saver Family Ticket (2 adults & up to 3 children) £43; this includes entry to the Swannery, Children's Farm and Subtropical Gardens. A 10% discount is available by booking your entry tickets at least 2 days in advance online: http://abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk Pick-ups start at 9am, returning at 2.30pm.

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. Don't forget all of our regular shopping trips to Salisbury, Shaftesbury, Tisbury and Warminster that run throughout the year.



**Moviola, Tisbury** - Victoria Hall, High Street We are showing the film **A Walk in the Woods**, starring Robert Redford, on Saturday 16th April. The following month, **Bridge of Spies** will be shown on Saturday 28th May.

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 be given to St John's Church Fabric Fund.

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### The Village Voice - Local Police

Warminster Area Community Policing Team Tlisbury Beat -**PCSO Vicky Huntley 6126** 

#### **Local Crimes**

No report was available at the

by email, text or telephone on

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk



Hare coursing is still occurring in our area. This is not only illegal but can cause a lot of damage to a farmer's crops, please call in any incidents on 101.

Finally, there have been many reports across the county regarding cold callers. The most recent gangs have been people claiming to be deaf and trying to sell artwork door to door. Items are usually of a poor quality and the sellers rarely have a pedlar's certificate or licence, which is a legal requirement for selling door to door. Please do not buy from these people and look out for your neighbours who may be vulnerable; again, please call the police on 101 if you have any concerns.

#### Contacts:

Community Policing Team Mailbox\*: cpttrowbridgewarminster@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk **Community Coordinator**: Pc 2446 Charly Chilton: charlotte.chilton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk Details of local crime: www.police.uk and enter post code of interest.

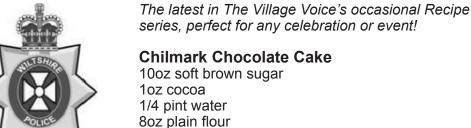
In an emergency, of course, always dial 999

\*Please note: personalised email addresses such as victoria.huntley@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk carry the caveat that if officers are sick or on leave, their mail will not be read until their return - whereas the whole team is intended to have access to the CPT mailbox.

**PCSO 6126 Vicky Huntley** 

### One Estate, 10 Houses Friday 13th May, 6 for 6.30pm

An Illustrated Talk on the History of the Fonthill Estate by Professor Caroline Dakers In aid of the restoration of Chicklade Church Venue: Bake Barn, Chicklade, SP3 5SY Tickets £15 to include drinks & canapés Contact: Vicky Macaskie, Fonthill Estate Office or Victoria Beer - 01747 820435 / chickladelectures@gmail.com



2 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda 1/2 salt 4oz unsalted butter 1 tsp vanilla essence 2 eggs, separated 1/4 pint soured cream

Icing 3oz unsalted butter 8oz icing sugar 1oz cocoa 2 tsp boiling water

Grease and line two 8" sandwich tins. Preheat oven to 175 deg C.

Put 3oz sugar in saucepan with cocoa and water. Stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil and simmer gently for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and cool. Sift together flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and salt.

Cream remaining sugar and butter. Add vanilla essence and beat in egg yolks one at a time. Fold in dry ingredients alternately with the cold chocolate mixture and the soured cream. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold gently into the mixture. Turn into the tins and bake for 45 minutes. For the buttercream, whizz all the ingredients together in a magimix.

Sandwich the cakes together with the buttercream and decorate with more chocolate!

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