VILLAGE VOICE

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

Sloe Gin Night!

Just a reminder that Friday 11th March, 8pm, is the date set for The Village Voice's Sloe Gin competition at the Black Dog. The Judges have been chosen and are eagerly anticipating your carefully nurtured liqueurs. Please bring your entries in sealed bottles. Entries will be £2 each to a charity of Jayne's choice. Good luck on the night.

Through your Letterbox or via Email?

In the past few months a number of villagers have mentioned that, in the interests of saving paper, they would prefer to receive their monthly copy of The Village Voice via email rather than as a delivered printed issue. Please email us at the address below if you wish this to be arranged, putting 'Village Voice delivery' in the subject line. Many thanks. sarah@raggedapple.co.uk

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Welcome to the March issue of The Village Voice

We are delighted to report some good news following last month's article about the Hungarian HGV that got stuck at Lower Mooray en route to the EHD wine storage depot at the Fonthill Estate Vaults, RAF Chilmark.

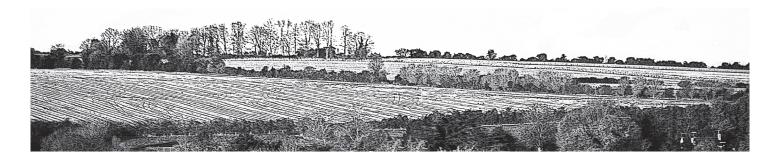
Further to our piece we were contacted by EHD's site manager Brand King to say the company is actively working with its transport partners to stop their drivers from blindly following their SatNavs into Chilmark. All transport companies have been given (and will continue to be given) a map with detailed instructions – translated into five European languages – on how to reach the EHD without entering the village. Mr King said that for the most part this is working: 'We receive over a hundred heavy goods vehicles a month into our site, the vast majority of which come and go without disturbing the serenity. The unfortunate reality, however, is a small portion of our freight is hauled by sub-contracted drivers who are a few degrees of separation from the transporters we communicate with; these tend to be the ones for whom the SatNav is gospel."

Further positive news - as this issue goes to print – is that a series of new road signs, paid for by EHD, have now been installed in key positions along the B3089, giving clear directions to drivers who happen on the village without the aforementioned map. Mr King said he was delighted to have recevied feedback already from one driver who saw the signs and avoided going through the village as a result.

'We're very proud of how we have transformed this old RAF site into something more befitting the peaceful surrounds. In time we hope to renovate a show bunker, where clients can host tastings, dinner parties, or even films. There is scope to make this space available to local residents also, who may wish to host their own wine related event,' added Mr King.

Further good news to report this month is the arrival of Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop School's new Head Teacher Adam Smith who took up his post on Monday 22nd Feburary. See page 4.

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

		March Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 1st	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Tuesday 1st	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Friday 4th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Monday 7th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Tuesday 8th	4pm	Community Policing Meeting	Elizabeth Hall, Tisbury
Wednesday 9th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	CRR
Thursday 10th	12noon-2pm	Charity Lunch	CRR
Friday 11th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Monday 14th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Tuesday 15th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Friday 18th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 19th	7.30pm	Moviola, Tisbury, 'The Lady in the Van'	Victoria Hall
Sunday 20th	12noon-5pm	Fonthill House Garden	Fonthill House
Monday 21st	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Thursday 24th		End of School Term	Village School
Tuesday 29th	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
		Future Dates for your Diary	
April 11th		Start of School Term	Village School
April 12th	7pm	Reading Room Meeting	CRR
April 22nd	7.30pm	Wine Tasting	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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Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

A warm welcome all round awaited Head Teacher Adam Smith as he settled into his new position at Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop School at the start of

the second half of the Spring term.

A teacher for the past 17 years, the 41-year old father-of-three is the permanent replacement for Chilmark's former Head Mrs Karen Kearney, who left Chilmark school at the end of the Summer term. Until recently, Mr Smith was Senior Teacher at Pimperne Primary School, near Blandford Forum. Prior to that he taught at Mere school for five years. combining the role with that of part-time fireman at Shaftesbury Fire Station, serving first as a firefighter and then as junior officer.

Something of an Action Man (his favourite childhood hero) Mr Smith enjoys marathon running, particularly the cross-country version, and is keen to promote sport in school, having coached his previous school's cricket team as well as leading the running club. He's also interested in ICT (especially apple computers), is the proud owner of a nearly-20 year old Land Rover Defender called Olive and he also plays the Ukulele though, in his own words, to 'a very low standard':

"I am happy to play during assemblies and have a small Ukulele choir at school who play at church services. I would happily continue this at Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop, if the pupils are keen."

Mr Smith says he's very excited about being Head Teacher at Chilmark: 'I feel honoured to be chosen as the new Head Teacher of Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop and aim to maintain and build on the magical school atmosphere I have seen here. I enjoy working with pupils and families, seeing pupils grow in confidence and independence. I am looking forward to working with the pupils, parents and members of the local community,"

At 6ft 2ins tall, Mr Smith says he's enjoying the last few months of being taller than his 16-year old son. His wife is the children's author Rebecca Westcott. who has published three books, for ages nine and over, with Puffin. Their three children are at schools in Shaftesbury. At home in Ludwell, the family is enjoying the company of their chocolate-coloured CockerPoo puppy – her name is Piper.

Mr Smith trained to be a teacher at St Luke's School of Education. Exeter University, on a four-year Bachelor degree course in Education with Teacher Training.

"I went back in 2012, part-time to undertake part of a Masters course in Special Needs Coordination,' he says. 'I grew up in Stourbridge, in the West Midlands, the greener part of the Black Country, and wanted to be a teacher from the age of seven, mainly due to a fantastic male teacher from Yorkshire, called Mr Liptrot. He was wonderful and



would recite 'Enoch and Eli' poems to us all. I spent a few years alternating between wanting to be just like him and wanting to be like Action Man!'

Parish Council News

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

Meeting with MP

Approximately 20 Chilmark parishioners turned out for an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting attended by Andrew Murrison MP in the Reading Room on Saturday 20 February. Dr Murrison had offered to meet with members of the Parish Council to talk about any issues they wished to raise.

A number of matters were discussed including Wessex Water's drainage responsibilities, concerns about the increasing number of HGVs travelling through Chilmark and the likelihood or not of future schemes to ease A303 congestion around Stonehenge and further west.

Date of next Parish Council meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7pm in the Reading Room. Items on the Agenda will include concerns about possible traffic increase on the Chilmark to Tisbury road (C276) arising from the Tisbury Tithe Barn proposals currently being considered by Wiltshire planners.

Chilmark Village Show

The Village Show date has been set for 3rd September 2016 and will be held in the field across the road from the pub. This was, I believe, the fair ground on which the livestock and produce fairs were held for many years. Please put the date in the diary and write it on your family calendar. There will be the usual flower, veg, arts and crafts Show classes as in previous years, keeping the long tradition of a flower show in the parish. We hope that the later date will encourage more people to enter the vegetable classes. You will also be able to take part in Olympics-themed games, village barbecue and there will be lots of stalls. We need volunteers to put on some events such as wellywanging, rat-splatting, potato-putting and carrot relays - all the usual Olympic events! No previous experience or athleticism required: just enthusiasm! If you want to volunteer, please get in touch with David Blake david@wessexwildlife.co.uk

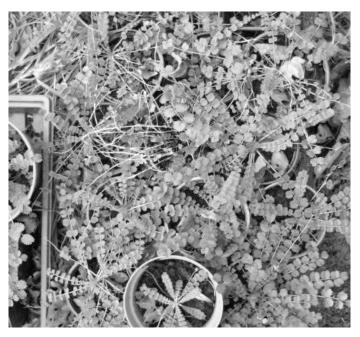
We also need a few good men and women to commit to helping with the set up on Friday 2nd September and take down of the Show on Sunday 4th September.

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

Chilmark Horticultural Society

The Stepping Stones project, based in the 'CHS' Polytunnel in the Middleton's garden, has been quietly growing plants over the last year. We have 348 plants, species such as salad burnet, bird's-foot trefoil and kidney vetch, to plant out. We will be organising a day in March to do this on Pertwood Farm. Pertwood is ideally placed close to the superb species-rich grasslands around Mere Down and Whitesheet Hill, linking them with the smaller areas of grassland on the West Wiltshire Downs between the Wylye and Nadder Valleys.

We could do with some help! Can you join the Cranborne Chase AONB team in March or April in planting out these carefully tended plants? If you would like to get involved in what I am sure will be an inspiring day, then please get in touch with David Blake david@wessexwildlife.co.uk



Salad Burnet is one of the wild flower varieties being grown in the CHS polytunnel



Future events for the diary:
Wine Tasting in the Reading Room,
Friday 22 April, 7.30pm Wine expert Kent Barker,
of the Beckford Bottle Shop, has kindly agreed to
run a wine tasting for the Reading Room.
Tickets £12 to cover a range of wines, including one
special surprise, plus accompanying nibbles.
Tel 01722 717473, Sarah Miller.

Saturday 14 May, 3pm - please join us for a Tea Party to celebrate the HM the Queen's 90th birthday.

Friday 24 June – Stand-up Comedian Dominic Holland comes to Chilmark, courtesy of Wiltshire Rural Arts. Dominic Holland is one of the country's most respected stand-up comedians and will be familiar from his countless television appearances, including Have I Got News for You and the Royal Variety Performance.

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



Chilmark Cricket Club AGM

The Cricket Club AGM took place at The Black Dog on 3rd February with Carl Jacobs and Peter Corbin in their new positions as Chairman and Secretary following the retirement of Ed Leatham and Mike Stott, respectively.

2015 had been a season of both highs and lows for the club, the chairman reported, the obvious low being the sad passing of Pete Pettigrew; in the coming year he would be remembered through the naming of one of the ends of the ground, and a memorial bench. In addition, a celebratory match with players associated with Peter's past is planned for the Hong Kong weekend.

Looking ahead, a second overseas tour will take place, this time to the Isle of Wight. And, as well as the usual adult 35-over fixtures, a number of 20-20 matches are planned, including one against a team of authors, Sebastian Faulks amongst them.

Meanwhile, on the Juniors front, indoor winter cricket coaching is now underway with 16 Chilmark Juniors participating each week. Summer training and matches will start after Easter and the club is looking to strengthen its relationship with Fonthill CC as well as the village school. Several summer junior training camps run by Wiltshire County Cricket are being planned on the Chilmark ground this summer.

And finally, as well as the new-look committee, the Club is also boasting a new Tea coordinator, in the shape of Bev Small. All offers of help, please, to Bev on 01722 716943 bevsmall@me.com

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Charity Lunch

Chilmark's Charity Lunch will take place on Thursday 10th March, 12-2pm in the Reading Room. Do join us for delicious homemade soups and good company.

Our donations will go towards the Community Specialist Palliative Care Team at Salisbury Hospice. Their lead nurse Sallie Semple will join us and give a short talk about the work they do.

Please come and lend your support.

If you would like to make some soup, that would be wonderful!

Contact Janey Middleton 01722 716231.

John Wilcox writes: I have just been informed that the collection in aid of the Alzheimer's Society at Betty's funeral (together with cheques received from faraway friends and relations) amounted to exactly £900. The undertaker's at Amesbury tell me that this is the highest total they ever remember receiving for any funeral. This is a testament not only to Betty's popularity but to the kindness of neighbours and friends and Alison and I offer you all our heartfelt thanks.

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Clergy Notes for March

March is a very full month in the church as we continue our journey though Lent, walking with Jesus to the way of the Cross and finally coming, with great joy, to the Garden of Resurrection.

Our services this month help us to share that journey together, and take a slightly different pattern from usual. Do come and join us as we celebrate the most wonderful story of God's love for us.

March 6th Mothering Sunday 11.15am

Morning Praise. A short, informal service for all the family. There will be posies given out as a sign of love.

March 13th Passion Sunday 11.15am Traditional Matins. An opportunity to reflect as we turn our gaze to the Cross.

March 20th Palm Sunday 11.15am

Family Communion. We join the crowds as they shout Hosanna welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem. Palm Crosses will be given out as we join the procession through the gates of Jerusalem in our imaginations.

March 27th Easter Day 11.15am

Family Communion. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with joyful hearts and minds - and there might be Easter eggs as well!

A focus in our churches this Lent is our stewardship and the use of the gifts God has given us. There will be three meetings reflecting upon our generous God during March. All are most warmly invited. Each meeting will last for an hour and half and will include Bible reading, discussion and worship.

3rd March, 10th March and 17th March 2.00pm Dinton Vicarage. 7.00pm Barford Church

May I wish you are very happy and blessed Easter-tide.

With every blessing.

Rev. Jane

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

Chilmark Fete - Saturday 18th June

Please make sure that Saturday 18 June is in your diaries for this year's Chilmark 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!

St Margaret's Chilmark

In addition to the dates listed by Jane: **Good Friday 25 March, 6pm**Devotion with the Choir

Flower Arrangers:

please note, no flowers for Easter to go in the Church before Saturday 26 March

Charity Lunch in the Reading Room Thursday 10 March 12-2pm

Future Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 1 May - no morning service - 4.30pm Tea followed by

May Day Songs of Praise at 5pm, Reading Room. Everyone welcome to come and sing along - please let the Churchwardens know of a hymn you would like included.

The Problem of Evil

Last Autumn The Rev Dr Martin Poulsom gave a brilliant talk in Tisbury on 'Creation Revisited' which attracted Christians and atheists alike! Afterwards a number of people asked if he might return to talk about the Problem of Evil - if God is good where does Evil come from? We have been able to book Father Martin to speak (1 hour plus questions) on this serious subject at 11.30am on Saturday April 23rd in the comfort of the Methodist hall and chapel, which means those arriving in good time can obtain a cup of coffee, plus access to decent loos. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge but there will be a basket available for contributions to Dr Poulsom's expenses. Dr Poulsom is a Salesian priest, currently Deputy Head of Theology at Heythrop College, University of London, so he knows his stuff!

Fr Robert Miller

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Church Times

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Date	6th March Mothering Sunday 4th of Lent		13th March 5th of Lent		20th March Palm Sunday		27th March Easter Day		Next Sunday 2nd of Easter
SUNDAY									
South Area									
ANSTY	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 PC	GS	11.15 HC _{BCP said}	AS	11.15 FC	GS	11.15 M
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FOVANT	4.00 p.m. Sw	GS			6.00 E	GS	9.30 PC	tbc	8.00 HC _{02T}
SUTTON	6.00 E	GS	9.30 PC _{O2T} (SM)	GS	9.30 PC _{02T}	GS	6.00 PC _{O2T}	GS	6.00 E
SWALLOWCLIFFE	11.15 Sw	GS	6.00 E	GS	8.00 HC _{BCP}	GS	11.15 PC	MH	11.15 PC _T
North Area									
BARFORD	11.15 FC	MH	9.30 M	LAY	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT	9.30 PC	RW	11.15 FC
BAVERSTOCK							9.30 PC _T	tbc	
CHILMARK	11.15 MP	JT	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 FC	JT	11.15 FC	JT	11.15 PC _T
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HINDON	9.30 PC	MH	9.30 PC	AS	9:30 PC	tbc	9.30 PC	MH	9.30 PC
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Date: 21st March		22nd March 23rd March		24th N	Aarch	25th March				
	Monda	ay	Tuesday Wednesday		sday	Maundy	Thursday	Good Friday Devotions		
							11am CATHEDRAL Eucharist	those in ministry and open invitation to all		
ANSTY							6.00pm HC	GS	11.15 a.m.	GS
COMPTON										
FOVANT			8.00 a.m. HC	GS- MH					2.00 p.m.	GS
SUTTON										
SWALLOWCLIFFE									9.30 a.m.	GS
BARFORD			6.30 p.m. Compline	JT			7.00pm PC	JT		
BAVERSTOCK					6.30 p.m. Compline	JT				
CHILMARK									6.00 p.m.	JT
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HINDON							10.00 a.m. HC	tbc	4. 00 p.m.	MH
TISBURY					10am HC	AS	7:30 p.m. Passover Communion/ Vigil	AS/MH	1.30 p.m.	AS



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MASSES

Tisbury, Sacred Heart: Sunday 9am (sung) & 6.30pm (said)

Wardour, All Saints: Sunday 11am (sung)

TISBURY METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Service: 10.30am

CHILMARK CHURCH, ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

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Burlexercise!

The latest fad in showgirl-style exercise classes – as featured in Vogue magazine – is now available to fitness-minded folk in Tisbury on Tuesday evenings, courtesy of Chilmark fitness trainer Selaine Saxby.

The Burlexercise class features a mixture of cardio and resistance training in a full hour's workout, whilst incorporating token showgirl elements.

Tuesday evenings, 7pm, Victoria Hall, Tisbury - £5.50 per session.

Contact Selaine Saxby 07801 427358 for more info Or visit: www.burlexercise.co.uk

Fonthill House Garden

The garden at Fonthill House will be open to the public on three separate occasions in the coming months, supporting the National Garden Scheme, Fonthill Bishop Church and the Nystagmus Network.

Sunday 20th March – National Garden Scheme Sunday 8th May – Fonthill Bishop Church Sunday 12th June – Nystagmus Network The garden will be open from 12 noon until 5pm on each of these days and there will be refreshments for you to enjoy. Adults £6, children free.

Wiltshire Buses – your views needed! Wiltshire Council is urgently seeking your views about the future of subsidised bus services in the county. Nearly 6,000 responses have been received so far but there is still plenty of time to have your say.

The review is being carried out as part of wider plans to help Wiltshire Council save millions of pounds over the next three years. Half of the bus mileage in the county is subsidised with £5.1 million per year from Wiltshire Council as it is not commercially viable otherwise.

You can take part at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ subsidised-bus-services-consultation.htm Paper copies of the questionnaire can be picked up in council offices, libraries, on buses operating contracted services or you can call 0300 456 0100 to have one posted to you. Your comments are needed by 5pm on 4 April 2016.

Top of the Pops!

Congratulations to Hindon Surgery for being rated the top surgery in Wiltshire in a new patient satisfaction survey.

The GP Patient Survey is a nationwide exercise providing data on patient experiences of their local GP practices. In Wiltshire 13,622 questionnaires were distributed and 6,986 returned. The team at Hindon Surgery came ahead of all other surgeries in the county, with a 100 per cent happiness rating.





Dr Craig-McFeely, Hindon Surgery



The road to St Paul's

In 2013, Hindon and Chilmark Choir member Maurice Kenwrick-Piercy asked if I would join him in promoting the benefits of choral singing and help launch the Diamond Fund for Choristers in the 60th anniversary year of Friends of Cathedral Music. Having retired from the Foreign Office three years earlier, Maurice had realised he had another project in life that he wished to pursue. He was the sixth child of a country parson near Newcastle whose mother had taken him aside at the age of eight and taught him how to sing. The result was a choral award at St George's Windsor. Maurice attributes all his school and later career successes to the life skills he acquired as a chorister (confidence, teamwork, punctuality, commitment, reliability etc) let alone his love for choral music. I had never had the chance to be a child chorister, as this privilege was one enjoyed only by boys in those days. But how things have changed!

Our overall aim is to ensure that any child who passes a voice trial, irrespective of their gender, denomination or background, should have the chance to spend five years singing with one of our wonderful cathedral or greater church choirs. Many former choristers join Britain's internationally

acclaimed groups such as The Sixteen and Tenebrae and many others adapt the skills they have acquired to help them succeed in various careers in the arts and sciences.

We have been joined by recently retired meteorologist Jim Caughey, another member of the Hindon and Chilmark Choir, towards working hard for the cause of cathedral music, and we would love to have your support. This is not a London-led drive, but one that comes from the heart of your community. As I said, choral music is our oldest living heritage. Please join us if you can. Felicity Pattenden

A National event driven from Hindon and Chilmark!

On Wednesday 27th April there is going to be a unique concert at St Paul's Cathedral, London, when a chorister from nearly every cathedral in the land will represent his or her cathedral and come together with the choir of St Paul's for a very special gala celebration of our extraordinary 1400 year-old heritage.

You hear a great deal about choirs these days and the good that they do in many different ways. More and more people are joining them and enjoying the health, social and other benefits that they engender.

Yet the nation's longest established choirs, those of our cathedrals, are under real financial pressure. We are seeking your support to help them get through challenging times, to sustain the development opportunities they offer boys and girls, and to maintain our oldest living heritage. To mark its 60th Anniversary in 2016 the Friends of Cathedral Music (FCM) is looking to raise £10m for the new Diamond Fund for Choristers to:

- Relieve hardship with targeted grants
- Fund chorister bursaries
- Provide other support to choristers to help them develop and flourish

Why not join us for this special event that has been driven by organisers in the villages of 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 more details. Tickets available from: www.ticketmaster.co.uk/choristersconcert

Hindon & Tisbury Surgery News

Breast Screening

Every three years, women aged between 50 and 70 years old are invited for screening mammography. This is an X-ray of the breast and can detect abnormalities that may be signs of an early breast cancer. This year, the NHS is running a trial to extend the programme to reach 47-73 year olds, and as a result will be inviting Hindon patients aged 47-70, and Tisbury patients aged 50-73.

Screening will take place at the mobile unit at Wilton. Unfortunately Tisbury Campus cannot accommodate the breast screening van this year due to building delays. Tisbury patients will be invited to attend in April and May 2016, and Hindon patients will be invited in June.

If you find you are unable to make the appointment, contact the service as soon as possible to arrange another one – last time many women missed out because there were no local appointments available by the time they asked and could only be tested much further away.

If there is an abnormality on screening only a small proportion will be an early cancer. These are detected by more detailed tests at hospital. If any surgery is needed this is discussed with you and arranged by the breast screening service, although your GP is kept informed.

Any woman over 70 who is not invited this year but would like to be screened again can request this directly with the screening service. Most women over 67 will have been given information about how to do this at their last screening test by the mammography team.

Every time the screening is done for our patients a small number of unsuspected cancers have been detected and treated and these women remain well.

Unfortunately breast cancer is common and can occur in women younger or older than those screened and can also occur between tests. If any woman finds a breast lump or other abnormality (like dimpling), they should see their GP even if they have had a recent normal mammogram. Modern treatments for breast cancer are increasingly effective and early diagnosis by attending screening or seeing a GP if you find a breast abnormality does help.

Dr Craig-McFeely, Dr Hayes, Dr Dalton & Dr Carter

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.

The Nadder Oil Buying Club

The Nadder Oil Buying Club started in 2012 and now has 530 members in the area around Salisbury and Shaftesbury. Combined orders over the last 12 months have averaged 70,000 litres. Savings of 2-3p per litre are normal and members who change from oil suppliers' top-up schemes, where the premium for this service can be considerable, have reported even bigger savings. Orders are collected twice a month for delivery by the middle and end of each month. You pay the supplier direct.

Prices are negotiated twice a month, with the suppliers, once the total order volume is known so it is not possible to predict the price before the deadline. The price at the end of January was 23.20p per litre + 5% VAT.

In addition to the cost saving advantage, we benefit from fewer tankers on our roads. The oil companies also save money as they are delivering into a tight geographical area. Another advantage of the club is that you receive an email twice a month asking if you need to order oil. This reminds you to check your tank level, so there is less chance of running out. There is no need to run your tank level down to try and place a larger order with individual suppliers as the price always reflects the 70,000 litres per month we are ordering. This means you can constantly keep your tank topped-up resulting in less chance of being caught out in a cold snap.

If you have a neighbour or relative who is not up to speed on email you can add their tank to yours and the invoice will be sent direct to them.

If you do get low, mark your order as urgent and you will be among the first to receive your oil during the two-week delivery window. If you run an AGA or similar, and need additives to enhance its performance, just tick the appropriate box.

There are only two rules. First, everything is done by email; and second, you need to pay for the oil as soon as it is delivered.

To join, go to www.nadder.oilbuyingclub.com and register. You will then be accepted and start receiving the bimonthly emails. Any problems, email Richard Willan on richard.willan@me.com There is lots more information on the website.

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Recycle & Waste Collection

Collections dates for February:

Tuesday 1 March

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 8 March

Household waste (grey bins)

Tuesday 15 March

Blue lid / Black Box / Green Lid

Tuesday 22 March

Household waste

Tuesday 29 March

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

Tisbus Mad March Outings

The sun has finally decided to show its face and, although we don't have summer temperatures yet, let's hope it's here to stay for the month of March when Tisbus will be whisking its members away for lunch at The Swan Inn at Stoford on Wednsday 9th. This 18th century inn, situated on a beautiful riverside, is the perfect place to relax with friends whilst enjoying homemade pub classics or one of their delightful Swan specials, all served with a warm and friendly welcome. Pick-ups for this trip will start at 11am, returning at 2.30pm, and the cost of the outing will be £4 (children £2, under 7s free) plus the cost of your meal.

Two weeks later, on Wednesday 23rd March, there will be an opportunity for all you hobby enthusiasts and gardeners to visit Hobbycraft and Haskins Garden Centres in Ferndown. Whether you're looking for some fresh gardening tips and bargains, to give your garden a head-start before others, or for that relaxing hobby to keep you entertained in the quiet spring evenings, you will be sure to find something to please you. Pick-ups for this trip start at 9.30am, returning at 2.30pm. The cost of this outing is £10 (children £5, under 7s free).

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.

Moviola, Tisbury - Victoria Hall, High Street We are showing the much-acclaimed film **The Lady in the Van**, starring Maggie Smith, on Saturday 19th March.

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.

Dark Skies and Star Gazing!

Ever wondered in awe at the quality of Chilmark's perfect night skies?

Support is growing fast for Cranborne Chase AONB's bid to become one of just three areas in England to qualify for prestigious Dark Night Sky status and be formally recognised for its low level of light pollution.

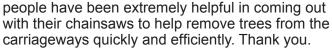
To find out more, join Coordinator of the Commission for Dark Skies Bob Mizon, plus three fellow astronomers, at a special Star Gazing event at Ansty PYO & Farm Shop on Thursday 31st March, 8-10pm. Limited places. Please book by emailing info@cranbornechase.org.uk or by calling the office on 01725 517417.

The Village Voice - Local Police

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

Local Crimes

We have had a lot of weather related issues over the past month, which is to be expected given the recent storms. Local



I have had two reports of handbags being stolen from two separate locations while the owners left them in their cars while going on dog walks. Please do not take valuables with you if you don't intend to keep them on your person; a car is not a safe place to leave items, especially when it is left in a remote location.

There was a theft of a cash box from a telephone kiosk in Hindon on 24th January. On this occasion, nothing was seen or heard but the silent alarm was activated and police attended quickly. Unfortunately the offenders had already vacated the area. Please call in any suspicious activity around phone boxes.

Four people have been arrested following an armed robbery at the A303 service station at Willoughby Hedge on Saturday 23 January 2016. Wiltshire Police received a 999 call reporting the incident shortly after 3am on the Saturday morning. Two men, both with their faces covered, entered the store and threatened the member of staff with a firearm. They took cash from the till and then left the store. Officers would still like to hear from anybody who saw or heard anything suspicious in the area at the time of the incident. Please call 101 or, if you wish to remain anonymous, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Tisbury Community Safety Partnership

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the Elizabeth Hall, Tisbury at 4pm. Guest Speakers will be Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, and Inspector James Brain and Sergeant Louis McCoy of the Community Policing Team. Members of the public, and of Community Groups, are always welcome.

Contacts details:

Community Policing Team Mailbox*: cpttrowbridgewarminster@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.

Note from Village Voice editorial team

Readers may have noticed in recent months that the monthly neighbourhood crime report no longer includes a breakdown of recent crimes on a villageby-village basis. This is a result of reorganisation of Wiltshire's Community Policing Team, the purpose of which is explained by Warminster-based Community Coordinator PC Charly Chilton: 'Our Control Strategy has been created to describe the current and emerging threats that are of the greatest impact to our Communities. This is set annually following the analysis of threats, harms and risks. You will have seen that we have moved away from a statistics lead report as this doesn't always capture the true context of the threat, harm and risk but we will inform you of any key issues in your areas. We are still able and actively do review figures, trends and intelligence and should anything present itself as an emerging issue, we will endeavor to address it at the earliest opportunity.'

Should you wish to check statistics for recent crimes in the area, PC Chilton suggests you visit www.police.uk

Advertising in The Village Voice

Revenue from the Goods & Services Directory goes to Chilmark Parochial Church Council (via Hindon PCC).

All other advertising revenue (from display and classified adverts) goes towards **The Village Voice** printing costs.

Classified adverts can be run for one issue only for a fee of 10p per word (max 30 words). If you're interested in taking out a display advert please contact Mike Scott, our Treasurer.

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