

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

A History please?

Wiltshire archives reveal that an annual July fair on the Fairmead, next to the Church, was a key feature of Chilmark's cultural history from the 17th century on. Sheep, then clothes, and subsequently cheeses and horses were traded until the fair ceased in 1874. Four years later the Annual Flower Show was launched, involving the church and school as well other residents. As summer fast approaches, we would love to hear from those who know the history of how Chilmark's summer events, the Church Fete and Village Show, evolved during the 20th century? All information will be welcomed.

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Welcome to the May issue of The Village Voice



Spring may have sprung but the return of Arctic rawness as this issue went to press made it hard to believe May was just around the corner. Cold winds aside, it promises to be a busy month in Chilmark. From a May Day sing-along to a Queen's Birthday Tea Party, both taking place in the Reading Room, plus the eagerly-anticipated visit of author Sebastian Faulks to Cleeves Farm for a T20 fixture, there is something to entertain everyone this month. In addition, the weekend of Sunday 8th May provides an opportunity to visit the beautiful gardens of Fonthill House, open in aid of All Saints Church, Fonthill Bishop. Meanwhile, the Wiltshire Crime & Police Commissioner elections on 5th May, and Chilmark Council Parish Annual Assembly & AGM the following week, are your chance to participate in local democracy.

Looking ahead to June, it's excellent to read in this issue about all the plans underway for the Chilmark Church Fete and to learn that village gardeners can look forward to purchasing their summer Annuals at this event on Saturday 18th June (p5).

Other exciting news this month is the arrival of the disaster relief charity Team Rubicon UK who have chosen the former RAF Chilmark HQ building as their UK base for the coming 10 years. Their first challenge is to furnish the building, making it as welcoming and comfortable as possible for volunteers. To this end they are welcoming offers of furniture and household goods. See page 20 for details.

Elsewhere in this issue the subject of Chilmark's past features in a number of articles, from an interview with a former Chilmark School pupil in the 1940s to extracts from a survey of Chilmark Life in 1978, along with a piece about the area's Roman heritage.

And finally, news as The Village Voice went to Press was the announcement that the Revd Jane Tailby, Nadder Valley Team Vicar in charge of St Margaret's Chilmark, will be leaving the Benefice for pastures new in the Autumn. Jane, who has been a popular member of the Team Benefice for the past 7 years, is to become Vicar of The Watersmete Benefice, near Peterborough.

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The Village Voice - Diary

May Dates for your Diary			
Sunday 1st	4.30 for 5pm	May Day Tea & Songs of Praise	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Monday 2nd	9am-3pm	Tisbury Brocante	Tisbury
Tuesday 3rd	7pm	Social Stitches	CRR
Thursday 5th	7am-10pm	Police Commissioner Election	CRR
Friday 6th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sunday 8th	12-5pm	Fonthill House Gardens open	Fonthill Bishop
Tuesday 10th	8pm	Green Drinks, Nadder Community Energy	Benett Arms, Tisbury
Wednesday 11th	7pm	Parish Council AGM	CRR
Thursday 12th	10am-3pm	Sarum Quilters	CRR
Friday 13th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Friday 13th	6 for 6.30pm	'One Estate, 10 Houses' talk	Bake Barn
Saturday 14th	3-4.30pm	Queen's Birthday Tea - family event	CRR
Friday 20th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 21st	7 for 7.30pm	Teffont Film Club, 'Brooklyn'	Teffont Village Hall
Tuesday 24th	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Saturday 28th	7.30pm	Tisbury Moviola, 'Bridge of Spies'	Victoria Hall, Tisbury
Future Dates for your Diary			
June 18th	2.30-4.30pm	Chilmark Church Fete	The Old Rectory
June 23rd	7am-10pm	EU Referendum	CRR
June 24th	7.30pm	Comedian Dominic Holland	CRR
September 3rd		Chilmark Village Show	The Fairmead

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Parish Council News

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The Annual Assembly & Annual General Meeting

of the Parish Council will be held in Chilmark Reading Room on Wednesday 11 May at 7pm. All are welcome to attend – it is an opportunity for everyone to hear the annual reports of village organisations and to ask questions about village matters. Do please join us.

Lost Lorries!

The new road signage directing heavy delivery vehicles to the EHD wine depot at former RAF Chilmark has been working effectively with the incidence of 'lost lorries' in Chilmark village significantly reduced in recent weeks. Should anyone come across a 'lost' HGV, please make a note of the number plate and Distributor details and pass them onto Brand King at EHD on 01722 273128. He will then endeavor to ensure that particular distributor is aware of the correct route (via Dinton) for future deliveries.

FREE Defibrillator & First Aid Training

South West Wilts Area Board is offering free essential First Aid training and Defibrillator-familiarisation sessions on three dates in May which it is hoped will be of interest to a number of villagers.

Dates are:

Tuesday 3rd May, 6.30-9.30/10pm

Bishopstone Village Hall

Monday 16th May, 6-9/9.30pm

Hinton Hall, Tisbury

Tuesday 17th May, 9.30am-12.30/1pm

Mere Lecture Hall

To register for one of the above please contact Steve Harris, Community Engagement Manager, on 01722 434211 or Stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk

The South West Ambulance Service Community Responder Team has requested that the Chilmark Defibrillator (in the Reading Room porch) should be included on their Community Public Access scheme, which means they can advise 999 callers of its availability for use in emergencies.

To this end a member of the Responder team has now visited and inspected the Defibrillator and has asked us to spread the word to as many people as possible that the Defibrillator is there to be used by ANYONE in the event of cardiac emergencies. The message is very clear: no training is required and PLEASE tell everyone you know, accordingly.

Those people who attend one of the First Aid Training Sessions above will subsequently be invited to meet up in the Reading Room for an opportunity to be familiarised with the Chilmark Defibrillator. Please let Tim Barter know if this should be of interest to you - 01722 716187.

Village Photo Quiz

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Village Photo Quiz which was held in aid of Playground Committee funds.

After their searching round the village to solve the clues, the quizzers returned to the Reading Room for well earned tea and cakes, and also supported the raffle.

Both the Family and the Fiendish quizzes were challenging, and no-one got all the answers correct, but in both sections there were clear winners and runners up.

The runner up for the Family quiz was Amelia with her family, and the winner was Rufus with his Dad. There were many furrowed brows over the Fiendish quiz; the runners up were the Jacobs and the winners were the Pattendens.

The result for the Playground Committee was a brilliant profit of £199.50, so thank you all for making the afternoon such a success.

Sally Butcher



Please join us for FREE family Tea Party to celebrate the **Queen's 90th Birthday** on Saturday 14 May, 3 - 4.30pm. There will be a Best 'Crown' competition with Adult & Child prizes; an Adult Raffle and Children's Tombola, plus delicious cakes and sandwiches. No entry charge. Offers of cake-making and/or Raffle Prizes gratefully received. Please contact Sarah Miller 01722 717473 or Viv Lowe (Ridge) on 01747 871277.

In June, we look forward to welcoming comedian Dominic Holland to Chilmark for a performance on Friday 24th, 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: £9 Adults; £8 concessions; £6 16 & under. Contact Sarah Miller as above.

Later in the year, on Saturday 17th September, the Channel Islands sea shanty group Jenkins' Ear, will be performing in the Reading Room as part of their UK tour. And on 1st October we look forward to a fascinating Costume Talk by 19th century costume expert Ros Liddington. Aimed at all ages, including children, this interactive talk will cover fun facts such as knickers not being the norm for 'ladies' until really quite recently!!

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And finally, the Reading Room committee is delighted to announce completion of the newly extended patio at the rear of the building, providing plenty of room for tables and chairs in fine weather.

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

Chilmark Church Fete

On Saturday 18th June, 2.30-4.30pm, the Chilmark Church Fete will be taking place in the gardens at The Old Rectory, Chilmark, by kind permission of Neil & Susie Sutton. We're delighted to announce it will be opened by Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School's new Head Teacher Adam Smith.

All welcome – do please bring family and friends; it promises to be a wonderful afternoon of fun! There will be Cream Teas, a Cake Sale & Children's Lucky Dip, Bottle & Book Stalls, Grand Raffle, Plants & Pony Rides, Sweets & Sideshows plus Table Sales, the Tombola, traditional Fete Games and much, much more!

The children of Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop Primary School will be Maypole Dancing and running a fantastic Human Fruit Machine! The Friends of the School will be running the ever-popular Pimms Stall!

We still need helpers to put up Tents on Friday evening and take them down again straight after the Fete – beer will be provided!

We are gathering donations for The Book Stall & The Bottle Stall. There will be donation boxes at the front door at Chilmark House to gratefully receive both books & bottles. Patrick & Janey Middleton are also very kindly collecting bottles, please contact them on 716 231 or drop off bottles at Manora, Salisbury Road, Chilmark.

Please do get in touch with Felicity Pattenden 716271 fgpattenden@hotmail.com or Bev Small 716943 bevsmall@me.com if you can help in any way. All offers of help and kind donations will be enthusiastically welcomed. Final notices in next month's Village Voice.

Please see additional notices below from the wonderful Fete Tea organisers Sally Butcher & Lisbeth Diaper and the fantastic Plant Stall runner Julie O'Devlin. julie.odevlin@btinternet.com
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Chilmark Church Fete Teas

Sally Butcher and Lisbeth Diaper will be organising the Church Fete Teas this year. As usual we would like to offer a great selection of good things to eat, so will be very grateful for all offers of cakes and help. We can be contacted by phone: Sally 716387 and Lisbeth 716809.

Shopping for Plants for your Garden?

We will be running a Plant Stall at the Chilmark Church Fete.

We are growing a good selection of annuals (including the popular Cosmos, Lobelia, Petunias, Tobacco plants, Marigolds, Cleomes, Lupins and Geraniums to name a few). We will also have some herbs on sale and a selection of perennials.

If you are planning to buy some plants for your garden this Summer to fill a gap or two, or for your pots, then please bear this sale in mind. Our prices will be better than garden centres, and you will be supporting a great cause. Please come with bags and boxes to carry your plants home! **Julie O'Devlin**



Chilmark Cricket Club

The Club opened up their 2016 campaign with the traditional 'pre-season' game away at Horningsham on Sunday 17th April.

The ground, suffering from recent rains, was so swampy in places that the likelihood of Yoda appearing and offering to take on square leg umpiring duties was ever present. None the less, players on both sides were keen to shake off the winter rust and get leather on willow.

Winning the toss, captain Pete Stevens sent Horningsham in to bat, and it looked to be a good move as the openers were very cautious in the face of some tight and spritely bowling from a lean and fit Darren Lee, whilst at the other end young Jack Stearman was landing them on a good length and restricting the batsmen from obtaining easy runs.

Lee provided the first break through, inciting a thick edge which was well taken behind the stumps by 'keeper Jason Stearman. Archie Small then came into the attack and immediately tempted the batsman into a lofted shot that was comfortably taken by CCC chairman Carl Jacobs at mid-on. There followed a period of tight bowling, before Brand King induced a false stroke from Horningsham's number three, the catch spooned to a hungry Ben Fowles fielding close on the off side.

Optimism at the prospect of an easy day in the field was soon extinguished, however, as the next pair of bats put on 72 runs at an ever-increasing rate. Ricky Corbin was on the receiving end of some lusty batting, his four overs going for 45 runs. There was the consolation, however, of a wicket, caught in the outfield by King. *Contd...*

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The pair combined again for the day's comedy moment when King, chasing the possibility of another outfield catch, instead tripped over some equipment stationed a few yards outside the playing area, as the ball sailed over his head for another six. It was agreed that King made the incident look graceful and athletic.

As the Horningsham bats looked for quick runs towards the end of the innings, all bowlers saw their figures suffer, though Ben Fowles managed to bag a couple of streaky wickets in the mix. All in all it was a good performance by CCC. Most catches were taken and the bowling was generally tight.

After a generous spread of sandwiches for tea, Chilmark set about chasing the 175 needed for victory. Openers King and Fowles got off to a watchful start, before the former demonstrated that he couldn't follow his own mid-wicket advice and fell, trying to speed things along. Jack Stearman joined Fowles at the crease and the two put on a steady 33 run partnership before the junior member lost his wicket for a well made 13. Fowles, by this time, was batting through back pain which was restricting his usual free-flowing stroke play and gazelle-like running between wickets.

As the wickets fell and with time of the essence, Fowles threw the bat and was finally put out of his misery for a bravely compiled 35. DJ Gent (24 not out) and Captain Stevens (20) scored briskly in the final few overs, however the total was always slightly out of reach and the team from Chilmark exhausted their allotment of overs, 35 runs short of the mark. The game was played in good spirits which continued in the Bath Arms afterwards. Horningsham CC 174-6 (B Fowles 2-24, D Lee 1-17) def Chilmark CC 139-7 (B Fowles 35, DJ Gent 24 not out).

Chilmark Cricket Club Juniors



Summer Training

Venue: Chilmark Cricket Ground (Cleeves Farm)

U11 Cricket Training for school years 4,5 & 6 on Wednesday evenings from 17:30 to 19:00 starting Wednesday 11th May for 11 weeks

U13 Cricket Training for school years 7 & 8 on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 starting Sunday 8th May for 11 weeks

Cost: £20

For further details and a registration form please

contact The Coaching Team or Claire Allen (juniors administrator):

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Cricket Tea Offer

Pay £10 & have free cricketing teas for the 2016 season

How it works:

Pay your £10 to the club – Bryan Cross, Treasurer, 01722 716764 or bryanx@btinternet.com

Print your name on the tea sheet at the club, then enjoy free teas (after the cricketers have had theirs!) for the whole of the 2016 season

Forthcoming Fixtures:

We have a busy schedule this month including three T20 fixtures, one of which will be against 'Authors' with Sebastian Faulks playing. Our first Home match of the season is on Sunday 1st May, 2pm, against Erlestone; the remaining matches for May include:

Wednesday 4th May

Fonthill T20 @ 6pm (A)

Friday 6th May

Authors T20 @ 6pm (H)

Sunday 15th May

Lobsters @ 2pm (H)

Sunday 22nd May

Chalke Valley @ 2.30pm (H)

Friday 27th May

Sports Shed T20 @ 6pm (H)

Sunday 29th May

Old Bedfordians @ 2.30pm (H)

Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop School



Following the opening of the school's new library by former pupil Mike Rawlins, we asked him for his memories of Chilmark School during the 1940s.

What was the school like when you were here?

We only had two teachers, Mrs Simons who taught the infants and Mrs Jones who took the rest of the school. You could take your 11+ test and if you passed you could go to Grammar school. If you didn't pass you had to stay in the school until you were 14! I went to grammar but my older brother Godfrey did not.

When I moved to Ridge and started at Chilmark School I was seven; Godfrey was the naughty one and would often get the cane. One day, when he was bigger, he caught the stick from Mrs Jones and broke it, putting it into the fire! Mrs Jones was so cross that the Vicar had to go and talk to our parents.

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What was your worst lesson?

Dancing with the girls; it was called country dancing and we boys hated it. Mrs Jones was Welsh and taught singing as well; we sang a lot of Welsh songs. I did not like singing!

Were you ever in trouble?

Yes - I had bad handwriting but my brother was the naughty one.

Did you have after school clubs?

There were no clubs, We would leave school as quickly as possible. Sometimes Mrs Jones would keep us in after school for being bad. I would run away and hide behind the hedge until she gave up calling.



Did you have a school uniform?

There was no school uniform; most of us were farming families and would wear our own clothes. I lived at Ridge and would walk one-and-a-half miles with my brothers to school; even my youngest brother walked and he was five! We were poor, so when our shoes had holes in them we would put cardboard in them to keep the stones out.

Did you have school dinners?

There were no hot dinners; we brought sandwiches. The local children would all go home for lunch and we were allowed to play out in the village. We would sometimes climb on the roof of the garage next to the school. There were no teachers on duty to watch us. One day the delivery man was taking the first bananas seen after the war to the village shop and we all asked him to give use one; he did. That was my first ever banana. I got into trouble for throwing the skins onto the school roof!

Did you remember the War?

Not really, I remember being woken up by sirens, we would all hide under the table.

What do you like about our school now?

I would have loved a library like the one you have. I didn't read many books but a library would have helped me to start reading sooner.

Calling all Gardeners - Perennials Wanted for the Church Fete Plant Stall in June!

Are there any gardeners who are busy dividing perennials? Do you have anything that has grown too big and, if so, can you spare some and pot it up for the Plant Stall at the Church Fete? We would really like to be able to offer a wide range of perennials alongside the annuals we are already growing. Of course, if you also have spare annuals, herbs or anything else you think may sell it would be lovely to hear from you too! Please get in touch by email julie.odevlin@btinternet.com or text 07584 638515. If neither of these works for you, please give me a call on 716 212 and leave a message. Do let me know what plants you have, and to arrange collection or drop off. Many thanks - **Julie O'Devlin**

Then and Now

A peek back in time to a 'village questionnaire' of 1978 reveals some fascinating insights into how life in Chilmark has, and in some cases hasn't, changed in the past 38 years.

An impressive 80% of the 169 questionnaires delivered to homes in the village were completed, revealing the following information:

- Some 47% of households had lived in Chilmark for less than 5 years and only 18% for more than 30 years
- There were 108 people under the age of 20 as opposed to just 28 people over 70
- There was virtually no unemployment and 56 people described themselves as retired
- 51 people worked in Chilmark itself and 18 were employed at RAF Chilmark. Some 22 people worked 'on the land'.
- An impressive 29 per cent of villagers either walked or cycled to work and 23 children used the School Bus service
- 38 households had no telephone
- 30 Chilmark children were currently attending the village primary school
- 69 people owned their home, 39 people rented and 25 were 'service' tenants
- Nearly 50 people felt there was a need for more housing, though 61 people disagreed
- Preservation of Chilmark's rural character was considered the most important requirement, followed by retention of the school and the church

Clearly much has changed since 1978, not least the number of locally-schooled children living in the village. And while RAF Chilmark is no longer an employer, it's good to know that the former RAF HQ building has taken on a new lease of life with Team Rubicon (see page 20). Maybe it's time for another survey?



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Clergy Notes for May

In April our services have continued the Easter theme, sharing stories of Jesus's resurrection and making time to think about what the familiar story means for us now. Sometimes it is too easy to hear something so well-known and not to think much about it, but my hope and prayer is that God has said something new to each of us in this Easter season.

I am writing this before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the end of the month, but by the time you read this we will have had an opportunity to thank all those who have made our life together as the church in Chilmark possible during the past year. One of our long-serving church wardens, Stephanie Lucas is standing down this year, and we must thank Stephanie for her efficient and dedicated service over many years, which has been so much appreciated.

At the beginning of May, our usual morning service is replaced by a Songs of Praise in the Reading Room, on May 1st. We gather at 4.30 p.m. for tea and cake, followed by a chance to sing people's choices of favourite hymns and church songs. Using the Reading Room results from a PCC discussion about widening our appeal within the village. Why not come along and try something new - all are most welcome, young and old!

With every blessing for this joyful spring-tide,
Rev. Jane

Exhibition of Nativities – Sacred Heart Church, Station Road, Tisbury

Tuesday June 28 to Friday 1 July, 10am-6pm and Saturday 2 July, 10am-noon.

Many new to us this year, with added Noah's Arks! Admission free. Those who are lending nativities and arks are asked to bring them to Sacred Heart on Monday 27 June from 10am with owner's name attached.

Fr Robert Miller

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Focus

If like me you have an electronic diary you will notice that the month of May is book-ended by the two Bank Holidays: May Day and the oddly named Spring Bank Holiday or even more oddly, as I have seen, elsewhere, Spring Holiday (do we need a holiday from Spring?). For those easily confused - go to the last paragraph (no, please don't!).

For me by the end of May we are not really any longer in Spring anyway, for my garden is looking forward to

summer, and in addition it is a holiday more tightly linked, in many families, with school 'half-term' or in this age of the six-term school year, the end of term 5. In the days before banks were seen to be so important that they needed a holiday of their own, the "Spring Holiday" actually marks a much older holiday with Christian religious origins. It is also one of the days which gives us the phrase a "Red Letter day" because the ecclesiastical calendars, and specifically the Book of Common Prayer, marked those days which were important Saint's days in red, and celebrated by the wearing of red vestments while the hangings in the churches were red too. Paradoxically it is also a White day, as in many older communities it is still called the Whit Weekend or Whitsun bank holiday - confused yet? There's more! Many of my stricter colleagues do not like the name Whitsun for the Sunday which originally gave this day its name and which, in fact, is celebrated in our churches half way through May; at least, it is this year, as we have not yet got Easter tied down to the secular calendar (I rather hope we never really do, it has lasted 2000 years already...), but Bank Holidays are, more or less, fixed on specific days.

Celebrated this year on May 15, Whitsun, said to have been a day when the newly baptised wore white robes to church - hence the name - is the feast of Pentecost which comes from the Greek word for the 50th day after Easter and is in fact the second greatest festival of the Christian church. This is the day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and which is unofficially celebrated as the birthday of the Church. For those of you who like quirky symbols, some of the medieval paintings depicting the scene made the disciples, with a flame of fire over their heads, look like birthday candles! But I digress!

Finally, I must add, the Sunday that we in the Western church celebrate as Pentecost or Whitsunday, is in the Eastern church celebrated as Holy Trinity, with Monday as the Feast of the Holy Spirit on which, once more we are allowed to kneel after having been forbidden to do so throughout the Easter season!

So May could be renamed Holiday month as it is packed full of a rich array of them across the world from ones celebrating Horses (Spain), Cats (Belgium, yes, it's true), Buns (Cheung Chau, Hong Kong), Cheese rolling (Gloucestershire), rockets, roses, candles and Film (Cannes) and, lest we forget - anyone for Morris dancing and the Maypole in Ansty?

Have a blessed May, whatever you celebrate.

Mark Hayter

Church Times

NADDER VALLEY TEAM CHURCH ROTA MAY 2106												
Date	1st May		5th May		8th May		15th May		22nd May		29th May	
SUNDAY	6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday		Ascension Day		7th Sunday of Easter Celebration of Reader Ministry		Pentecost Whit Sunday		Trinity Sunday		1st Sunday after Trinity	
South Area												
ANSTY	11.15 M	LAY			11.15 PC	GS/JA	11.15 HC _{BCP, ord}	GS	11.15 FC	CS		
COMPTON	9.30 PC _T	GS					11.15 Sw	CF				
FOVANT	8.00 HC _{OZT}	GS					6.00 E	GS	9.30 PC (F)	GS	9.30 PC	MH
SUTTON	6.00 E	JA			9.30 PC _{OZT} (SM)	GS	9.30 PC _{OZT}	JT				
SWALLOWCLIFFE	11.15 Animal Blessing Service	GS			6.00 E	JA	8.00 HC _{BCP}	GS	11.15 M	LAY		
North Area												
BARFORD	11.15 FC	JT			9.30 M	LAY	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT	9.30 PC	JT		
BAVERSTOCK												
CHILMARK	4.30 p.m. Songs of Praise (Reading Room)	JT			11.15 M	LAY	11.15 FC	JT	11.15 MP	JT		
DINTON	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT	7.00 p.m. PC	JT	11.15 FC	JT/TC	4.00 Songs of Praise	JT	9.30 M	LAY		
TEFFONT EVIAS	11.15 FS	LAY					9.30 FC	RW			10.00 PC Area Service	JT
TEFFONT MAGNA					9.30 PC	JT			6.00 E	JT		
West Area												
CHICKLADE	11.15 FC Rogation	MH			No service				11.15 HC _{BCP}	MH		
FONT'BISHOP	2.30 Afternoon Service and Baptism	MH			8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT	9.30 M	JA				
FONT'GIFFORD	8.00 HC _{BCP}	MH			11.15 M	LAY	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JH	11.15 M Patronal	GS	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JH?
HINDON	With Chicklade	---	10.00 HC	GS	9.30 PC	MH/TC	6:00 Songs of Praise	LAY	9.30 PC	MH		
TISBURY	9.30 FS followed by beating the bounds at Cools Farm 6.00 PC _T	LAY GS	7.30 p.m. PC	GS	8.00 PC _T 9.30 PC 6.00 QF	GS RW/JA MH	9.30 PC 6.00 E (sung)	GS JT	8.00 HC _{BCP} 9.30 PC 6.00 P & P	GS RW LAY	10.00 PC	GS
HC _{BCP} - BCP Holy Communion PC - Order 1 Communion PC _T - Order 1 Communion, traditional language. FC - Family Communion FS - Family Service PC _{OZT} 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..... GS - Graham Southgate AS - Andrew Staley.....JT - Jane Tailby RW - Richard Wren												

May Day Songs of Praise

Please do join us for a good sing along in the Reading Room on Sunday 1st May at 4.30pm when we will celebrate May Day with Songs of Praise. Everyone welcome. Tea & Cakes followed by Singing (hymns of your choice!) at 5pm.



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The Village Show

Plans are well underway for this year's Village Show on Saturday 3rd September. The Show Programme and Schedule of Classes is due to be printed and circulated in June. Home-brew enthusiasts will be pleased to know this will include Sloe Gin and Elderflower Cordial classes. Meanwhile, if you're interested in running a stall, or can help on the day, or with the setting up and taking down of the Show on Friday 2nd and Sunday 3rd, please contact David Blake david@wessexwildlife.co.uk

Dinton Community Shop

The Community Shop in Dinton has made a cracking start in 2016. Sales are well ahead of those last year and financially the future is looking more and more encouraging. It is now open until 7pm on weekdays and for shorter periods at weekends. Why not try a visit?

Although it has to succeed commercially the shop remains at heart a community enterprise, owned by over two hundred local people and with a Management Committee elected by them. For long term viability we need to attract new members to the committee, as the founding members retire. Anybody with enthusiasm for a business venture will be welcome, whether or not they live in Dinton. At the moment we are particularly looking for younger people to take over the role of Chairman and Secretary in the next year. We would also welcome new volunteers to handle the till or look after the other varied tasks required to keep the shop running. If you are interested in any of these tasks please contact Richard Archer, Chairman of the Management Committee on 01722 717990 or richard.archer5@btopenworld.com or call in at the shop and speak to Kevin, the manager.

The Romans of South Wiltshire

Last month (April) further evidence emerged that there was a large Roman presence in this area with news of the discovery of an 'elaborate' Roman villa, erroneously reported by the media as being near Tisbury. Some 10 miles further west along the Roman road which inter twines with Grim's ditch at the uppermost north boundary of Chilmark Parish, and is thought to be the ancient route linking Winchester and Old Sarum to the Mendips, lies the 'Deverills'. The villa was discovered in the grounds of the Brixton Deverill home of Irish born rug designer and maker Luke Irwin when he was laying electrical cables in his garden. His builders uncovered an untouched mosaic, and further excavations revealed a Roman villa described as 'extraordinarily-well preserved' and which is thought to be one of the largest of its kind in the country.

Dr David Roberts, archaeologist for Historic England, said: "This site has not been touched since its collapse 1400 years ago and, as such, is of enormous importance. Without question, this

is a hugely valuable site in terms of research, with incredible potential. The discovery is unparalleled in recent years. Overall, the excellent preservation, large scale and complexity of this site present a unique opportunity to understand Roman and post-Roman Britain."

For now, insufficient funds are available to conduct a full excavation of the site. However, initial excavations revealed a range of 'high status' Roman artefacts together with oyster shells indicating a rich lifestyle and the ability of the Romans to use their elaborate road system to move goods around with ease. Similar artefacts were found when constructing Fonthill House just west of Ridge. Roman coins have been found near Chilmark Quarry and there is evidence that Chilmark Stone was used at the site of the Roman Villa in Rockbourne. The Teffont Archaeological Project, which started on the Parish of Chilmark's eastern boundary in 2008, has produced further evidence of an established Roman presence in the area. Watch out when you are digging: you never know what you might find!

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Hindon Surgery News

Cancer Survival Rates

Cancer survival is measured in terms of the number of people who have not died from the cancer five years after diagnosis. Sweden does best in Europe with 64.7%. In England, the survival rate is 50.2%.

At Hindon we have one of the highest cancer rates in Wiltshire but our patients also survive longer after diagnosis - five year survival for all cancers is 78.5%. This varies between cancers as some are more aggressive or difficult to treat or there are no screening tests or early symptoms.

In line with national statistics, lung cancer, for example has a relatively poor survival rate (Hindon 14.3%), but we have not had that many patients with this cancer as we have low rates of smokers (about 14% compared to 21% nationally).

We feel a survival rate that's better than the UK mean is due to a combination of factors:

- We have made cancer care and early diagnosis a priority for a number of years
- We strive to make sure our patients are very aware of the symptoms and signs of possible early cancer and what can increase the risk of cancer - smoking and being overweight being easily the most important. And we encourage you to consult us quickly.
- We also encourage all our patients to participate in the national cancer screening programmes – cervix (smears), breast (mammography), bowel - and to see us if worried about any symptoms.
- We promote healthy living to reduce the risks of cancer (a healthy lifestyle also reduces risks of other common serious diseases like diabetes, heart attacks, strokes) and have information at the surgery, on our website or face-to-face with the practice nurse.

Finding a cancer early is worth doing – it is easier to treat, the outcomes are much better and you will be likely to live much longer free of problems. Cancer treatments have improved but it is still far better to reduce the risk in the first place and find a problem early.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

Stella Rhodes, our very popular nurse, retired at the end of March and she would like to add the following note to all her patients:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to my retirement gift and for all your kind words and cards. As summer approaches I look forward to giving the garden more attention and your Orchard Park Vouchers will be most useful. I feel

Hindon Surgery is rather a unique surgery and I have very much enjoyed working there. It has been a privilege to get to know many of you during the last sixteen years and, hopefully, I have been able to play my part in keeping you fit and well! Retirement will not come to me very easily. I shall miss you all - colleagues and patients alike. Many thanks, sincerely **Stella**.

Nadder Community Energy

Green Drinks on 10th May, 8pm, at The Benett Arms, Tisbury.

Please come along for an informal chat and meet like-minded people who share an interest in the environment and renewable energy. We want to start local conversations about what we can do to address the impacts of climate change and promote environmental issues in the Nadder Valley. NCE had a successful share offer at the end of 2015 to install Solar PV on commercial and agricultural buildings in the Nadder Valley but there's still much more we can do as a community.

As a community enterprise it's important that we work closely with local residents and organisations to act together in addressing the issues raised by climate change. For more information please contact: nadderce@gmail.com
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Collections dates for May:

Tuesday 3 May

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Tuesday 10 May

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Black box - glass bottles & jars, newspapers, junk mail, tin cans, metal lids, silver foil, clothes & shoes

Green lid - Garden waste, NOT household compost

Tuesday 17 May

Household waste

Tuesday 24 May

Blue lid / Black box / Green lid

Tuesday 31 May

Household waste

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

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

Tisbus

Following the popular trip to the Udder Farm Shop at East Stour, in February, Tisbus members have requested a return trip. Therefore on Wednesday 11th May, Tisbus will be whisking its members to East Stour once again. Along with lunch will be the opportunity to buy some wonderful produce from their deli, fishmonger and butchery as well as local farmers, all at a reasonable price. Using their reward card you can collect points that can be redeemed against future purchases, safe in the knowledge that given its position as a firm favourite among Tisbus members, there will be plenty of future trips to Udder Farm Shop. 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 25th May, Tisbus has arranged an outing with the men in mind: a trip to Haynes Motor Museum in Yeovil. The UK's largest exhibition of the greatest cars from around the world, it houses over 400 amazing cars and bikes, from nostalgic classics of the 50s and 60s, glorious Bentleys and Rolls Royces, to exciting super cars like the Jaguar XJ220. It also boasts a new soft play facility for children: the

Vroom Room is a purpose built children's play and activity area featuring separate junior and toddler zones, including play tools, car puzzle pad, car rockers, themed play blocks, car wash rollers, slides, web bridge and racer biff bash. The cost of this trip is £10 (children £5, under 7s free) plus entry fee:

Adult £13.75; concessions £11.95; child £8.25; under-4s free. Family tickets also available. Pick-ups start at 9am; returning at 2.30pm.

Don't forget all of our regular shopping trips to Salisbury, Shaftesbury, Tisbury and Warminster which run throughout the year. If you would like to become a member or find out more about Tisbus then simply call our administrator on 07500 802525.

Teffont Film Club

Saturday 21st May – Teffont Village Hall

Our final film of the season is Brooklyn, a Nick Hornby adaptation of the celebrated novel by Colm Toibin. Starring Saoirse Ronan and Emory Cohen, Brooklyn was named one of the best films of 2015. Doors open 7pm; film starts 7.30pm. Licensed Bar and nibbles available. Tickets in advance from Richard Hawkins: teffontfilmclub@btinternet.com

Moviola Tisbury

Saturday 28th May - Victoria Hall, High Street

We shall be showing the BAFTA and OSCAR Best Supporting Actor

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Tickets £6 available from Kate Good Pottery, High Street (closed on Mondays) or 01747 870367. Do please buy your tickets early as seating is limited in the Victoria Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the performance will start at 7.30pm. Any profit from the film will be given to St John's Church Fabric Fund.

The Village Voice - Local Police

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



Local Crimes

There has been a drop in reported theft offences within the Tisbury area.

It has come to my notice that a few occurrences of crime and attempted crime in our area have not been reported to police on 101. As far as I have heard, these are mostly attempted thefts from garages and sheds. These thefts are still happening in our area but if police are not informed we find it impossible to try to be in the right place at the right time. By all means, tell your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, as your friends and neighbours are a very important part in deterring and detecting crime, but you will also need to call 101 to inform us. We are unable to accept reports of crime by email or social media.

Spring has finally sprung and with warmer weather comes open windows and long walks in the sunshine. Please ensure that nobody can climb into your windows or enter your house while you are busying yourself in the garden; thieves are opportunistic and will generally take any chance to sneak into an insecure property while residents are in the shed or garden or 'down the road'. Such opportunism also applies to your cars; you don't need to take the entire contents of your handbag on a dog walk, so leave them at home.

This link will allow you to check statistics for your area: www.police.uk

Community Coordinator: Pc 2446 Charly Chilton:
charlotte.chilton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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*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**

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Historic Sports Car racing

Chilmark's classic car enthusiast Johan Denekamp, of Rock Cottage, was in action at Castle Combe Circuit for the 50th anniversary of the Historic Sports Car Racing Club. On day one, the Saturday, he raced his 1978 TVR in the 70s Road sports race, Starting in 16th position he worked his way up to 14th, despite two spins, but in his own words 'Should have done better!'

On the Sunday, he ran his 1965 Marcos (made in Bradford on Avon) in the 1960s Historic Road Sports race and, having qualified in 19th position, moved up to 12th at the finish, with no spins! Pictured here with the Marcos and his great nephew Oliver, aged 10, whose ambition is to be Johan's rally co-driver.



John Leach, Chris Lyon, Simon Clarke and Becky Maynard

Chilmark chosen as UK home for disaster relief charity

A disaster relief charity set up in the wake of last year's devastating Nepal earthquake has moved into the former RAF Chilmark's HQ. Team Rubicon UK combines the skills of volunteer military veterans and first responders to deploy emergency response teams in the wake of disasters. Since its launch, teams have responded to the Nepal earthquake as well as flooding in the UK in Keswick and Tadcaster. It has also taken part in rebuilding projects in the Philippines and Nepal.

The former RAF Headquarters on the Chilmark Estate was chosen as their new home after a lengthy search. CEO John Leach said: "We wanted a venue where we could welcome our volunteers, provide training and run operations. We were delighted to find this venue in Chilmark as we have all the facilities we need, beautiful countryside and a lovely village on the doorstep."

"We are very keen to get involved with the village and become a helpful part of the community and visitors are always welcome – as are volunteers! We have a challenge on our hands to furnish the building to make it as welcoming and comfortable as possible for our volunteers. We have a wish list if anyone has unwanted furniture and household goods that could go to a good home."

A core staff of nine will be based at the site with a view to engaging local volunteers to support the charity's work on a regular basis. Regular residential training courses for volunteer veterans will take place during the week and weekends.