

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

Sloe Gin Latest!

In the November Village Voice we announced the launch of a Chilmark Sloe Gin competition to be judged at the Black Dog in the Spring. We hope your sloes are picked and on their way to making a delicious liqueur. We can now confirm Judgement night is set for Friday 11th March.

Entries will be £2 to a charity of Jayne's choice. Good luck!

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Welcome to the December & January issue of The Village Voice

A busy few weeks lie ahead in the run up to Christmas, starting with the Reading Room Bazaar on Saturday 5th December and culminating in plenty of carol singing opportunities (see below). We were saddened to learn of the death of Betty Wilcox for whom a wonderful Thanksgiving Service took place at St Margaret's, Chilmark, during November and we said farewell to Dunkin and Margaret Symes who have moved to Old Sarum after 34 years in the village. On a positive note for the New Year, it has been announced that 2016 will see the return of the Chilmark Church Fete following a year without one. All thanks to Neil and Susie Sutton, of the Old Rectory, for prompting this initiative. Meanwhile, Chilmark Village Show organisers are seeking support and ideas to ensure the future of this popular village event and urge you to join them at a meeting at The Black Dog on Wednesday 2nd December, 7.15pm, see p4. All that remains is for us to thank our Readers for your continuing support and to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

The Editorial Team

Carols Galore!

First up is the **Candlelit Carol Service in St Margaret's Church** on Friday 18th December at 7pm.

The following night, Saturday 19th, do join us for Carol Singing in Chilmark 2015 - regulars and newcomers equally welcome.

We shall meet at the bus-stop by The Cross at 6 pm. Please bring torches, warm clothes and bags of enthusiasm. Do get in touch if you would particularly like us to sing at your house and if you have a favourite carol or two. Felicity, 716271. Proceeds in aid of **Salisbury Trust for the Homeless**.

And finally, Wednesday 23rd December is

Carols Night at the Black Dog where once again Sophie Eden will guide us through a fun and rousing repertoire of everyone's favourites. Singing starts at 8.30pm, but do arrive a bit earlier for the Black Dog's Christmas Draw.



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

December Dates for your Diary			
Tuesday 1st	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Wednesday 2nd	9.30am	Keep Fit	CRR
Wednesday 2nd	7.15pm	Village Show meeting	The Black Dog
Thursday 3rd	10am	Sarum Quilters	CRR
Friday 4th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 5th	2.30-4.30pm	Christmas Bazaar	CRR
Monday 7th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Tuesday 8th	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Wednesday 9th	9.30am	Keep Fit	CRR
Monday 14th	8pm	Quiz Night	The Black Dog
Tuesday 15th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 16th	7pm	Christmas Wreath workshop	CRR
Friday 18th		End of School Term	Chilmark School
Friday 18th	7pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Chilmark Church
Saturday 19th	6pm	Village Carol Singing	meet at bus stop - The Cross
Monday 21st	8pm	Quiz Night - last in 2015	The Black Dog
Wednesday 23rd	8.30pm	Black Dog Carols	The Black Dog
January Dates for your Diary			
Monday 4th	8pm	Quiz Night - first of 2016 (every Monday)	The Black Dog
Tuesday 5th		Start of School Term	Chilmark School
Tuesday 5th	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Tuesday 5th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 6th	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	CRR
Thursday 7th	10am	Sarum Quilters	CRR
Saturday 9th	7 for 7.30pm	Moviola - Suffragette	Victoria Hall, Tisbury
Tuesday 19th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Thursday 21st	7.30pm	Horticultural Society AGM	CRR
Future Dates for your Diary			
February 2nd	2.45-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
February 2nd	7 for 7.30pm	Mazaika - Russian Folk Duo	CRR

Activities Contacts:

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

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Art Group - please contact Jane Hobbs for details, 01747 871200

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Parish Council News

To read the latest minutes and future agendas:
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Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has recently erected signs in the village to remind Dog Owners that it is an offence to allow your Dog to Foul in a Public Place. However notices and signs do not appear to be heeded and this still continues to be a problem. Not only is it an offence, it is offensive and disgusting behaviour and can spread disease. Chilmark Parish Council is adopting a "No tolerance" approach. Anyone caught offending will be reported.

Fricker's Paddock Affordable Housing

The New Housing Team, Wiltshire Council, wrote to the Parish Council stating that Hastoe Housing Association wish to investigate the possibility of developing 8 more affordable houses at the Fricker's Paddock site. The Parish Council would like to arrange a Public Meeting in the New Year for Hastoe and the New Housing Team to talk with members of the public and parish councillors.

Winter Weather

In the event of flooding, please contact the Flood Warden, Patrick Boyles at Little Langdale, Frog Lane, Chilmark, on 01722 716416. Some emergency supplies are available such as 50 sandbags, 1 ton of sand, 50 gel sacs, tabards and roadside signs. Supplies of salt are available at Cleeves Farm in the event of snow and ice affecting pavements and road surfaces.

Next meeting of Chilmark Parish Council

This will be held on Wednesday 6 January at 7pm in the Reading Room.



The Black Dog

Christmas Day - The Black Dog will be open and serving a set Christmas lunch for those who'd rather not be slaving over a cooker or worrying about the washing-up! Contact Jayne on 01722 716344 to make a reservation.

New Year's Eve – the pub will open all evening and celebrating the New Year with fireworks at Midnight. The usual bar menu will be available until 9pm.

Chilmark Horticultural Society

Hire the Hort. Soc. Trailer!

We have a trailer that sits idle for most of the time, so we are keen to hire it out. If you are taking stuff to the dump, going camping or moving some firewood then this 5'x4' trailer will make things a lot easier and at just £10 per day very cheap! Enquiries to David Blake david@wessexwildlife.co.uk

Plans for the Village Show 2016 and AGM.

The **2015 Village Show** was a great success and, especially if you were unable to attend, I very much hope that you will be able to enjoy a wonderful Show in 2016. In order to make that happen, we have to get more assistance. We had perfect weather for the 2015 Show. We were able to set up in sunshine and take down the tents before they got wet. However, it was a close-run thing and without that good weather we do not think that the Show would have been ready in time. Although the Society is in decent shape financially, the Show itself made a loss. One of the reasons is that too few people are involved with not enough time to give to the organisation of the event.

So this is a plea for more help, earlier in the year. On **2nd December, at 7.15pm in the Black Dog**, we will hold a meeting to bring together ideas, suggestions and volunteers. If you want there to be another Village Show in 2016, please come along and offer your assistance. In particular, we need help with people to get advertising for the Programme, to communicate with sponsors and bring in additional stands and traders. We want to hear your suggestions for the Show, whatever they might be. If you cannot make it on the 2nd December (or you are reading this after that date!), then please send me your suggestions or offers of help by email to david@wessexwildlife.co.uk.

The Annual General Meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held in the Reading Room on **21st January 2016 at 7.30pm** and at that meeting we will take a decision on whether we can put the Show on again.

Church Fete - save the date!

Last year for reasons beyond our control, the traditional fete at The Old Rectory was sadly not held. Not so in 2016! Please put Saturday 18th June in your brand new diaries. More details next year.

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Christmas Wreath Workshop – Wednesday 16th December, 7pm.

Just a reminder that Chrissie Eden's Christmas Wreath Workshop in aid of the Horticultural Society is taking place in the Reading Room. It is already fully-booked, with a waiting list, so please let Margaret Wood know ASAP if you are unable to attend - 01722 716446.



Saturday 5th December, 2.30-4.30pm Reading Room Christmas Bazaar!

Do join us for a fun and festive afternoon and the opportunity to buy Gifts and Christmas treats locally. We'll have a variety of village stalls, plus Christmas Produce, a nearly new Clothes Rail, a Children's Tombola, and a Raffle. Delicious mulled wine and mince pies to boot. Please contact Sarah Miller, 01722 717473, if you've any items you would like to donate.

Reading Room AGM

Some 20 people turned out for the AGM on Tuesday 10th November, including two of our three Trustees, the Revd Jane Tailby and Patrick Middleton, the latter of whom chaired the meeting. The Reading Room management committee was re-elected for a further year and we are delighted to welcome Viv Lowe, of Ridge, as an additional member. To read the Minutes of the AGM, plus the committee meeting that followed immediately afterwards, please visit our website www.chilmarkreadingroom.co.uk

Village Supper & Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came to this event making it a successful, as well as an entertaining evening, with a wide range of ages present. A hot supper (our thanks to Downer Farm Meats for the beef) was enjoyed by all alongside a Quiz that

everyone agreed was a serious test for their grey matter – congratulations to the winning team who won on the tie-break question 'What is the most common bird in the world?' Answer: the domestic chicken. The evening raised the terrific sum of £657 for the Reading Room's upkeep. The committee is hugely appreciative of everyone's generous support.

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

Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

Christmas is rapidly approaching at the school! An exciting December awaits – a visiting theatre company will be presenting Aladdin, the KS1 Nativity Play is on 8 December, the Carol Concert takes place in the church on 16 December at 6pm, Christmas Lunch on 17 December and Party Day on the final day of term!

We have also been working hard since half term. John Kimberley, our interim head, reported in a recent school newsletter "I walked the floor at the start of the day and then visited classes once the children had settled to their work. Reception were exploring letter sounds with Ms Graham, Miss Jennings was doing some Literacy work with her class. Willow had a visit from a teacher from the Wessex Archaeology Society in Salisbury who brought artifacts for the children to classify and sort, and Elm class were outside developing their tennis skills with a visiting coach. I also did the "early morning maths activity" with the oldest children. You will be pleased to know I got all my numbers correct. The school had a lovely feel about it - well done everyone - children and staff."

The year 6 children recently enjoyed taking part in the Tisbury Cluster Schools High Fives Netball Tournament. Despite an early lose we played very well and notched up some successful results and came a creditable 5th overall. We marked Armistice Day with a period of silence in school whilst proudly wearing our poppies. The whole school supported Children in Need with a non-uniform day and raised nearly £80.

The governors will be soon interviewing the short listed candidates for the permanent Head Teacher's post, and hope to be able to make an official announcement in the next Village Voice.

Friends of Chilmark School - Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco was a big success and we raised £207.25. Thank you to the parents who set the hall up; it looked great. Thank you also to those who stayed and helped clear up and to everyone that came and enjoyed the evening. We will be holding the next disco on Friday 12th February - more details to follow nearer the time.

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Betty Wilcox:

8th June 1928 – 30th October 2015

At noon on Monday 16th November, the Church of St Margaret of Antioch in Chilmark was full. We had gathered to give thanks for the long life of Betty, a resident of this village for over twenty years. Loving tributes were made by John and Betty's daughter, Alison; there were fine readings, and the choir sang.

Betty was born in Handsworth, Birmingham, then quite a smart suburb of the city. John, on the other hand, hailed from Aston, then and now a far less salubrious area. Betty was nineteen, John three years younger, so he had the age gap and difference in background to overcome. But overcome them he did and they married in 1953, a few days after the Queen's coronation.

John and Betty were together for sixty-four years. She was a wonderful partner and wife, raising their children Alison and the late Paul, and supporting John as his career flourished first in journalism and then in the textile industry. Later, when John became a published author, she travelled with him many times to Africa and Egypt to support him in his research for his military novels. On one occasion not many years ago, she realised she was expected to tramp up Majube Mountain (5000 ft.) in Natal in the afternoon heat of 30 C. She coped well with the ascent but the prospect of going down was a bit much. Two handsome Zulus stepped forward to offer support for the descent. Betty's broad grin of appreciation as she was half carried down the mountain was there for all to see.

Warmth and kindness were two of Betty's greatest attributes. She was a weekly helper at Salisbury Hospice for fifteen years until losing the sight in one eye meant she could no longer drive. Her contribution as a school governor was practical and positive and she went to the school weekly to hear readers with learning difficulties. She was a Sacristan at our church for many years, collected donations on our doorsteps annually for Lifeboats and the Poppy Appeal, was a member of CADS, a lively member of the Book Club and an enthusiastic supporter of many village events. Her cooking skills and those of a hostess are remembered by John, and us all, with nostalgia. Sadly, two years ago, as Alzheimer's began to affect her abilities Betty announced that she had forgotten how to cook. It was then up to John, who had been spoilt throughout their married life in this aspect of domesticity, to don a pinny and take over in the kitchen. The results were dire. If it had not been for the proximity of friends and neighbours - and the Black Dog - both would have been poisoned within days.



Very sadly, Betty had to spend the final ten months of her full life in a care home in Amesbury, where John visited her daily. She will be remembered, however, as a brave and resilient person of charm, warmth and great humour, as a dear friend and relation to many, a loving mother and a devoted and loyal wife. She is already much missed by us all.

Felicity Pattenden

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Farewell and Many Best Wishes...

...to Dunkin and Margaret Symes who after some 34 years at Westbrook House, The Street, Chilmark, have moved to Old Sarum.

Dunkin and Margaret arrived in Chilmark on April Fools' Day (Dunkin's words!) in 1981 and both proceeded to play an active part in village life. Dunkin was Parish Council chairman from 1993-1999 and during this time he oversaw approval of the first stage of the Affordable Housing development at Fricker's Paddock, The actual construction took place after Dunkin had handed over the PC Chairman's reins but also during his Chairmanship some key decisions were made to alleviate Chilmark's flooding problems in The Street and Frog Lane. Our thanks go to both Dunkin and Margaret for their considerable contribution to village life during their time in Chilmark. We wish them every happiness in their new home and also welcome Grant and Morag Phillpott as the new owners of Westbrook House.

Stephanie Lucas writes:

For 27 years until recently Margaret Symes had been faithfully stapling together the Church & Village newsletters and organising their delivery. Although expecting to be doing it for ever, the stapling was removed from her hand just as she was about to leave the village by the switch to professional print production of the new look Village Voice. Margaret also took on the distribution of Focus.

Another huge thank you for her dedication to the Church Flower Rota, carefully planned and executed each year by a dwindling but talented number of parishioners. Her willingness to fill an extra empty window sill in the church on many occasions saved the day. Sacristan duties came next as Chilmark no longer has a Verger.

I will miss Margaret's cheerful companionship enormously which made a dull task an entertaining afternoon and thank her for her help. We will miss Margaret and Dunkin as neighbours and supporters of village life and we wish them a comfortable and peaceful retirement at Old Sarum.

Coffee Morning Success

The Coffee Morning & Christmas Gifts Sale at Chilmark House on Friday 13th November received a steady flow of visitors who enjoyed cake, chat and a spot of shopping. Thank you to all who came. The event raised **£151.45** (including Gift Aid) for the **Chilmark Church Fabric Fund**.



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Brick making at Ridge

In the 2nd extract from the diary of the Harris family, Raymond Jack provides an insight into life in Ridge in the early part of the 20th century:

The tithe map of 1839 shows a brickyard on the north side of what is now the drive from Ridge, then called Rudge, to the present Fonthill House. The Victoria history of Wiltshire records that from the early 19th century to the early 20th century, bricks were made there. At one time pots were also made. It says that yellow clay was used for bricks and blue clay dug from below was used for pots, tiles and harder bricks. The diary begins in 1901 and shows that the Harris family was then running the business and employing others. Thus "E Ball wheeling brick bats [broken bricks] 60 barrow load 5 November all day". That was a record made for noting his pay. Going to the diary proper:

"1901. Tom Lever began brick-making the 8th April. 15 April Tom Blandford began brick-making. 25 April Pipe making [large clay drainage pipes] Flo and I all day. [Florence Harris was then 13 years old.] 25 April Flo and I made 600 tiles. 4 May Made 4000 tiles altogether. 28 May Began burning first kiln. 1902 J Lever and E Blandford began brick-making the 14th April. Began burning dome kiln 21st April. ... 1903, 4 and 5 May Pipe-making made 413. Burnt first kiln. 1904 Burnt dome kiln 29 January. Brought brick-making machine. 15 February Finished filling kiln and started burning last lot of last year's bricks. ... Started brick-making the 9th April made about 600. Altered the knives in the afternoon. The clay wouldn't come out fast enough. Made about 3000 the 11th. Started 7 o'clock the 12th and made till about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the spindle and cog broke..... Made a few the 30th. Very stiff clay and broke cog. Had a new brass lined die and new cog the 6th May. Tried new die all the morning the 7th and never one. Put in old die and made very well in the afternoon. Made again the 19th and made a few border and coping tiles. Harris from Gillingham came here 22nd and ordered 6,000 tiles. Flo and I making 6 inch pipes 28,29,30 July.

The last references to brick-making are in 1905. It seems that the involvement of the Harris family and probably the brick-making itself ceased. But it appears to have been busy enough in its own small way. It may well be that the Morrison family did not want a brick works on the drive to the new Fonthill House built in 1904. Perhaps the Harrises got the tenancy of Knap Farm as a kind of recompense. Who now knows? I believe that the pits excavated for the clay were filled in with rubble from the demolition of the then Fonthill House in the 1972. There is nothing much to be seen now.

Raymond Jack



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A Badge of Honour

I have recently attained a distinguished, no heroic, scar which begins just under what I used to call the hairline on the left of my forehead and continues half way down the nose. If I had been educated at Eton, say 120 years ago, and gone on to take a commission in the Guards, then one would have assumed that it was a duelling scar.

There is a scandalous rumour circulating Chilmark that this is not the residue of a sabre cut but, in fact, results from me falling into my fishpond in the autumn darkness and hitting my face on the stones that fringe the pool.

What ridiculous nonsense! That a man of my athleticism should be accused of such ineptitude – and particularly when it was supposed to have happened on a Monday, which is my scrupulously-observed one alcohol-free day of the week – is unbelievable.

Let me use these columns, then, to warn that any repeat of this calumny which reaches my ears will result in an action being taken for gross slander. What actually happened was this.

I was walking down a street in the centre of Heidelberg, in the heart of old Prussia, as you do, when I passed a man of Junker disposition and bearing. He muttered something – I cannot repeat it in this family publication – deprecating about the English. So I bowed, gave him my card and we met at dawn the next morning in the local gymnasium to pick up our sabres and set to.

After perhaps three hours, my shoelace became untied and, as I bent to retie it, my opponent slashed me across the forehead with his weapon. I immediately sprang to my feet and cut off his head. There was a brief hearing in the local magistrates' court, where, of course, the magistrates found that I was quite right to defend myself and, indeed, the honour of the British Empire.

Now that is the truth of the matter. If something so preposterous as a plunge by me into my own fishpond had occurred, I would have expected loyal neighbours such as the Pattendens, to have rallied round, drunk my whisky and cote de Rhone and summoned the aid of the fragrant Dr Lynn Menzies, that skilled and saintly local army doctor.

But, of course, they didn't because it didn't occur. I am now awaiting some formal recognition of my act in defence of the honour of the Empire. I think that perhaps an M.B.E would be appropriate, don't you?
John Wilcox

This was written three weeks before Betty's death and John has asked that we include it.



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Clergy Notes for December & January

As we reach December, our attention turns towards Christmas. For the more organised, this will have happened much earlier, but for many, the beginning of December signals the start of the Christmas preparations. However, in the church, as we plan for Christmas, we also enjoy the season of Advent as well, which can lead us more gently into Christmas if we all fit it to. Advent, particularly the Sundays, allow us a pause on the way, to get ourselves ready, as well as work through the "to-do" list of the month. Why not come and join us for a bit of time-out at 11.15am. on Sunday mornings?

Advent begins on 29th November with our service at Chilmark when we will welcome parishioners from the other churches to our area service. Our first Advent candles will be lit and our choir will enrich our service.

For the first two weeks of December, our service pattern remains the same as usual, with Parish Communion on 6th and Matins on 13th. Our Carol Service will be held on 18th - do come along and sing your favourite carols and hear the wonderful Christmas story afresh.

Then, on 20th December, we will enjoy our Family Christingle service, thinking about the coming of the light of Christ using our Christingle oranges. All are welcome to this very special service. As part of our intention to look beyond ourselves, the collection for this service will be given to the Children's Society, recognising that so many young people will have far from a Happy Christmas.

That leads us into our Christmas celebrations, beginning with our traditional Christmas Eve service at 10.00pm. and our more informal Family Communion service on Christmas morning at 11.15am.

I do hope that there will be something for everyone in our services so that we can all welcome Jesus into our hearts and into our world once again. The world can so often seem dark and, indeed, fearful, and more than ever, we need to sing out the truth of God's love seen in the Christ-Child. Come and sing out with us so that we can take that hope and light into the New Year!

With every blessing - and a very happy Christmas time and a blessed new year.

Rev. Jane

St Margaret's Chilmark - Diary Dates: December

Wednesday 16th, 6pm, School Carol Service

Friday 18th, 7pm, Candlelit Carol Service with choir; church decorated for Christmas.

Please remember to bring a torch.

Sunday 20th, 11.15am, non-Eucharist Christingle Service - collection for the Children's Society, one of our four charity collection services of the year.

Thursday 24th, Christmas Eve 10pm - 1st Communion of Christmas

Friday 25th Christmas Day 11.15am - Family Communion

January 2016 - usual pattern of services

Sunday 3rd, 11.15am - Parish Communion

Sunday 10th, 11.15am - Lay Matins

Sunday 17th, 11.15am - Family Communion

Sunday 24th, 11.15am - Morning Praise

Sunday 31st January, 10am - Parish Communion at Dinton. No service at Chilmark.



A Roll of Honour Service was held at All Saints Church, Fonthill Bishop on Sunday, 1st November, 2015 to dedicate the newly restored Roll of Honour Board for the 1914-1918 War. The beautifully carved frame, which was created by Matthew Burt of Hindon, surrounds the list of 28 names. It has been placed in the porch and, nearing the end of the service, the congregation moved into the porch and outside for the Reverend Richard Wren to dedicate it; then we moved back into the church for the final hymn and the national anthem.

It was a meaningful and lovely service and we were so grateful to Richard as a retired service officer in the Royal Navy for taking the service, and it was lovely that Matthew Burt was able to attend as the creator of this beautiful piece of work.

The choir sang the Victoria anthem - O quam gloriosum - in memory of Fonthill's war dead, yet dedicated to Dr. Joanna Kozuba Kozubaska who sadly passed away in August this year following a short illness. She had arranged for the Roll of Honour board to be made. Following the service tea was served which everyone enjoyed, together with the lovely flower arrangements done by Juliet Mount Charles.

Church Times

Date	6 th December		13 th December		20 th December		Midweek Carols and School Services	24 th December		25 th December		27 th December	
SUNDAY	2 nd of Advent		3 rd of Advent		4 th of Advent			Christmas Eve		Christmas Day		St. John the Evangelist	
South Area													
ANSTY	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 PC	GS	11.15 Carols	MH				11.15 FC	GS		
COMPTON	9.30 PC _T	GS			4.00 Carols	MH		10.00p.m. PC _T	GS				
FOVANT	8.00 HC _{O2T}	GS			3.00 Crib Service	GS				9.30 PC	GS		
SUTTON	6.00 E	MH	9.30 PC _{O2T} SM	MH	9.30 PC _{O2T}	GS		6.00 p.m. Carols	GS				
SWALLOW CLIFFE	11.15 PC _T	MH	6.00 E	GS	6.00 Carols	GS		10.00p.m. PC _T	MH	11.15 FS	JA		
North Area													
BARFORD	11.15 FC	JT	9.30 M 4.00 Carols in Burcombe VH	LAY JT	4.00 Carols	JA		10.00 p.m. PC	JT			10.00 a.m. PC Area Service	tbc
BAVER- STOCK	9.30 PC _T	JT					22nd 6.00 p.m. JT			9.30 PC _T	JT		
CHILMARK	11.15 PC _T	CS	11.15 M	LAY	11.15 FS & Christingle	JT	16 th 6.00 p.m. School Carol Service JT Fri 18 th 7.00 p.m. Carols JT	10.00 p.m. PC _T	tbc	11.15 FC	JT		
DINTON	8.00 HC _{BCP}	JT	11.15 FC	JT	4.00 Carols	JT	18 th 2.00 p.m. School Carol Service JT	4.00 Family Nativity 11.30 p.m. PC	JT	9.30 FC	RW		
T. EVIAS	11.15 FS	LAY			6.00 Carols	JT				9.30 FC	CF		
T. MAGNA			9.30 PC	JT									
West Area													
CHICKLADE			6.00 E	MH			17 th 7.00 p.m. Carols AS	6.00p.m. PC _{BCP}	MH				
FONT' BISHOP	5.00 E	AS	8.00 HC _{BCP}	AS	9.30 M	JA	22nd 6.00 p.m. Carols AS			9.30 HC _{BCP}	JH?		
FONT' GIFFORD	8.00 HC _{BCP}	AS	11.15 M	MH	8.00 HC _{BCP}	MH	23rd 6.00 p.m. Carols AS			11.15 HC _{BCP}	MH		
HINDON	9.30 PC	MH	9.30 PC	AS	6.00 pm Carols	AS MH	9 th 6.00 p.m. School Nativity MH TC	10.00 p.m. PC	AS	9.30 PC	MH		
TISBURY	9.30 FS	AS	8.00 PC _T 9.30 PC 3.30 Christingle 6.00 QF	JT GS AS AS	9.30 PC	AS	16 th 6.00 School Carol Service AS 21st 7.30 p.m. Ecumenical Carols AS	11.30 p.m. PC	AS	8.00 HC _{BCP} with hymns 9.30 FC	AS AS	8.00 HC _{BCP} 10.00 PC 6.00 P & P	MH GS LAY
HC_{BCP} - BCP Holy Communion PC - Order 1 Communion PC_T - Order 1 Communion, traditional language. FC - Family Communion FS - Family Service PC_{O2T} Holy Communion Order 2 Trad. M - Matins or Morning Prayer QF - Questioning Faith JA - Judy Anderson.....PAB - Paul Britton.....TC - Thelma Caughey CFColin FoxMH - Mark Hayter.....MS - Martin Shallcross..... GS - Graham Southgate													

Harvest Festival Giving

The sum raised at the Harvest Festival service for the local charity Alabare totalled £303, including Gift Aid. Alabare will be co-ordinating the response for any refugees who come to Salisbury and it works with the homeless and vulnerable adults. For more information please visit the charity's website: www.alabare.co.uk

Church Cleaning

Thank you to our faithful few. Another year of dedicated church cleaning is nearly over. We have had to say farewell to some of our long-term cleaners and there is plenty of space on the rota for more people to join in. Visitors are often complimentary about how welcoming and tidy our church is and that is thanks to our cleaning team who keep it so. Please contact **Stephanie Lucas on 01722 716463** if you could help look after our church three or four times a year.

Church Flowers

We have had beautiful flowers in the church all the year and especially at festivals. Please feel that anyone can put flowers in the church, maybe to commemorate a happy or poignant anniversary. The rota is planned during Lent (when there are no floral tributes). Margaret Symes sadly is no longer here to help. Is there anyone who would like to join Stephanie to do the rota? Thank you for all the arrangements and time given to do flowers in the church. Please contact Stephanie Lucas as above.

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Benefice of Nadder Valley (Team Ministry)

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MASSES

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

TISBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Revd Denise Binks, 7 Ridge Way, Shaftesbury SP7 9HB, denise.binks@gmail.com 01747 854631
Sunday Service: 10.30am

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The Village Voice

Hindon Surgery - Christmas 2015

At this festive time of year we thought we would write about some good news.

Firstly, thank you to the 98% of the 900 patients who would recommend us to family or friends (Friends & Family Test Dec '14-Oct '15). This is a great endorsement of the service we offer.

Thank you for your high uptake of preventative services, like vaccinations, NHS health checks, cervical smears, bowel screening, mammography and abdominal aneurysm screening. Thank you for smoking less, drinking less, exercising more and being less overweight than the national average. Thank you to those patients with a long term condition (like diabetes or high blood pressure) for controlling these illnesses so well, for coming to regular check-ups, taking our advice and helping us by knowing how to use our services.

The outcome for all of this is that our patients live longer, have fewer complications and fewer emergency admissions and hospital contacts than the average, and use less and more cost effective medicines. Hindon, along with other small local surgeries, is one of a small number of practices in Wiltshire within budget.

We couldn't do this without your help and we want to thank all of you for making this possible.

We will continue to offer help and care to all our patients with same day access, and provide as much care ourselves as possible to provide continuity of care.

However, everything we can do is small compared to what can be achieved with a healthy lifestyle. For instance, quitting smoking can add 15 years of life. If we can help a smoker to quit that's a really good Christmas present.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

Chilmark Defibrillator

Tony Harrison on: 01722 716304 or email: chilmarkresponse@gmail.com

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.

Moviola

Saturday 9th January in the Victoria Hall

We are delighted to be showing **Suffragette** (12A) a much acclaimed film starring Cary Mulligan, Helena Bonham-Carter, Meryl Streep and many others. This is a drama that tracks the story of the 'foot soldiers' of the early feminist movement; women forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. Radicalised and turning to violence as their only route to change, they were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality. This is a great film.

Tickets at £6 available late December from Kate Good Pottery, High Street, Tisbury (closed on Monday) - **01747 870367**.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 Performance. Seating is limited in the Victoria Hall so we do ask you to purchase your tickets in advance. Any profit will be given to St John's Church Fabric Fund.

Bath without Tears!

We wanted to go to Bath, but baulked at the traffic and parking difficulties there.

So..., we drove to the Station in Warminster.

There we parked in the spacious, half-empty Station Car Park - **£1.90 all day after 10.00**.

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Patrick Middleton



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Recycle & Waste Collection

Christmas & New Year Waste & Recycling collections

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Friday 25 December and restart on Saturday 9 January:

in Chilmark this means there will be **NO Garden Waste collections** after Tuesday 22nd December and before Tuesday 19th January, and hence only **ONE** garden waste collection in January. See below for details. If you have paid to have your garden waste collected at home you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin on **Tuesday 19 January**. Alternatively Christmas trees can be recycled at any of Wiltshire's 11 household recycling centres.

Collections dates as below:

Tuesday 1 December

Household waste (grey bins)

Tuesday 8 December

Blue lid (plastic bottles, cardboard, greetings cards, non-foil wrapping paper, brown paper, shredded paper - loose)

Black Box (glass, newspapers, junk mail, tin cans, metal lids, foil)

Green Lid (garden waste, NOT household compost)

Tuesday 15 December

Household waste

Tuesday 22 December

Blue lid, Black box, Garden waste

Wednesday 30 December

Household waste

Wednesday 6 January

Blue lid

Black Box

NO Garden waste!

Tuesday 12 January

Household waste

Tuesday 19 January

Blue lid, Black box, Garden waste PLUS Christmas Trees

Tuesday 26 January

Household waste

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

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

Tisbus Christmas Outings

On Wednesday 2nd December, Tisbus will be whisking members off on a Christmas shopping trip to Clarks Village, Street, in Somerset. Members will be able to pick up some excellent bargains in this unique shopping village which houses many 'name brand' stores selling goods at a reduced rate. Whether it's a Christmas gift for a friend, family member or a treat for yourself, at Clarks Village you will be sure to find something to please. Pick-ups for this trip will start at 9am, returning at 2.30pm and will cost £7 (children £3.50).

Two weeks later, on Wednesday 16th December, Tisbus will be holding its members' annual Christmas dinner at The Barford Inn, Barford St Martin, a beautiful 16th century coaching inn that serves a superb array of delicious food at a reasonable cost with a warm and friendly welcome. A great chance to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, or something else just as fantastic from their menu, whilst enjoying the company of friends and other members, as well as some of the Tisbus trustees and drivers. Pick-ups will start at 11am, returning at 2.30pm. The cost of this trip is £5 (children £2.50) plus the cost of your meal (£13.50 + drinks).

Tisbus is a charity run by volunteers that provides transport to those living in and around the Tisbury area. It costs £5 for lifetime membership. We run regular shopping trips to Salisbury, Shaftesbury and Warminster on which you can travel free if you have a senior citizen bus pass; otherwise it's a very reasonable fare, with children travelling at half fare and carers travelling free. Collection and drop-off is door-to-door, so no standing in the cold or wet waiting for the bus; our drivers will even help you to the door with your shopping. If you would like to become a member and join us on our outings simply call our administrator on 07500 802525. Likewise, please call this number should you wish to become a volunteer driver or book a bus (with driver) for your own private event.



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TISBURY AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM



Bulletin for December

Autumn has well and truly set in now, and daylight hours are limited, so I wanted to warn you all to have your wits about you either when driving or walking in the area. Recently I was travelling between Hindon and Tisbury and only narrowly missed a young man walking in the dark (wearing all black and walking in the direction of the traffic) because my headlights caught his shiny shoes. Please remember to wear something light and bright and carry a torch when walking and, if driving, drive to the conditions of the road and be aware that people or animals may be around the next bend.

Speeding still seems to be the main concern with local residents and I have been required to visit several people on behalf of the Community Speedwatch Team to give out advice regarding their excess speed through our local villages. Please drive within the speed limits and remember that they are just that, a limit; the weather and conditions are set to get worse over the coming months and the leaves and mud currently on the ground are making our roads and lanes very slippery.

Incidents of note

There have been a few reports of males being seen in gardens around the whole of our area over the last week. Please report any suspicious activity and keep yourself and your property safe and secure. Let a trusted friend or neighbour know if you are going to be away so that they can keep an eye out and alert us if there seems to be anything amiss.

Tisbury Community Safety Partnership

Dr Andrew Murrison, MP for South West Wiltshire, is to attend the next meeting. The meeting will now be on Friday 4th December 2015 and NOT on Tuesday 8th December. The meeting will also start later than previously scheduled with refreshments to be available at 6pm for business to begin at 6.30pm.

Police Information Point (PIP)

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

Public consultations

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

Other means of contact include:

Landline or mobile: dial 101

Email: tisburynt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

For complete anonymity, ring

Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

In an **emergency**, of course, always dial **999**.

Outcomes of specific crimes

If you are interested in the outcome of a local crime, you may find it by visiting

<http://www.police.uk> and entering your postcode.

Tisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC Greg Fergusson 1208

PCSO Vicky Huntley 6126

Wiltshire Scam Alert

Wiltshire police are urging motorists to be alert to a scam which has been reported in recent weeks:

'If Indian males flag your car down and ask for money for petrol, maybe in exchange for rings, beware. They are con men and they offer rings for cash. Please call police if this happens to you.'

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