

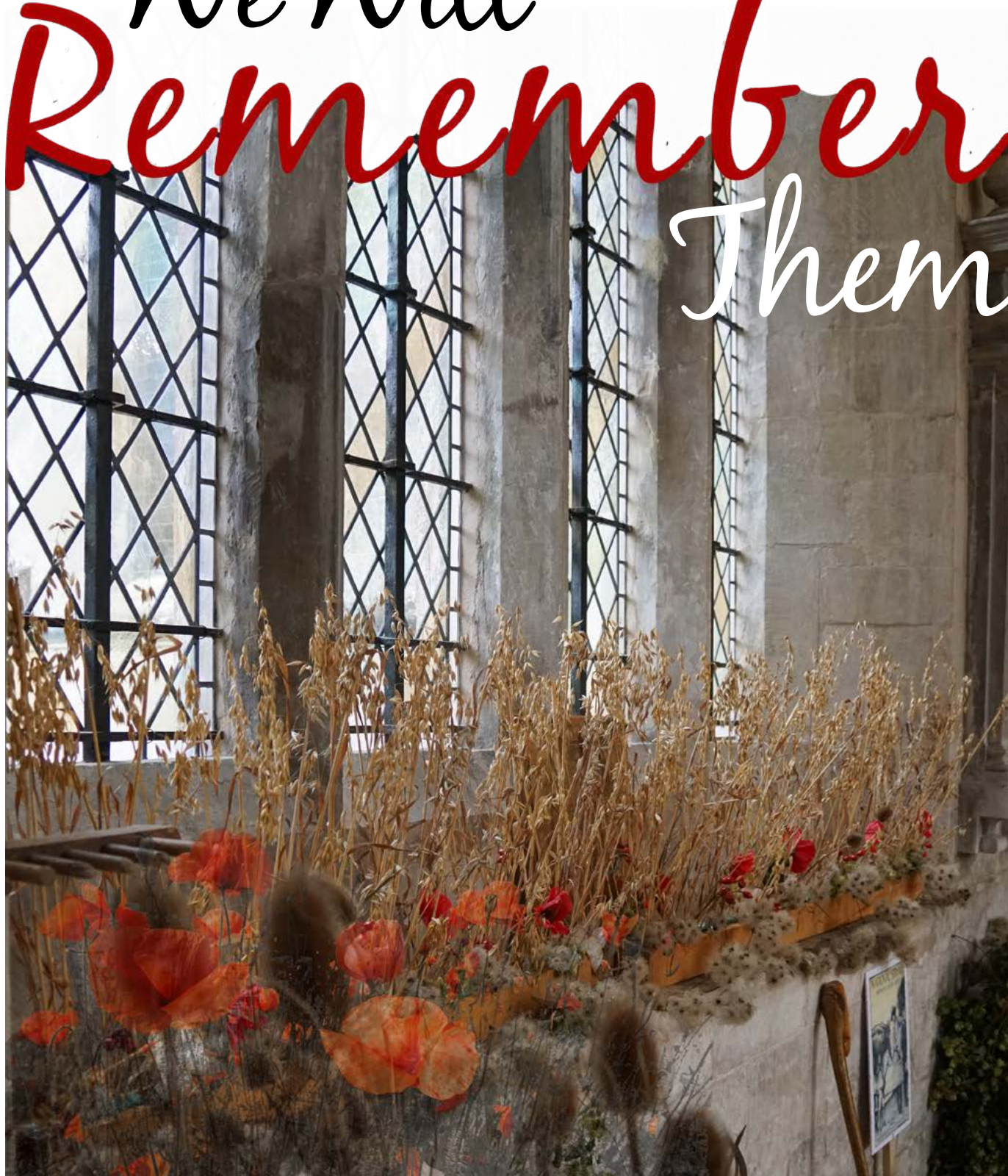
FOCUS

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ON THE COMMUNITY - What's On In Tisbury

NOVEMBER 2020

We Will Remember Them



WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER 2020 ISSUE OF FOCUS

‘Life goes on’ – so says Bullet Shelby (aka Brand King) winner of the Tisbury Writing Competition on p36. I have to agree, and not just because he made me smile! There are plenty of signs of life in this month’s Focus and lots to do. So what if things aren’t exactly as we had in mind? All we need is to change our minds about how we feel; let’s face it, most of us mastered this skill as toddlers!

There are some marvellous examples of doing things differently while spreading the joy (and not the germs) around. Well done to everyone involved in the MacMillan Coffee Morning (p10) and isn’t it brilliant that live theatre has returned to Tisbury (p35)? This is all thanks to careful planning and cooperation and, having got this experience under their belts, the team at the NewVic know just how to do it, and are offering more. To learn how to get your own community group or club on track to re-start safely, why not join the online workshop (p37)?

‘Online’ is a powerful word, it seems to trigger all sorts of emotional responses for those of us who grew up without it. Stealing from Liz Jones (who is generously making masks again for us, see p11) ‘maybe people realise we’re in for the long haul, so let’s embrace it’. Re-setting our minds in this way opens up a whole world of digital opportunities. You’ll find that news from the Cherubim Trust (p39) is all the more enjoyable when you can hear the music by simply clicking on the photograph in our online Focus (not something you can do in the print version!). ‘Celebrating age’ brings an absorbing story-telling performance, again just one click away, on p41. Or for artistic inspiration, how about checking out the wide range of experiences from ArtCare (p37)? If you’re feeling isolated as a carer, ‘a chance to talk with others who understand what you’re going through can really make a difference’ so perhaps join a virtual café and sign up for talk and support (p40). Just take care if romance develops and keep yourself safe (p43).

There’s no shortage of free online learning too, particularly useful for improving job prospects: the ‘skills toolkit’ offers various courses and building bridges provides project style training – see both on p38. For those under 25, there’s a chance to have a say at the Wiltshire Climate Alliance Youth Workshop (p26), would this interest someone you know? If my own teenagers are anything to go by, the more difficult task is to prise them away from devices and into the real world. Young Nature Watch is keen to find new teenage members (p25) – perhaps they might find them in the SK8park (p24)?

If your own skateboarding days are over, a wander down the High Street can lead to new conversations (p22 – I’m hoping others will speak with me for future issues, undeterred by my lilac mask and social distance!). Better yet, how about taking action, there is always something useful to be done. Link is looking for volunteer drivers (p14), can you help? Can you make a Christmas Donation (p10) or support the Royal British Legion (p11)? Would you consider fostering as a new career (p39)? An official letter of thanks to the TNR (p23) is a timely reminder (not that it’s needed) that we live in a remarkable and supportive community, we can rise to the occasion and do all sorts of things we’ve never done before. All it takes is a shift in mindset – life goes on, let’s enjoy it as best as we can!

Monica

Calendar details correct at time of printing but may have changed by the time you read them. Keep an eye on individual club websites and facebook pages for latest information and new plans.

Front Cover: St John’s Church, Tisbury, November 2018 - decorated in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. Photo and editing by Ros Russell.

WHAT’S ON IN NOVEMBER

Sun 1 st	11am	871311 or debcarter311@btinternet.com	Oysters Coppice Workday
Tue 3 rd	10-11.30am	Register on https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/	Online workshop - Re-starting community groups and activities safely
	7pm	Email tisburypc@gmail.com	Tisbury Parish Council Meeting
Fri 6 th		Outside Historic Building Advisory Service	Poppy Collection
Sat 7 th	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market
		Outside Historic Building Advisory Service	Poppy Collection
	7.30pm	Victoria Hall - www.newvictisbury.com	Music Evening
Sun 8 th	All day	War Memorial	Respects & wreath laying in Remembrance
Mon 9 th	9.30am	Call 871105 for details	Tisbury Footpath Maintenance Team
Tue 10 th	2.30-4.15pm	Victoria Hall, call 870813 to book	NewVic Afternoon Tea
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER LAST DAY FOR DECEMBER COPY			
Wed 11 th	11am	Wherever you may be	2 min silence in Remembrance
Thu 12 th	2-3pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire – Virtual Café
	6.30 - 8pm	http://www.wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk/recoveryplanworkshop12nov	Wiltshire Climate Alliance Under 25s Eco Workshop (via zoom)
Sat 14 th	9.30am	871598 or andydjameson@aol.com	Tisbury Footpath Club Walk
Sat 14 th or Sun 15 th	TBC	email youngtnhs@gmail.com	Young Nature Watch - Bird Ringing Demonstration
Wed 18 th	11am-12pm	Use details given for Thu 12 th	Carer Support Wiltshire (parent carers) – Virtual Café
Thu 19 th	10am-12pm	Register on https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/	Online Workshop - Loneliness Uncovered
	7.30pm	email treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com	Natural History Society Talk
Sat 21 st	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market
Sun 22 nd		St John's Church, Tisbury	Christmas Charity Donations
Thu 26 th	2-3pm	Use details given for Thu 12 th	Carer Support Wiltshire – Virtual Café
Sun 29 th		St John's Church, Tisbury	Christmas Charity Donations

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 th Dec	9.30am	jillps17@googlemail.com or 870361	Tisbury Footpath Club Walk
	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER LAST DAY FOR JANUARY COPY			
10 th Dec	2-3pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire – Virtual Café
16 th Dec	11am-12pm	Use details given for 10 th Dec	Carer Support Wiltshire (parent carers) – Virtual Café
19 th Dec	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market

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updated August 2019

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Sunday 9.00 am Mass (sung) and 6.30 pm Mass (said) 11.00am Mass (sung)
Weekdays For weekday Masses and Confessions see porch notices

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SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE NADDER VALLEY (dependent on restrictions being lifted)

Ansty	Monday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Fovant	Tuesday	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hindon	Tuesday	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion
Dinton	Thursday	8.00am	Holy Communion
Tisbury	Wednesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
	Friday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Albany House	Second Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion

NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE

Churchwardens can be contacted for help as follows

ANSTY , St James Mrs Lesley Simm – 01747 873068	BARFORD ST MARTIN AND BURCOMBE , St Martin vacant Contact Revd Elaine Brightwell - 01722 717883
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NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE – CHURCH SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2020										
Date	1 st November	8 th November	15 th November	22 nd November	29 th November					
SUNDAY	All Saints Day	3 rd before Advent <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	2 nd before Advent	Christ the King <i>Next before Advent</i>	Advent 1					
Southern Area										
ANSTY	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	1055 Remembrance	JA	1115 HC _{BCP}	GS	1115 FC	GS	—	
COMPTON	0930 PC _T	GS	1055 Remembrance	MG	1115 SoW	JA	—	—	—	
FOVANT	0800 HC _{O2T}	GS	1050 Remembrance (1200 at Village Hall)	GS	1800 E _{BCP}	GS	0930 PC	GS	—	
SUTTON	1800 E _{BCP} Patronal	GS	<i>At Fovant</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
SWALLOW- CLIFFE	1115 PC _T	GS	1055 Remembrance	LAY	0800 HC _{BCP}	GS	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	1115 PC _T Area Service	GS
Northern Area										
BARFORD	1115 FC Patronal	MG	<i>At Dinton</i>	—	0930 HC _{BCP}	CF	0930 PC	MG	—	
BAVERSTOCK	—	—	<i>At Dinton</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
CHILMARK	1115 PC _T	JN	1055 Remembrance	TF	1115 FC	TF	1115 MPr	JA	1600 A Service for Advent Area Service	EB / TF
DINTON	0930 HC _{O2C}	CF	1050 Remembrance	EB	0930 FC	TF	0930 M _{CW}	JA	—	
T. EVIAS	0930 FS	JN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
T. MAGNA	—	—	1050 Remembrance	JN	—	—	—	—	—	
Western Area										
CHICKLADE	—	—	1800 Remembrance	MH	—	—	—	—	—	
HINDON	0930 PC	MH	1050 Remembrance	MH	1800 E _{BCP}	JA	0930 PC	MH	—	
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP} Patronal	JMH	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	0930 M _{BCP}	JA	—	—	—	
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	1055 Remembrance	JMH	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	1115 M _{BCP}	MH	—	
TISBURY	0930 FS 1500 All Souls Commemoration	JMH JMH / MH	0930 PC with Remembrance Commemoration	JMH	0930 PC 1800 E _{BCP} Choral	JMH JMH	0800 HC _{BCP} 0930 PC	EB EB	1000 PC Area Service	JMH / MH

Focus Point

In September President Trump had a look to see for himself some of the fires on the West side of America, blaming them on poor forest management. Those on the scene and world scientists are rather more convinced that it is a result of climate change. Either way, a word commonly used, certainly by contemporary reporters, to describe such a scene as the fires presented is apocalyptic.

Until recently this word was mostly used of a particular kind of writing found in the Bible and in various non-biblical Jewish writings. Indeed, like other words with a religious derivation today, it is being used frequently to the point of losing much of its significance. Apocalypse comes from a Greek word meaning a revelation or unveiling. Thus, meaning a making known of something that was hidden. Writers of apocalyptic literature were primarily concerned to reveal things normally hidden, to unveil the future. For that reason, the last book in the Bible is called the Book of Revelation or the Apocalypse, that is to say, a book which purports to uncover what is hidden..... think 'four horsemen' and Armageddon. Such writings were most common between 200BC and 100AD, times when Israel was in great danger; the sort of times which prompt people to forecast the imminent arrival of even worse things.

In the Hebrew Bible it is found most easily in the Book of Daniel, written at the time of Israel being persecuted by Antiochus Epiphanes, when Israel needed reassurance. It pointed readers to the end of time when the evil emperor Antiochus would get his come-uppance. It coincided with the flattening of Jerusalem, the destruction of the Temple, and the mass deportation of the Jews. In the books of the Maccabees (in English Bibles often relegated to the Apocrypha) there are gruesome descriptions of individual suffering.

In the Christian era, in the Gospels the same ideas recur, pointing to 'the day of the Lord' when divine justice would be meted out. However, the most obvious place to find it is in that last book in the Bible, written at a time when all sorts of terrible things were being done to Christians, where the end of time is foretold, and the Lord will return accompanied by all sorts of signs - earthquakes, plague (think pandemic), fire (think California etc), mass slaughter and so on , usually referred to as the Second Coming - and we shall all be judged. Keep those in your mind and remember that Christians do look forward to the Lord's return, a final judgment, and a great sorting-out, when the faithful will be delivered from all the evils the world thrusts upon them.

It is not difficult to find modern-day fiction writers who milk such topics (Star Wars?). Anything that involves the end of the world, indeed of the universe and beyond, is hard to imagine but this sort of writing at least tries to evoke some sense of a horror beyond ordinary imagining. In the book of Revelation, especially chapters 8 and 9, each disaster is preceded by the blowing of a trumpet, thankfully not a word derived from the name of the gentleman mentioned in my opening sentence, though his presence may be a prelude to world wars and all sorts of alarming things; who can predict? They are however reference to the Beast.

Whatever happens, frightening or not, and whatever we discover the result of the American Presidential election to be, everything we know is finite. But we do have glimpses of the infinite, and among them is the knowledge that God is good, and that those who believe in God should try to be likewise.

Father Robert

WOULD YOU LIKE A PHONE CALL?

If anyone is lonely or anxious in the current situation and would like someone to talk to please call Rev Mark Hayter (01722 785176) or the Parish Administrator (01747 873142).

We are happy to try to arrange people who will call you on the phone regularly on behalf of St John's church.

FROM THE REGISTERS SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2020

We commend to God's love

23rd September Michael John Head
Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium

We congratulate in Marriage

3rd October Jessica Constance Cradock and John Howard Reed
St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury



TISBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30am
Monday Bible Study 2.30pm
(Both held at the church)

Zoom Church

Sunday Evening Worship 5.30pm for 6pm
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study 2pm for 2.15pm
Wednesday evening Bible Study 7.15pm for 7.30pm

You are welcome to join us – please contact Revd Denise Binks
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Each week Holy Mass times for Sacred Heart, Tisbury and All Saints', Wardour.

Sunday Tisbury 9.00 a.m and 6.30 p.m., Wardour 11.00 a.m.
Monday Tisbury 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday Wardour 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday Wardour 5.30 p.m.
Thursday No Mass.
Friday Tisbury 6.00 p.m.
Saturday Tisbury 9.30 a.m.



A booking system is in place for each day.

Please book your place with Father Robert by telephone or email, giving your contact details

Our weekly newsletter can be found at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/tisbury-parish>
There is also a newsletter in the Parish Room window

The Holy Father's November prayer intention – Artificial Intelligence: that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence will always serve mankind

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

A group of Pilgrims from the Sacred Heart in Tisbury and All Saints' Wardour went on pilgrimage to Walsingham in Norfolk in October, safe-distanced and masked at appropriate moments in accordance with COVID rules.



Walsingham is where in 1061 a noblewoman called Richeldis was inspired by an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Our Lord, to build a replica of the Holy House in which occurred the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary. For centuries it was the most important Marian Shrine in Europe, with pilgrims coming through the port of Bishop's Lynn (now King's Lynn), as well as from all over Britain. All the Kings of England from Henry III to Henry VIII went there before their Coronation, removed their shoes and walked the last mile to the Shrine to show their humility before God.

Pilgrimage was restored almost 100 years ago when the Anglican Shrine, and then the Catholic Shrine were built, and an Orthodox church also now exists in this small medieval village as well as a Methodist church and the ruins of a large Medieval Friary. Pilgrims still come in their coaches from every corner of England to visit this most important historical place.

The Slipper Chapel

One of the pilgrims, local artist Gerald Blundell, encapsulated the ruin for us in this lovely painting

The pilgrimage was led by Father Michael Rear, once Keeper of the Anglican Shrine and then Parish Priest of the RC Church in Walsingham village, who has written the definitive book on the history of the Shrine. Our pilgrims were fortunate to be guided by him around the Anglican Shrine and the even larger ruins of the Augustinian Priory and listen to an inspirational and moving talk by him. After a night at the Pilgrims' hostel, they walked the Pilgrim Mile to the RC Shrine to visit the medieval Slipper Chapel, where they presented the petitions, from members of the parish who were not able to go, to Our Lady of Walsingham. They then attended the mid-day Pilgrims' Mass at the church in the grounds that received permission from Pope Francis to be raised to the status of a Minor Basilica because of its Historical importance. Another small pilgrimage is envisaged for April 2020.



Veronica Hodges

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATION

At Christmas many of us like to give something to those who are in need. Instead of bringing a present to church at Christmas, can you help us support two local charities? Last year your generosity was so gratefully received. This year, it is needed more than ever.

The Trussell Trust provides food boxes for those in need. The Refuge provides safety for families who have had to flee from abuse.

With Covid restrictions in mind, collecting bags or boxes will be available in the parish churches of the Nadder Valley for November 22nd and 29th. Alternatively, please contact the Revd Jo Naish on revdjoannanaish@gmail.com to arrange for collection of goods and tokens.

Thank you so much for your help.

Jo Naish

<p>For the Trussell Trust we ask for:</p> <p>Christmas crackers Christmas pudding Cranberry sauce Boxes of Chocolates Tinned food Biscuits</p> <p>All gifts must have a best before date for Jan 2021 or later.</p>	<p>For The Refuge we ask for donations of:</p> <p>Supermarket tokens from Tesco or Sainsbury's</p> <p>Many who flee come with very few personal possessions, so they would be very grateful for Tesco or Sainsbury supermarket tokens, however small in value.</p> <p>At present, the refuge cannot accept any goods because of the risk of infection and lack of storage space.</p> <p>In giving a token for a supermarket from Tesco or Sainsbury you can give choice to a parent, perhaps for the first time in years, for them to choose a present or provide necessary clothing for their child.</p>
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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A **Big Thank You** to everyone who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the NewVic@Tisbury on September 25th.

With restricted tables to ensure we had a safe distance for everyone, we seated 26 people in their social bubbles of two to six people. For many it was the first time they had ventured out and the organisers felt a huge responsibility to ensure it was a safe venue.



It was also the hall's first opportunity to use the tea sets that were so generously donated last year. It was an absolute joy to drink a cup of tea from a proper china tea cup with a healthy (!) slice of delicious cake, listening to a happy chatter.

Together with a raffle and donations from those who felt unable to attend our total raised was an outstanding

£421

Marion Blower



THE POPPY APPEAL & THE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

COVID control regulations mean that the normal door-to-door collections will not be taking place this year. However, a suitably socially distanced High Street collection will take place on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October and Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November. This will be based in front of the Historic Building Advisory Service who have kindly allowed the appeal to use their office on both Saturdays.

The Royal British Legion is also suggesting that people may wish to support the appeal by purchasing wreaths, which will be available, and can then be laid at the war memorial. Wreaths cost £20 and can be ordered through the appeal co-ordinator, Louise Downton, on 01747 870400 or e-mail poppylass@btinternet.com

The RBL has also suggested that people may wish to support the appeal by undertaking a 5 km sponsored run (it is a lovely time of year to dart through the autumnal colours). Anyone willing to do this should also contact Louise.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

The latest rules limiting gatherings to a maximum 6 people or fewer means that the usual three o'clock wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial cannot take place in its traditional format on Sunday 8th November. Instead, a short dedication will take place at 1100. Individuals or groups, at all times observing the rule of six and social distancing, may wish to lay their wreaths and pay their respects to the fallen around that time or come down to the memorial at a time that best suits them during the day on Sunday 8th November or, indeed, on Wednesday 11th November when a silence will be observed at the memorial at 1100.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Tisbury Christian Council has decided with regret that we cannot hold a village Remembrance service this year, as none of the churches is large enough to accommodate everyone in a socially distanced manner. St John's 9.30am service will be a Remembrance service; we can fit some extra people in, but you may be seated in an area with a restricted view. Two minutes' silence will be observed at the start of all three Roman Catholic Masses in the area. There will also be a service at the Methodist church.

MASK STOCKING FILLERS – WHY NOT?

Well it doesn't seem that long ago that I packed my sewing machine away and sadly it's back in use again. I'm now making masks again, independently of Tisbury Miracle Makers as we have achieved our goals for the Stars Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital.

I have lots of Christmas materials, also florals and plain colours and, believe it or not, they are selling fast. I now realise that the mask becomes a necessity when we venture out, along with the phone and car keys! It has now also become a fashion statement. Maybe people realise we're in for the long haul, so let's embrace it.

Anyway, same price, but this time all profits are going to Albany House and Tisbury Pre-school. My thinking behind this is that the young and the elderly are so much affected by COVID and I feel they need some treats! So £5, plus 90p postage and packing if needed.

I'm on 870705 or elizabeth.jones18@btopenworld.com or Facebook.

Stay safe and keep masking

Elizabeth Jones



A MONTH TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

I think that Remembrance, this November, might well spread a wider net to include not only those fallen in war but many loved ones lost through the pandemic. So, two war-related epitaphs and two more general reflections of loss.

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn*

*At the going down of the sun and in the
morning,
We will remember them.*

*Though they sink through the sea they shall
rise again;*

*Though lovers be lost love shall not;
And death shall have no dominion.*

When you walk through fields of green,

Remember us,

And what we might have been.

I hold it true, whate'er befall;

I feel it, when I sorrow most;

'Tis better to have loved and lost

Than never to have loved at all.

Away from the bonfires of the 5th and the poppies of the 11th, the 10th of November marks the 60th anniversary of the completion of the trial of Lady Chatterley's Lover, on which day 200,000 copies sold before lunchtime. Sadly, more than that number died fifty years ago when an enormous typhoon swept over Bangladesh, while eighty years ago Coventry was flattened by a German bombing raid.

November is Vegan Month with the 5th being National Men cook the Dinner Day, the 17th being Homemade Bread Day, the 18th, National Cider day (presumably to wash away the taste of the homemade bread). But the month starts with national Cook your Pet Day - sorry that should read National Cook FOR your Pet Day

David Childs

TISBUS WELCOMES NEW DRIVER

TISBUS, the Tisbury and district community minibus service, is thrilled to welcome Ros Russell, also the Publisher of Focus magazine and wearer of various other helpful hats in the community, as its newest volunteer minibus driver.

Ros works as a business mentor, largely with early stage companies, through website design and strategic/market development. In her spare time she is very creative, painting scenery for TAG, exhibiting in the Wylde Arts Trail, with graphic design and sells cards in the local post office. She is also trying to build a support structure for local artists and has developed the Art in The Corridor exhibition space in the Victoria Hall.

Ros has already completed four shopping runs and has enjoyed getting to know (through a muffled face mask) TISBUS members. Ros says: 'I am happy to be able to help TISBUS with its important work, giving members and others in the Tisbury area a vital lifeline to the outside world.'

Gordon Sorensen

TISBUS



GRANTS FOR GROUPS – WESSEX WATER RECOVERY FUND

Wiltshire Community Foundation is delighted to be working in partnership with Quartet, Somerset and Dorset Community Foundations to deliver the Wessex Water Recovery Fund across the South West region. For this year only, as a response to the challenges faced by local communities, Wessex Water Foundation are providing grants that will support local projects strengthening our communities following the coronavirus outbreak.

This fund will seek to support a wide range of local projects across our area. Priority will be given to those that are working to:

- support people in financially difficult circumstances
- help build stronger communities
- support the green recovery with new initiatives
- restoring and protecting nature and wildlife for community health and wellbeing

We particularly welcome applications from BAME groups. Grants are up to £2,500.

For further details and application go to <https://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/wessexwaterrecoveryfund>

Closing date for applications: 4th December, 2020.

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TIZ THE SEASON UPDATE

Tisbury Business Association very much regrets to confirm that this year's Tiz the Season event has been cancelled. The rise in the number of Coronavirus cases and latest restrictions brought in by the Government have forced us to reconsider going ahead.

Please note that TtS will be back for 2021, even bigger and better!



Saturday Night at **New Vic @ Tisbury**

7th November
Start: 7.30pm (arrive 7.20pm)

The NewVic Tisbury invite you to come and enjoy the first of our new monthly events "Saturday Night at the NewVic".

A night of live music featuring three (and a bit) local groups who will each play a 30 minute set. There will be a short 5 minute comfort break between each act.

We do not have a bar but you are invited to bring your own drinks and snacks, we do respectfully ask that you take your rubbish away with you afterwards.

Cable Street
Hummingbird
Dan and Gary

(AKA The Professor and Mr Jackson)

Tickets: in advance only at
www.newvictisbury.co.uk/events

For Covid-19 safety protocols visit www.newvictisbury.co.uk or contact 0300 302 3090

MEMOIRS OF A TISBURY LINK VOLUNTEER DRIVER

Having reluctantly given up as a volunteer driver for the Tisbury Link Scheme, and knowing that the Scheme is always looking for new recruits, I hope a few words from me might encourage at least one new volunteer to come forward. You will meet all sorts of fascinating people: Admirals, Ambassadors, Actors who have retired to this wonderful area; people who have lived most of their lives in one of our lovely villages, and who can tell you stories of local families, scandals, buildings, successful businesses and failed enterprises; 101 years old veterans of World War 2, and younger ones of the post-war services and of every occupation imaginable from artist to zoologist.

If you are fairly new to the area you will learn to negotiate the lost lanes of the Donheads, the short cuts to avoid the local slow-traffic places and the best way to preserve your tyres from Wiltshire's potholes. It is very rewarding to know, when you take a client to hospital, the surgery, the dentist or even to visit a relative in a care home or hospital, that he or she no longer has all the worry of getting there safely and in time. You will also find that sometimes your time with them in the car is the only company they have that day or even for several days.

At the present time, of course, there have to be protocols in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19, but they are common-sense and not onerous, and for all drives you can claim your car expenses at the Civil Service rate which covers all costs and not just fuel. You can do just as many drives as suits you, from several times a week to perhaps just once a month. Do get in touch with Tisbury Link; (07484 284 670 or email tisburylink@gmail.com) you will find the organisers are all very friendly and helpful and, in my experience, you will not regret it.

Richard Lee

NADDER COMMUNITY ENERGY

We held our AGM in September on Zoom, due to the worries over Covid. This was recorded and can be viewed via our website at <https://www.nadderce.org.uk>. There are also links to presentations, reports and accounts on the website. We have had a freelance film-maker filming interviews with members of our team and other footage that we hope to put on our website shortly. In the meantime, a montage of drone shots of our biggest solar site at Nectar Imports is already on our website for you to view – and is actually rather beautiful.

2020 has been an excellent summer for our solar panels and this should combat the negative effects of Covid on renewable electricity use at our sites, which was lower when workplaces and schools were closed during lockdown. We are optimistic about our new projects, the Tisbury Electric Car Club and the Renewable Heating for Schools, which we are working hard on. Further news on these to follow in subsequent issues of Focus.

The Government's Green Homes Grant Scheme is now open for applications. If you're a homeowner or residential landlord you can apply for a GHG voucher towards the cost of installing energy efficient improvements to your home, including proper home insulation and low-carbon heating such as a heat pump. The vouchers will cover two-thirds of the cost of eligible improvements up to a maximum of £5,000 (or £10,000 for households receiving certain benefits).

You'll have to hurry though – works must be completed and vouchers redeemed by 31 March 2021. Details at www.gov.uk

Do get in touch regarding any of the above via admin@nadderce.co.uk.

S Reed and A Maryon-Davis



TISBURY COUNTRY MARKET

Visit us on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month at the Victoria Hall, between 10 to 11am – so 7th and 21st November.

We will have Large Black pork & Dexter beef from Hardings Farm & on the 3rd Saturday organic Red Poll beef from Cools Farm. Eggs, plants, limited vegetables plus baking and preserves, original designed cards, pottery, wood crafts plus children's clothing and imaginatively designed aprons.

Customers are encouraged to use our contactless card reader for payment however, cash will still be accepted.

If you can't see what you would like, please ask. Whilst we try to cater for everyone, we would welcome suggestions of what you would like to see at the market.

Orders for produce to be collected at the Country Market in November should be telephoned to Margaret Andrews 870789 (answerphone) or Dawn Wilton 07720 345950, at the latest on the Wednesday before the market takes place.

Dare we mention Christmas? Orders are being taken, especially for Christmas Puddings.


We are always looking for new members.

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A PRIME MINISTER IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Sidney Herbert 1810 - 1861

The title Lord Pembroke was created in 1551, in the reign of Edward VI. One of our local metal detectorists found a silver hammered coin of his reign in our home paddock last month.

The current Lord Pembroke and Montgomery is the 18th Earl. His seat, like all his predecessors, is Wilton House. He also owns the Wilton estate. His lands, spread over 30 parishes, had belonged to the abbess and nuns of Wilton Abbey until the dissolution of the monasteries.

When the 11th Earl died in 1827 the title passed to his son Robert who lived from 1791 to 1862. Robert decided that he would rather live in Paris than in Wilton. Apart from other considerations, he thought that the girls were prettier. He made the point by eventually siring at least seven children out of wedlock. Some of them were given the surname Montgomery. He provided for each of them generously in his will.

He had a younger half-brother Sidney, born in 1810 and known by the family surname, then, as now, Herbert. George Herbert, 1593-1633 poet and vicar of Bemerton was an earlier cousin. Sidney lived at Wilton and ran the estate as his own with the 12th Earl's enthusiastic encouragement.

He was member of parliament for South Wiltshire for many years, one of two men who shared the division, the other being another local landowner. In those days both Salisbury and Wilton returned their own members. South Wilts had a mainly agricultural electorate, but few men qualified to vote due to the test on their financial status. Many were his tenants.

Sidney became a very important politician in London. Among other ministerial posts he was famously Secretary of State for war during the Crimean conflict in 1857. He is well known for assisting Florence Nightingale's nursing efforts in Turkey and, perhaps more importantly, working with her for the improvements in the life of the common soldier afterwards.

He also had a large influence on the lives of his constituents in South Wilts. A keen Christian, he built the Italianate church in Wilton in honour of his Russian mother. He paid for building work in many local churches including Swallowcliffe, where the East window is dedicated to him.

He wanted children to have religious education at an early age. He saw the provision of universal primary education as a vital extension of the evangelizing task of the clergy. He created many local church schools persuading parliament to start to finance them: a first, he was a national pioneer in doing so. Similarly Rev William Barnes of Mere and Dorchester said that schools are to be "the handmaid of the church". Sidney also had pairs of splendid workers' cottages built in villages on his estate. They are often called Pembroke Cottages. A pair is on the left on the A30 just beyond the Barford filling station.

Sadly, Sidney Herbert died at the early age of 51. If he had lived longer, he could have certainly risen to even greater political heights. He was tipped to be a future PM. His last words were "I tried to do my best". His local statue which once took pride of place in the Market Place in Salisbury has been relegated to the Victoria Park off Castle Road. In London his statue is close to that of Florence Nightingale in Waterloo Place.

His half-brother Robert died in Paris the next year and Sidney's son George became the 13th Earl. He too died young, at the age of 44.

Martin Shallcross

PS There is another link with Florence Nightingale. Russ Foster, history teacher at Embley school near Romsey FN's family house, has just published through our local Hobnob press "Sidney Herbert, too short a life" - I recommend it.

TISBURY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

In November butterflies are thin on the ground, with just the chance of seeing some when the temperatures rise enough and the sun makes an appearance. You may see the odd red admiral, small tortoiseshell or peacock in your gardens and some years other species have been seen flying on the down (in Crockerton Coombe, near Alvediston): meadow browns and small coppers; this, combined with the beautiful summery aroma of the herbs, made the winter of 2011 seem that much shorter.

Looking back on this year's butterflies, Andrew Graham writes 'There are around 60 species of butterflies regularly found in the UK and, with practice and a good eye, they are relatively easy to identify. Their abundance can be used as a gauge for the population health of other, less easily identified, insect species. Part of this is the annual Big Butterfly Count, a popular way to contribute to our knowledge of how many butterflies are around each summer.

Unfortunately, the number of butterflies recorded this year was down by 34% in 2019 and the lowest for 11 years. This fall may be due to several factors. One is that many species emerged earlier than usual during the warm spring so the count might have only caught the end of many species flight periods. This is just one year, so we need to look at trends over longer periods. To get a clearer picture, scientists will use these results alongside other data. Across the country, more than 3000 locations are regularly monitored with timed area counts or transect walks. On a transect walk, a recorder slowly walks along the same fixed route once a week, during the right weather conditions, noting the number of each species of butterfly that comes within an imaginary 5m square box around them. David Rear started such a transect in the Tuckingmill area in 2015, and some of us continue his work. The records show that 27 species have been seen at one time or another on the transect, that different species do better in some years than others, and that a small number of species only crop up once or twice. For example, last year painted ladies visited the UK in huge numbers and 56 were seen on the transect but were completely absent this year, reflecting the national picture. This likely happens when a species has a particularly good year in their

favoured habitat and spreads out looking for new breeding locations and this is good news for anyone trying to create a wildflower meadow: with time, the butterflies will find it.'

We are optimistic that we can carry on with our winter programme, complying with Covid-19

government regulations: numbers will be limited and advance booking essential. Our November meeting will be at the Hinton Hall on Thursday the 19th at 7.30 pm. Our speaker will be Peter Thompson, formerly of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, speaking about farming and wildlife. Contact Dick Budden (treasurer. tisnathist@gmail.com) for bookings. On our Young Nature Watch branch, we will be having a bird-ringing demonstration on the 14 or 15 of November (weather dependant) for more info and bookings, email youngtnhs@gmail.com.

Visit our website <https://www.tisburynaturalhistory.com>, FB <https://www.facebook.com/tisnathist> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/youngnaturewatchwilts> for more information. We have monthly talks from Autumn to Spring and walks during the Spring and Summer and a new branch for young naturalists with diverse activities (priority will be given to young people under 21 years old). We always welcome new guests and members to join. The price for attending an event is £2 for guests (free for members) and membership for the year is just £10 (free for young people!). You can become a member by contacting Dick Budden at treasurer. tisnathist@gmail.com.

Peter Shallcross
Chair

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TISBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Committee has taken the decision not to hold meetings until we can safely meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month in the Hinton Hall.

We do hope that everyone is keeping well. We will continue to be in contact with our members and with the community through Focus to let you know what we plan.

Covid Project

The Tisbury History Society is considering a small project to capture the memories of changes brought about by the COVID Pandemic. This is not out of morbid curiosity but rather a wish to ensure that the changes wrought in Tisbury by our response to the pandemic are correctly recorded and that due tribute is paid to those who have helped us through this difficult time and to those who are no longer with us as a consequence of the illness. We also realise that this is not over yet.

There is a common perception that life will not be the same after the pandemic and that a new normal will emerge in due course. We hope to chart our progress toward that new normal so that we learn whatever lessons about sensible behaviour can help us in future such events. We also need help in identifying those who have contributed to our successful journey through this crisis so that we can capture what they did and how they decided to throw their talents behind the fight to overcome this challenge.

So, using the contact information below, please will you let us know whether you would be able to contribute of your own experience with one of our project team. Please also tell us whether there are people we should try and engage with because of their particular contribution to Tisbury's welfare during this time. Please also let us know if you have any other thoughts or ideas as to how we capture this important part of Tisbury history.

Thank you in anticipation.

Contact

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Tim Battle tim.battle16@gmail.com 870959
Judith Hassey juderoguk@btinternet.com 871105



From the Tisbury History Society Archives

A photograph of the Tisbury post office staff and postmen probably pre 1910. Does anyone know?



Back Row H. Jennings, M. Ward, Mr Thorn, W. Burt, H. Fowler

Centre Row Mrs Thorn, W Fryer, Miss Thorn, Cappy Mould, Miss Alford

Front Row Fowle, Reg Wilkins, Targett

If anyone has any comments, please email to tisburyhistoryarchive@gmail.com

If you would like further information on the Society, please contact our Secretary, Judith Hassey, on 871105 or juderoguk@btinternet.com.



TAG

After the success of the NewVic opening festival, TAG has further plans for events during the autumn/winter months. We are open for ideas/scripts preferably with a Christmas feel but others may be considered for later shows in January. Each event should be around 45 mins and limited to a maximum of 6 people. Social distancing must be observed unless the group are already a social bubble.

Events can be in any format, music (but not loud), sketches, radio style, dancing etc etc. Each event is run by it's own director.

Dates will be announced in the December Focus and online.

TAG Chair Dave Milas

tisburyartsgroup@gmail.com or 01747 871 711
www.tisburyartsgroup.com

Nonconformist Chapels - An appeal for information

James Holden is hoping that residents of Tisbury might be able to help in his research into nonconformist chapels in Wiltshire. Here is his message.

My book on this subject is due to be published by the Wiltshire Buildings Record next year and will be intended to provide a record of all the county's nonconformist chapels. It will concentrate mostly on the buildings themselves, including those since converted to other uses, but it will also include the outlines of each chapel's history and a note of demolished chapels.

The book needs to be as comprehensive and authoritative as possible and, though I aim to be as thorough in my research as I can be, there is no substitute for local knowledge. The sorts of local information which could be invaluable include, for example, the date when a chapel was altered or closed, the date a more recent chapel was built, or the presence of a former chapel converted to a house which I had not picked up from other sources. More historical information stretching back to the foundation of chapels will also be useful: there are plenty of written sources which I have consulted but often some information falls through the cracks between the various records.

It is for this reason that I am writing, in the hope that there may be a member or members of your society who have this sort of local information and may be willing to share it with me, either to corroborate what I know already or to add to my knowledge. If you were able to share this request with society members and encourage anyone who might be able to help to contact me by email at vjholden@gmail.com I should be most grateful.

Thanks in anticipation for your help.

With best wishes

James Holden



UPDATE ON MOVIOLA AND TISBURY COMMUNITY CHOIR

Unfortunately respecting the restrictions generated by COVID 19 means that both these activities have been postponed and will be reviewed with a possible restart in January. We have taken the view of "safety first" which in light of current developments is the responsible approach.

Roger Hooper



TISBURY FLOWER GROUP

The meeting tentatively planned for the 24th has been cancelled, due to rule of six. Further updates will be in Focus, whenever we have news.

Take care everyone.

Cindy Ritson



TISBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society continues to suspend communal activities for the time being, although this is under regular review. The committee under the 'Rule of Six' has met several times and continues to plan for 2021. We are relieved to see that we'll be able to use The Methodist Hall as our usual venue for evening meetings. No doubt we'll have to limit numbers to 30 and this will mean that members will need to let us know if they plan to attend, but more of that next year.

This month, we are looking ahead to spring. We'll soon be announcing to our members the availability of daffodil bulbs for our growing competition, which we hope will be a feature of our 2021 Spring Flower Show. This year we have chosen a variety with a smaller, more refined appearance, as a change from the usual big showy yellow trumpets we have grown in the past.

Also, we continue to encourage young people to get involved in the joys of growing. We are donating miniature daffodil bulbs to St John's School, for the children to hold their own growing competition. Green shoots [of bulbs and of recovery] in 2021 will be eagerly awaited! This has been a popular event for the past few years and long may it continue.

<http://www.tisburyhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>

FONTHILL PARK CRICKET CLUB

Our last game of the year took place on Saturday 19 September when twenty-two members turned out for an in-house match to finish off the season. These included quite a few juniors, playing alongside their dads, and it was actually two of the juniors who turned in the star performances.

Andy Knight's team batted first and clocked 172 off their 30 overs against a largely spin attack, youngster Charlie Prior accounting for four of the wickets in a devastating spell of leg-spin bowling. Simon Prior's men and boys responded with a slow but steady flow of runs but also loss of wickets, leaving a lot of work still to be done with only a few overs remaining and fewer wickets. Sixteen year old Ferdie Spicer took charge and with a mature head coupled with great timing, he and James Parton - returning to cricket after injury - hit a remarkable 44 off 14 balls to win the game in spectacular fashion with one ball left, Ferdie finishing on 69 not out. Over 340 runs, a nail-biting finish, everyone batted, most people bowled and the game was played in good spirit.

At the interval, Dave Roberts was awarded with "The Bat" by Chairman Eric Tracey. This is a special award, made "periodically to Club members who have consistently delivered outstanding service to the Club over many years". It is a cricket bat carved on one side by John Bracewell, former Black Caps Test player and later coach, and signed by Alastair Cook and Brendan McCullum while they were captains of England and New Zealand respectively. All of Dave's valuable work, both on the field as wicket-keeper, batsman and bowler and off, managing the bar, maintaining the ground, designing and constructing the new access ramp, mentoring players and many other unsung contributions were enthusiastically applauded by the socially distanced gathering.

The following day a dozen or so stalwarts turned out to put the ground to bed for the winter, dismantling covers, sightscreens and nets in just over an hour. Work also began on removing the artificial strip, by peeling away the matting and underlay in readiness for removal. Over the course

of the next week the matting and base were removed, before covering the strip with topsoil and reseeding. Some of the matting was also used to repair the worn surface in the practice net. Big thanks are due to Jonnie Power for doing most of the work and also



to Philip Sidford for the kind loan of machinery and Martin Shallcross for several tonnes of soil. As part of an ongoing project to improve our pitches, the square was also scarified, reseeded and top dressed with loam, just in time to benefit from the rainy conditions that followed. As a result the seed has germinated encouragingly.



As mentioned in the October Focus, the Club is again pleased to be able to make substantial donations to charity this year, mainly thanks to the generosity of players and supporters at The Boot Charity match in August. £535 was donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, £420 to Seeds4Success and another £100 to CLEVAH.

We are hoping that indoor nets will be possible next February and March at the Nadder Centre, coronavirus permitting, and to be able to play a full season next year. New members are always welcome, whatever their age, ability or experience. For further information about fixtures and contacts, please visit the website: <https://www.fonthillparkcricketclub.co.uk/>, and get in touch.

Mark Mikurenda,
Club Secretary

OYSTERS COPPICE

I write this on the day we are supposed to be in the wood, but our October workday has been cancelled due to the continuous rain, so the next workday session will be on **Sunday 1st November 2020**.

We hope to get there beforehand in order to prepare the area for coppicing, by marking the area to be coppiced and the trees to be saved.

We also have the tree overhanging the farmer's field to clear, drains to make on the path and steps to repair, so there will be plenty to do in November and December.

At present, COVID rules only allow us groups of six, which have to be kept separate, so no barbecue or 'mingling' which makes it difficult for large numbers of volunteers as we have to have a leader/first aider in each group. Of course, by November it may have all changed so watch this space or contact us.....

For more information and up to date rules phone Debbie or Andrew on 01747 871311 or email debcarter311@btinternet.com



TISBURY GENTLEMEN'S BREAKFAST

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

It grieves me to have to be the bearer of bad news, but the result of the straw poll taken in early October has convinced us that a majority of members would prefer to postpone our Breakfasts until this wretched COVID-thing has run its course. Members will already know that we could not meet in October, and we are now postponing further Breakfasts at least until the New Year. Thus we hope to re-start our season on Sat 30 January 2021, and continue on 27 February, 27 Mar and 24 Apr.

All of this remains dependent on the rules, regulations, edicts, orders, decrees pronouncements, commands, and protocols as interpreted from the current 'science'. Please let me know if you understand clearly what's going on! Until further notice then, we wish you all good health - and patience.

Best wishes from Gaffer David L and Unter-Gaffer Jeremy S.

TISBURY FOOTPATH CLUB

Our October weekend walk was very local and starting from Tisbury we walked via Totterdale, Castle Ditches and Sutton Row on a circular route back to Tisbury. We are so fortunate to have such beautiful countryside all around us.



We have walks planned for November and December and details of these are below. We walk in groups of six and it is necessary to book a place on these walks in advance.

Saturday 14 November - White Sheet Hill and Berwick St John – This is a circular walk starting from the Drove at Crockerton Firs on the road to Alvediston GR: ST964250. The longer walk is 6 miles and the shorter route is about 4 miles. Again we shall walk in groups of six starting at ten minute intervals around 9.30am. The walk organiser is Andy Jameson who is taking bookings to reserve places. Either email andydjameson@aol.com or telephone 871598.

Saturday 5 December – East Knoyle – A 5.5 mile circular walk starting from the village hall car park, adjacent to the church in East Knoyle. GR: ST880305. This walk goes via Ruddlemoor Farm, Cools Farm and Upper Leigh Farm. We will be walking in groups of six starting at ten minute intervals around 9.30am. The walk organiser is Jill Sutton who is taking bookings to reserve places. Either email jillps17@googlemail.com or telephone 870361.

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

The maintenance of our local footpaths by our volunteers continues and in October we cut back overgrown sections of vegetation on TISB55 which runs from the bottom of Jobbers Lane to Spilsbury Cottage. We also had a team further afield near Summerlease Farm clearing two paths EKNO28 & 29 which feature in our Nadder Valley walk books.

Our next footpath clearing and maintenance session is on the morning of Monday 9th November, meeting at 9.30am. We welcome volunteers, whether occasional or more regular who want to get involved. If you would like to join us in November, then please contact Roger Walker on 871105 who will let you have details of our plans for this session. You do not have to be a member of the Footpath Club to join in.

HIGH STREET CONVERSATIONS

On Tisbury High Street, down by the Fish and Chip Shop, you may have noticed a new food shop 'Provenance'. Overcome with curiosity, the Editor popped in for a quick conversation....

Can you say a little bit about yourselves, for Focus readers?

We are three friends from Ebbesbourne Wake – Sam Rosen-Nash and her neighbours James and Anna Hayward. We've lived in the village for 6 years and are all big fans of Tisbury High Street and shop here all the time. We opened Provenance on 16th September.

What brought you to Tisbury Hight Street?

The idea came about one evening in the summer, when our work opportunities disappeared due to Covid. We have a collective love of great food, hospitality and our surrounding countryside, and decided to create Provenance to encapsulate all three, whilst supporting local farmers and producers in this extremely uncertain time.

Sam worked at Fortnum and Mason for 15 years, Anna has spent 20 years as sales director for luxury hotels, including Dorchester Collection, and James is ex-Army turned Brand Director. We planned and opened Provenance in just 8 weeks!

What would you like readers to know?

Our aim is to create a friendly shop, focusing on healthy, feel good food, mainly to take away although we have a couple of tables for eating in. We make our own range of pantry goods over in our farm kitchen in Ebbesbourne - and are about to start brewing our own kombucha!

We are passionate about partnering with local businesses; our beef is Ruby Red Devon from Tom Hooper in Ebbesbourne Wake, lamb is from the Dinleys in Alvediston, we get some of our fruit from the Ansty Farm Shop, our watercress comes from Broad Chalke and the cavolo nero in our Kimchi is from Strang Manor Farm in Sutton Mandeville.

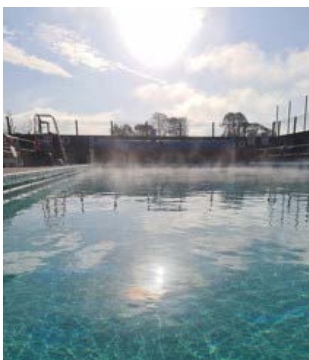
Anything else?

We would like to thank everyone in Tisbury for the warm welcome, and your support in our first few weeks. Everyone has been so lovely and we couldn't be happier in our new home on the High Street!



'L-R Anna, Sam and James'

TISBURY SWIMMING POOL OPENED FOR AN EXTRA MONTH IN OCTOBER.



It has been absolutely inspiring to work alongside Evonna and Steff at Tisbury Swimming Pool over the last couple of weeks to help them ensure swimmers could have an extra month of pool time in October.

The local support for this amazing community facility is great to see. Funding was needed to make this happen, and this has largely been achieved through local means. Wiltshire Council – including the Area Board, Tisbury Parish Council, and the Alice Coombes Trust have each pledged funding, but the generosity of club members and the good people of Tisbury also made the October opening possible.

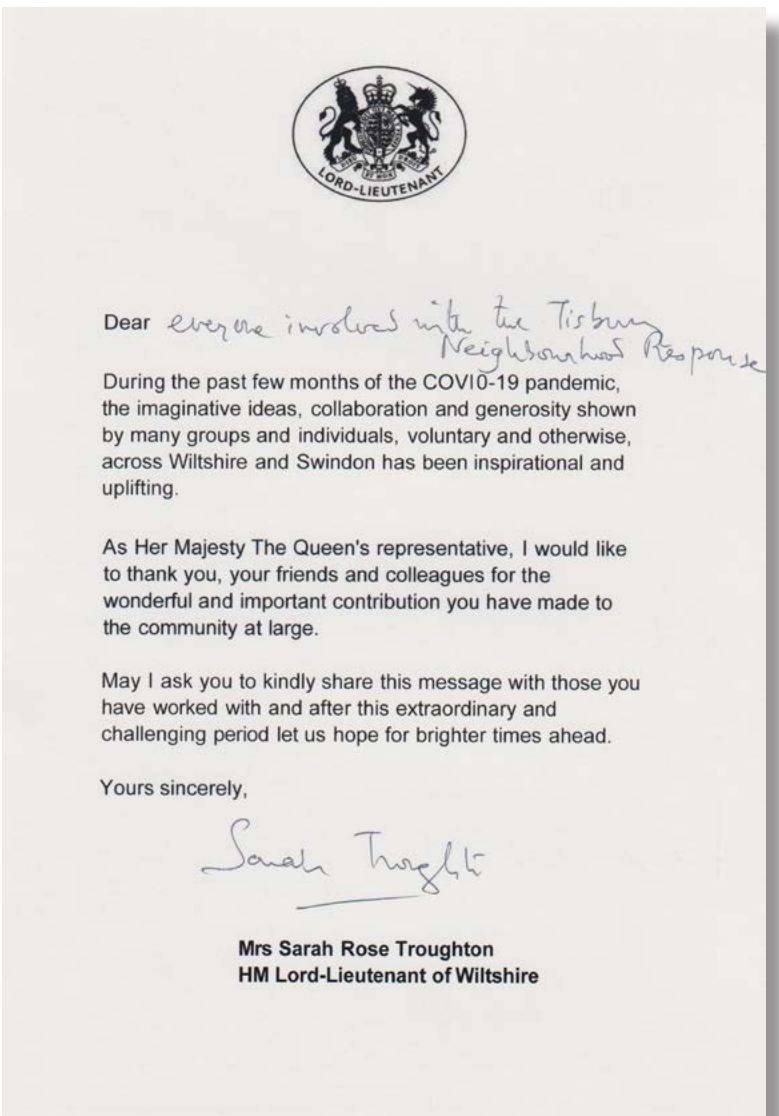
Thank you to Evonna, Steff and the club members – you are a more hardy lot than we will ever be!

karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk and tony.deane@wiltshire.gov.uk

HM LORD LIEUTENANT THANKS THE TISBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPONSE



Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire



The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charity

The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charity covers the residents of Wardour, Tisbury, Ansty, Semley, Donhead St Mary and Donhead St Andrew. Its aims are:

- **For the Relief of Need:** Grants can be made for a variety of situations due to sickness or infirmity, including heating and hospital visiting or the supply of medical or other needs.
- **Education and Training:** Grants may be made for the provision of tools, books, etc. so as to earn a living.

The Trustees for this charity are Lord Talbot of Malahide, Mrs J E Carter, Mr P Dalton, Mr S McGrath and Mr S Davison.

We hold three meetings a year in January, May and September.

Applications should be made in writing to the secretary

Mrs P Chave: 25 Weaveland Road, Tisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6HJ

Or by email: thearundelltrust@outlook.com

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

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TEEN TISBURY FINALLY GETS ITS SK8PARK

After a decade in the making, Tisbury has finally got its new skatepark. The £105,000 state-of-the-art facility was officially opened in September by Pam Chave, a former Tisbury Parish Councillor. She was joined by local resident Jonathan Jones who, as a youngster, pitched Pam the idea of building a new community skatepark.

The new village hotspot with its 1.2m Whippy quarter pipe, sloped wall-ride, pocket-to-pocket jump box and Matterhorn roller-coaster escalator, is proving to be a big hit with Tisbury's teen scene. Local skateboarders and scooter riders from across the village were on site to try-out the challenging new poured concrete skate bowl inset between Nadder Leisure Centre and the village swimming pool on the King George V Playing Field.

"I'm really happy that they built it, it's good fun and a great way to keep fit," says Ben Phillips, 16. "It's an awesome community space with a great design which works for all skills levels whether you're a beginner like me, or an advanced rider," adds Maisie Camp-Sorensen, 14.

Tisbury Parish Council has funded the scheme with R2 monies including £70,000, from the Wyndham Place, Hindon Lane development, Tisbury Youth Group and Wiltshire Council Area Board.

Tisbury Youth Club worked with Parish Clerk, Sandra Harry, Tisbury Parish Council and a working group of older, experienced skatepark users from the village to help design and deliver the scheme. The project was also supported by a community engagement forum of local young people who gave the project team a good understanding of what the community wanted.

"We're grateful to Pam who championed the project during her time as a Tisbury Parish Councillor and Jonathan, who got the ball rolling 10 years ago when he knocked on her door as a youngster and asked her to take up the cause," says Cllr Gerry Murray. "The Parish Council has listened to the local riders and everyone involved should be very proud of the end result."

Cllr Liz Coyle-Camp

Former Tisbury Cllr Pam Chave (centre) cuts the ribbon at the opening of Tisbury's fantastic new SK8park. (Front L-R:) Wiltshire Cllr Tony Deane, Jonathan Jones, Pam Chave, Tisbury Cllr Gerry Murray, Jake, SK8park committee member Gordon Sorensen and Tisbury Parish Clerk Sandra Harry



YOUNG NATURALIST - CALLING ALL TEENAGERS!

Over lockdown, my love for nature and wildlife has blossomed. I have really enjoyed going out for walks, finding new species of birds and photographing wildflowers. However, it has proved more difficult to find like-minded nature nerds!

With an aim to bring young nature enthusiasts together, Young Nature Watch has been founded recently by myself and Inés Lopez-Doriga. Both young naturalists with a passion for wildlife and nature, we are organising lots of workshops, talks and walks, hoping to inspire a love of nature in others too. For most events we will aim to have a group for small children, one for teenagers and one for all ages, so everyone can get involved.

Young Nature Watch is based in Tisbury and the surrounding districts and is a branch of the Tisbury Natural History Society. This new nature group is for under-21s and membership is free. To join or get more information, email youngtnhs@gmail.com.

Last month, the Tisbury Natural History Society held a butterfly walk on the Ebbesbourne Wake Downs for us, catching, identifying and looking at different species of butterflies. Some of our favourites that we spotted and caught were: Adonis Blues, Small Coppers and Large Heaths, as well as millions of Meadow Browns.



Adonis Blue

We also organised a wonderful nature photography workshop. Led by local wildlife photographer Abby Eaton and Craig Morris, we walked round Fonthill Lake where there were a multitude of habitats and wildlife to practice our photography skills on. My favorite subjects were the ladybirds, leaves, Brimstone butterflies, Grey Wagtails, blackberries and dragonflies! We tried out different lenses, including large zooms and wide angled, and we were given advice and support on using the cameras manual settings. It was a really enjoyable morning and I learnt so much with the expert advice from Abby and Craig.

Another outing that the young naturalists were invited to attend was a trip to the River Nadder to conduct an invertebrate survey. It was an excellent opportunity to see the myriad forms of life that exist in our local river. Just outside Teffont Evias, the Secretary of the Teffont Fishing Club waded the stream to collect a sample and brought it to the river bank for us to examine close-up in a sampling tray. We identified a range of different river creatures including young trout, caddis fly larvae and - the absolute highlight - a lamprey!



Lamprey

Over the next few months, we have some exciting events planned, such as a bird ringing demonstration, harvest mice survey and bird box building session. Please do get in touch if you're aged between 2-21 to find out more about our forthcoming events.



Follow Young Nature Watch on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook!

Izzy Fry (Aged 14)

The children have continued working hard since starting back in September. The new little Dragons have now become used to the school day and settled into the routines. The older children in the school have been eager to return to their learning, albeit not mixing across the school like they used to.

We have adapted the way we do things to ensure the children catch up on any missed learning but also reflecting lots from our time during lockdown and considering what worked really well. One aspect that kept the school united was the school blog, which was set up quickly in the week leading up to school closures in March. The children accessed their daily learning from their teacher but could also post work and comment in a secure way that kept us all in touch.

As a result of this success, we have decided to continue setting lots of homework and general home learning through this platform. Alongside this, St John's have invested in TT Rockstars (for times tables) and EdShed (for maths and spellings) so the children can practise their skills using these fun online games both at home and at school. Both of these also offer a way to compete against other classes as well as to compete against their friends.

As the term moves forward and we begin to think about Christmas, we will be brainstorming lots of ideas on how we can still celebrate this exciting and special time of year while keeping everyone safe.

This is the time of year that parents start to think about choosing a school for their children; so please do contact us if you have a child that is due to start next September.

Lisa Portch, Head Teacher



WILTSHIRE CLIMATE ALLIANCE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Wiltshire Climate Alliance is an umbrella organisation for different groups and individuals to come together to campaign for action on climate change. We want to offer opportunities to the youth of Wiltshire, as it is the youngest in the county whose futures are most at stake.

Wiltshire Climate Alliance Invites under 25's to our:

Youth Eco-Workshop

A chance to have your say with Wiltshire Council on the environmental issues that matter to you

12th November 2020

6.30-8pm via Zoom

Register to join:

www.wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk/recoveryplanworkshop12nov

For more information:

<https://fb.me/e/3yU9p7Gtz>



WARDOUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Wardour School has been in existence for well over 200 years and probably qualifies as the oldest Catholic School in the State Sector. As early as 1780, it is mentioned by the Vicar of Tisbury to the Bishop of Salisbury, as a 'non-conformist institution'.

It was mentioned in an advertisement at the time:

Mr. Jones at Bridzor nr Wardour Castle, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Terms: eighteen pounds a year for reading, writing, accompts, board, lodging, washing, mending, etc.

Particular care will be paid to the morals and knowledge in religious duty.

Admittance from six to eleven years of age.

That a Roman Catholic school should appear in Wardour is no surprise, as it was situated on the estate of the Arundell family, who had remained staunchly Catholic during the Reformation and the troubled times that followed. Wardour was a mixed boarding school during the 1780s, with Catholic children coming from all over the area and farther afield to gain a Catholic education. By 1791, it was taking boys only and, later again, it became a Charity day School. Most of the children attending would have been from the Catholic families employed on the Arundell estate.

The school's popularity spread and in 1801 it was taking fee-paying pupils from Tisbury – 1/- per child per week! The original site of the school is not known, but in the mid-1850s, Lord Arundell erected today's building – to accommodate 300 pupils! Boys and girls were taught separately, with Infants in a nearby house.

From 1871, following the Education Act, the school became part of the state maintained system as a Voluntary Aided School. Log books became a legal requirement and these make fascinating reading today.

It was then a co-educational Junior school; the Infants joined in 1880. For about 80 years, until 1964, the Sisters of Charity ran the school, with pupils up to 15 years old.

In 1964 the Sisters moved to Salisbury and it became a true Primary School. With some additions – particularly the beautiful new hall – the school still looks much as it has done since the 1850s. We are proud of our history which helps to make our school the very special place it is today.



The School in 1907



Pupils and Nuns in the 1890s

Emma Dixon, Head Teacher

PLANT SNIPPETS - OPEN BORDERS – LETTING NATURE IN

There is a bit of a buzz in the plant world as we come to the end of the year as this is the season that so much gets done! The nights are drawing in and it's getting gradually colder, but this is the best time to put in the permanent planting like bare root hedges, trees and roses.

The incredibly serious issues about the state of the planet, flagged up brilliantly by Sir David Attenborough, has sadly highlighted our disengagement with the rest of nature. But by adding long-term green features to our gardens we will be doing our little bit to help save the planet. So, if you are thinking of adding or replacing a boundary then why not add a hedge instead of a fence? They are often a lot prettier but, more importantly, they are a lot more welcoming to wildlife and the ecosystems that are living alongside us in our gardens.

Not only will you be providing homes and food for birds, small mammals and insects, but also creating essential corridors for them to be able to travel safely and keep hidden from the prying eyes of predators.

So why am I getting so excited about bare root plants? Well, for starters they are much cheaper than containerised plants, they are also easier and lighter to handle, but most significantly they often establish themselves a lot more quickly by using this important time in the dormant period to get their roots growing strongly.

We have until mid-March before the growing season starts again, but if you have grand plans to put in hedges or trees I'd recommend trying to do it before Christmas – you have to be crazily keen to be battling with the weather and the cold in January and February!

Jobs of Month

- Time to plant tulips – wait till it gets colder, this hopefully avoids the bulbs rotting.
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
- Lift containers on to pot-feet to prevent water-logging.
- Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden.

Alex Graham

www.plantsandplace.co.uk



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Service provision will be disrupted by Covid-19

Transport Contact Numbers

TISBUS 07500 802525

The Community bus service for all ages for Tisbury and the surrounding area providing outings and shopping, school and commercial trips.

Tisbury and District Link 07484 284670

transport service run by volunteers for people needing to get to hospital or appointments.

Tisburylink@gmail.com

CHERUBIM TRUST NEWS



Enjoy the wonderful videos from our Cherubim Harp Competition until we can bring you some live music once again at www.cherubimtrust.org/competition.



Despite operational difficulties, Cherubim welcomes several new awardees – Anna Grayson (cor anglais), Casey-Joan Whyte ('Richard Barker' violin bow), Katy Baker ('Marion Bolton' cello), Samuel Ng ('McNeil' cello), Oscar Holch ('Donovan' baroque viola & bows), Yijia Cui ('Gabriel Steer' DoubleBass) – and pre-eminently our competition winners Clara Gatti-Comini (the new 'Lady Lucille Wallace Curzon' harp) & Aisha Palmer ('Promenaders – Charles Steer' harp) See them all on <https://www.cherubimtrust.org/awardees>

Just as exciting is the fact that despite the restrictions we have three new remarkable instruments. You will be able to read about the extraordinary story behind each when the next Cherubim Trust newsletter appears.



They are our new £24,000 Lyon&Healy L&H100 harp (left) donated in memory of the distinguished harpsichordist Lady Lucille Wallace Curzon, wife of Sir Clifford Curzon.

Then we also have a brand-new baroque viola (right) donated in memory of Michael Donovan. It was commissioned from the world-famous Jan Pawlikovsky in Kraków Poland with two bows, classical and baroque, by English bowmaker Timothy Richards.



Lastly, and very much not least: we have a 'bottom of the range' Mollenhauer ContraBassoon. Once the Covid restrictions are over this magnificent £24,500 beast will be available on loan to student and symphony orchestras. But you can already hear its rich tones in a concert by Emily Ambrose, pictured here. It was donated by an imaginative supporter who wished to give a 'living bequest' that he could hear in his lifetime, rather than leave this unusual instrument to be enjoyed only by others!

With that kind of ongoing support, we at Cherubim believe that the future is bright; and look forward to welcoming you at one of our events as soon as we're able to present some new music for your entertainment.

Maxwell Steer

(The music is fabulous – suggest readers go to the online Focus magazine, where it is easy to click on the photos to get to the three videos – Ed.)

TISBURY SURGERY - Flu Clinics

Some of our staff are still being asked ‘when will I be able to see a doctor again?’

It has always been possible to see a doctor – but arrangements to do so have changed. Along with all healthcare settings, we have to work differently during the current pandemic. We are trying to slow down the spread of the coronavirus and are taking special measures to protect patients and staff, and this includes following the NHS England guidance on face to face appointments.

Where possible, we want to avoid people having to wait too long in a waiting room together as we know this increases the risk of the virus spreading. If you do need to come in, we need to ensure there are a minimal number of people in the practice so that we can maintain social distancing and keep patients and staff safe.

If you wish to consult a G.P., please initially:

- telephone 01747 870204 or
- contact us via online access or
- email on reception.tisbury@nhs.net

When telephoning, please be prepared to give the receptionist some idea of the problem. She will then make you a ‘telephone appointment’ to speak to a clinician who will phone you at (or about) the time given to discuss your symptoms. Most health concerns can be managed this way and this also reduces both the need for patients to travel and the opportunity for the virus to spread.

Should the G.P. decide that you need to be seen, he/she will book a face to face appointment for you and ask you to come to the surgery - and if this is the case, please remember that all attendees at the surgery must wear a face covering - unless they are exempt.

If you wish to email please make sure you include your full name, address and date of birth.

Remember that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are experiencing one or more of these symptoms then DO NOT visit your GP practice. You should visit www.111.nhs.uk or call NHS 111 if you cannot get help online.

You must self-isolate for seven days from when your symptoms started. Anyone you live with, or in your support bubble, who does not have symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days from when the first person started having symptoms. Do check the NHS website www.nhs.uk/coronavirus for up to date information.

You must also ask for a test as soon as you start showing symptoms. You can do this online – visit www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

Dr. Laurence Carter
Dr. Adam Smith

HINDON SURGERY

The second spike for Covid-19 seems to be happening, especially in the north of the country, but it is spreading to this area with several local proven cases. Even if symptoms are mild, there are significant consequences for all of us;

1. Possible transmission to someone more vulnerable to severe illness
2. 10% of patients get ‘long-Covid’ – a debilitating post-infection fatigue and breathlessness lasting months even after a mild illness and more common in women and younger people
3. The economic consequences for those exposed to the infectious patient before they had symptoms. Especially bad for those whose job involves face to face contact and no ability to work from home.

This is why it is important to follow the national guidelines on keeping yourself and everyone else safe. None of us like wearing masks (medical staff have spent hours every working day doing this since March and it is exhausting) but it makes you less of a risk to those around you. We do not write any mask exemption letters and everyone who comes into the surgery must wear a mask or face shield. This is to keep other people safe and maintain the confidence of all our patients that they will not catch Covid-19 by a visit to the surgery. The hospitals also have all the safety measures in place – so if it is recommended that you go there, please do.

To maintain safety in the surgery we consult all patients with a fever or respiratory symptoms by some remote means (telephone, email, text, video) and this is helped immensely by those of you able to tell us your temperature, pulse, blood pressure and increasingly finger oximetry readings. We can manage most conditions safely and effectively with these remote methods. Over this coming winter patients with a temperature or new respiratory symptoms will be seen face to face if needed at a ‘hot clinic’ at Mere Surgery to enable us to continue to see our other patients safely at Hindon Surgery.

Over the summer we started doing much more planned review of long-term conditions but again in ways to reduce infection risk and only asked you to come to the surgery for things you could not do at home or with remote consultations (like blood tests and cervical smears) and we thank everyone for their help with this by sending in weights and blood pressure readings, filling out assessment questionnaires and sending photographs. Many have found this has made accessing our care far easier. If you are concerned please get in touch - an email or a message on the surgery website is often a good way to start especially as the telephone lines can be engaged. If ringing to book a routine appointment (e.g. vaccination or blood test) it is best to ring after 10 am to avoid the early morning rush.

The medicines home delivery service has been a stunning success and we thank all the volunteers who are keeping this going. Not only does it reduce infection risk but it is environmentally good as well. The drive-through and walk-through ‘flu clinics have worked very well - even better than the previous surgery-delivered service.

The return of Covid-19 and the longer evenings and worse weather may affect our spirits. Previously I have suggested the five steps to well-being. The NHS site has good advice about this: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/>. One aspect is giving to others and one of the good things from Covid-19 is the explosion of help everyone has given to others and this will be even more important in the next few months.

Our thanks and best wishes to all our patients. Keep safe and keep going. These will be tough months and everyone is feeling weary but humanity has always got through difficult times and will do so again.

Patrick Craig-McFeely and Sally Hayes and all the staff at Hindon Surgery

NHS COVID-19 APP – TEST & TRACE

The app is used alongside traditional contact tracing, to notify you if you've come into contact with someone who later tests positive for coronavirus. It helps the NHS understand where and how quickly the virus is spreading, so it can respond quickly and effectively.



The app helps the NHS track the virus, not you individually.

The app uses your smartphone's existing features plus your postcode district - the first part of your postcode, common to about 8,000 households - you'll be asked to give your postcode district when you first download the app.

So what do I need to do?

Everyone is encouraged to download the NHS COVID-19 App, via the App Store or Google Play. Then you will be able to 'check yourself in' when visiting venues such as restaurants, pubs, museums, libraries, leisure centres or places of worship, by scanning the QR code on a poster that will be visible at the entrance of the place you're visiting.

If you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), the app will tell you to self-isolate. The app will help you keep track of your isolation period with a countdown timer showing you how much longer you need to keep self-isolating. The app will also provide links to advice from the NHS on coronavirus and on what to do if you feel unwell.

If you have just restarted your phone, you must unlock the phone to trigger the app to start working (you don't need to open the app). After this, the app will work even while your phone is locked, as long as the phone remains switched on and Bluetooth is enabled.

How to use QR codes to check into a venue

User guide



Download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store.



When you visit a venue, check to see if there is a NHS COVID-19 app QR poster on display.



Open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check In". Now use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code on the poster.



The time and date of your visit will be stored on the app. It will not be sent or shared with anyone else.



After scanning your QR code on the poster, you are now successfully checked in.



If you go to another venue, open your NHS COVID-19 app and tap "Venue Check In". Now use your smartphone camera to scan their QR poster.



You may get an alert if NHS contact tracers identify that you have recently visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus (COVID-19). If you are under 18, you are advised to show this alert to a trusted adult.



If you develop coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, make sure to record them in the NHS COVID-19 app and follow Government guidelines/advice.

Keep playing your part and prevent increased restrictions being introduced in Wiltshire:



Keep washing hands regularly



Wear face coverings in enclosed spaces



Stay at least 2 metres apart



Follow rule of six



Self-isolate when instructed

#WiltshireTogether

WILTSHIRE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT HUB

The recently launched Wiltshire Health Improvement Hub will assist people who want to improve their health and mental wellbeing, using Health Improvement Coaches that can support people to make practical changes, through one-to-one support.



This can help people to lose weight and eat a healthy diet, increase physical activity, reduce alcohol intake, stop smoking and improve emotional wellbeing.

The Health Improvement Hub will be a single point of access for referrals to the Health Improvement Coaches, Healthy Me (child and family weight management service), and a new group adult weight management programme, Healthy Us, due to launch January 2021. The service will be available to over 18s and is free.

More information about the Wiltshire Health Improvement Hub can be found on their website at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-trainers> Alternatively people can email health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 0300 003 4566 - option 1.

The Alice Combes Trusts

Three local charities for the residents of Tisbury and West Tisbury

1. For Relief in Need

Grants may be available for a wide variety of situations, for example, towards heating bills, extra expenses incurred due to ill health or a change of circumstances incurring hardship, etc.

2. For Education and Training

Grants may be given towards, for example, books for university, travel to interviews, specialist tools or uniforms for training, school expeditions, etc.

3. Alice Combes Newtown Trust

Grants to clubs, societies and organisations established for charitable purposes which are dedicated to the promotion of their care, educational, recreational and cultural needs. (Not intended for individuals.)

All applications should be made to:

Alice Combes Trust, c/o Sean Moran. Email: alicecombestrust@gmail.com or telephone 01747 871258

Trustees will meet regularly by telephone whilst the Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

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FLAVOURS OF FOCUS FROM FORTY YEARS AGO

Here we are in November of this extraordinary year. I would be surprised if right now you were wondering what it was like forty years ago but, just in case you welcome the diversion, here are some further Flavours from Focus, this time from the November 1980 edition.

The Rector, the then Reverend Robert Willis, sought to remind us of the Gunpowder Plot and how the hatreds of those times have matured into greater tolerances albeit that the sinister aspects of violence for political ends were still prevailing in the eighties. *And, sadly, seem still to be so.*

For a fee of £3, Parishioners could have the names of locally-interred relatives inscribed within a Book of Remembrance now installed In St John's Church.

Cornish smugglers taking refuge in Tisbury led to one of the stories featured in a book by Peter and Jill Drury (*A Tisbury History*). Another reference was to the fine stabling at the South Western Hotel, *known in the 1980s as the Trout Inn*, that housed the 'spanking carriage and pair', which met the trains that steamed into the 'new and busy station'. In their article, describing the book, the authors noted that 150 copies had been ordered, through the good offices of Phyllis Scott, before even 'we had sharpened our pencils'. *Now what's happening to the South Western?*

Being November, preparations for Remembrance Sunday were announced along with the annual Poppy Appeal.

A tribute to Audrey Chorley and her 'exquisite' work on kneelers, frontals and vestments for St John's Church recalled the commemoration of the St John's 800th Anniversary Festival.

There was also a tribute to Mr Reg Dicker, past resident of Tisbury, a 'Great Bandsman and Composer' who led many Wessex bands including the Shaftesbury Silver Band.

The Mundri School in Sudan was again in the news noting a promising start to the fund-raising initiative, and how some of the funds would be spent.

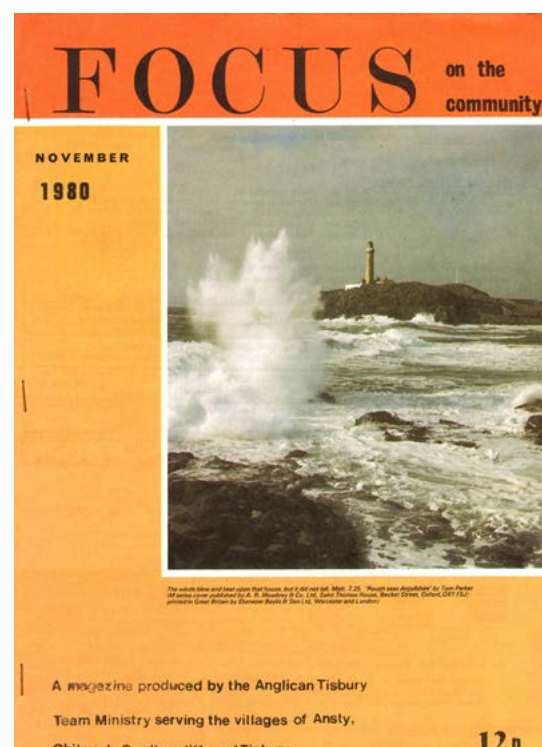
Reports from Local Organisations included the Women's Institute of Newtown, Hatch and Tuckingmill; the Tisbury Footpath Club; Tisbury Wives Group; Tisbury Parish Council; Tisbury Women's Institute; Tisbury Local History Society; Chilmark Women's Institute; the Tisbury and Women's Branches of the Royal British Legion; the Flower Group; Tisbury Mothers' Union; and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Ornamental grasses were the feature of Mollie Thorne's November article on Gardening.

Dunworth School celebrated the Harvest Festival, and children from Tisbury Primary School enjoyed a 'rather damp' trip to Cornwall. And such was the success of the Tuesday Day Centre in Hinton Hall that the organisers were seeking further volunteers to help.

And finally, among the Letters to the Editor, was this richly sarcastic commentary congratulating those residents "who contribute to the vital work of consumer research on our life-styles by disposing of sundry packets, wrappers, bottles and cans on pavements and in gutters, thus sparing the hard-worked researchers the necessity of house calls." *And still the litter bugs persist.*

More from **Mike Neal** next month - maybe!



LIVE THEATRE RETURNS TO TISBURY

Can we? Should we? But what? September is traditionally time for a carnival concert. Ideas were traded, a socially distanced play, who would write it? But what about audience sizes? Government guidelines are changing, maybe by September...



And so a plot thickened and Mike Whitaker put pen to paper.

Then, literally as Focus was going to print at the end of August, it was decided we could go ahead with a week of events that would celebrate the Victoria Hall's new paint job and reopening.

The audiences were going to be hugely smaller than usual, so we would need to put on the same play more than once to enable everyone to see it, assuming anyone would want to come to a live event. We needed 'safe' plays too. Mike's was being written for a spaced cast and minimal rehearsal. Liz Coyle-Camp was asked if she would renew her award-winning short play 'Hallowed Ground'. Steve Whittingham said he would direct some Alan Bennett Monologues. And it was an ideal time to host the short story competition reading evening.

Many days were spent discussing how to make the NewVic Covid-19 safe. There were already risk assessments and rules for hirers in place, including stacks of chairs that can only be used after 72 hours and a thorough cleaning schedule. But we needed to go further and ensure that anyone could feel safe coming to an evening of live entertainment.

From a detailed floor plan we came up with a (slightly flexible) arrangement of tables with at least 1.5m distance between chairs. We used cleanable plastic table cloths that were stored for a minimum of 72 hours rather than adding to the disposable plastics problem. And created a booking system where social groups could sit together but singles could also be safely accommodated. Everyone was assigned a table and the government guidelines for indoor social spaces were stated on cleanable instructions. We limited the number of people moving around the hall by having no bar and a very small 'crew'.



Leon Elliot (David Boulting) reads *The Loop*

It was with a little relief that we cleared up on Saturday night. We had only received positive comments - from the amazing quality of the acting, good organisation, safe environment and genuine pleasure at being able to attend a live evening of theatre.

Now we have 21 days to keep everyone's details in case of infection.

Our aim is to create a new normal and to encourage safe habits where live theatre can be part of everyday life in Tisbury. We are already thinking of a future schedule - maybe even a regular event once a month. We'll be keeping an eye on the daily changes from the government and also scientific evidence and will adjust or suspend our events accordingly. The NewVic website will keep up to date information - www.newvictisbury.com. To be the first to hear what's on and when, sign up to the newsletter by emailing newvictisbury@gmail.com.

Ros Russell/Dave Milas

TISBURY WRITING COMPETITION

Thank you to everybody who participated in the Victoria Hall story reading event, including the authors themselves, TAG readers (Sarah Nicholls and Maggie Paul), musicians and also to the public who attended. And of course, to Gwil with the sound and light system and organising the music, but very especially to Ros Russell and Dave Milas who worked very, very hard to make it all possible, safe and enjoyable.

Here we share the winning entry for the adult category, from Bullet Shelby (aka Brand King).

Inés López-Dóriga

Life Goes On

Written by Bullet Shelby

Two wood pigeons are at it outside my window, perched on the neighbours' roof and definitely not social distancing. A waft of fertiliser comes from beyond Tuckingmill as two paragliders skirt the horizon. Life goes on.

It's midday Saturday and I need bagels, eggs, mushrooms and maybe, probably, almost definitely, some wine.

The sun lights up the High Street like a stage and on it there's a gentle buzz. The butcher's expanded empire stretches in front of the cafe - bags of coal, baskets of onions and trays of bananas line the footpath. Despite this, rumours of meat being sold inside persist. The wine bar has its tables out, flirting with a sense of normality. A cyclist rolls by. Lockdown's precarious grip, two months in, has been slowly prised. Give the word and we'll break into the summer the wet winter promised us.

The line outside the Co-op is eight deep. I need food but I don't need it that bad. I walk by and decide to stretch my legs. Past the football club: kids kicking balls around, parents dotted on benches - it's lockdown, Boris, but not as you know it. Everyone's testing their eyesight.

I take the path beside the train line, through waist high grass and hand sized leaves. Stinging nettles threaten but I steer around them, then pop out into the field. Who are these people camping here? Twitchers? Travellers? Do they know what's happened? The grass is so long now they may disappear from view soon enough anyway, overwhelmed by summer like the flood plains of February. A train eases into the station and a great tit swoops up and down in front of me, as if it's just learned its unique dance. Life goes on.

At The Nadder I perch on the bend by the bridge, watching the river play out its miniature dramas. Damsel fly nymphs and pond skaters run the gauntlet in pursuit of prey, occasionally becoming it themselves. A few weeks ago, a mother and ten ducklings swam by like something out of a kid's book. I wait to see them again, but the only sign of life bigger than a butterfly is the trout that make a meal of the nymphs. When I turn to leave, however, there's a hissing sound from among the cow parsley. And there she is, her brood tucked behind her, ready to defend to the death. I apologise for the intrusion and make my way back onto the road. Two cyclists whistle by.

Two years ago, I spent six months cooped up in a beachside cottage in Rathmullan, Ireland. It was winter and rained for most of it. I knew no-one and was working on a project that didn't require me to venture out much. Six months without contact with another human being, save the weekly pilgrimage to Ramelton for supplies and a brief exchange with the girl on the till. There was madness and there was creativity, a fine line to balance on, and one I didn't always succeed at.

Locked up in Tisbury in the spring is an altogether different game. Where the winter trees in Rathmullan were charcoal sketches on a grey canvas, in Tisbury they're lit up like filaments, waving laconically in the breeze as if Xenia coral in a current, luring birds out of the pastel blue sky. I knew people were alive in Ireland, as their chimney smoke filled the misty streets each evening. In Tisbury life in lockdown is measured by the volume of applause on a Thursday evening, the guests in front gardens drinking wine, and the number of cyclists testing the stretch on their lycra.

I round Tisbury Row, onto Court Street and then The Avenue. Rainbows in windows and on fence hung banners; signs of thanks for the dustmen. Half a dozen cows watch nervously as an old man walks his dog through the paddock; two more cyclists fly by.

Back on the High Street the line outside the Co-op has only grown.

I'm going to have to commit to it. I settle in at the tail and gradually become the body, the neck and then finally the head of the snake. Conversations about furlough, school and mutual acquaintances. I peer through the window, willing those inside to hurry along. Until finally I'm chosen and the pressure turns onto me. Decisions. What was I here for? I get the bagels and eggs, forget the mushrooms, and gather two bottles of Argentinian Malbec.

I carry these supplies back home as the warmth of the day animates the village further. If it wasn't for the painted lines outside the chemist, for the gutted insides of the cafe, for the signs tacked to the windows of the other shops, you wouldn't know two months ago we were begging for toilet paper. Life goes on.



ARTCARE – FREE ONLINE CREATIVE AND WELLBEING ACTIVITIES



Leave your boredom or stress behind and explore a range of things to uplift and inspire you today! ArtCare is the arts in health service for Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and they are sharing free, online creative and wellbeing activities to enjoy anywhere that you are. Visit the new wellbeing page on the ArtCare website <https://artcaresalisbury.uk/wellbeing/>

Here you can listen to music from Elevate artists at home, try an art activity, discover poems and stories, take an audio garden tour, explore an online art gallery and more. They have also teamed up with Odstock Health and Fitness, the hospital's Leisure Centre, to bring you some online workouts.

New content to support the wellbeing of hospital staff, patients and the wider community (that's us.) will be added each week. You can send your feedback on what you like the most and what you'd like to be included in future to sft.artcare@nhs.net

All of this has been made possible thanks to Stars Appeal Funding.

RE-STARTING COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES SAFELY

Online Workshop – Tuesday 3 November, 10am to 11:30am

This free workshop is for voluntary and community groups and organisations in Wiltshire and Swindon to find out more about the latest guidance and information available to local groups regarding restarting and running their community activities safely. It will include two short presentations with time for discussion.

Michael Rose from the Public Health Team at Wiltshire Council will provide advice and guidance on how to safely restart community groups and activities, with an overview of Wiltshire Council's Community Groups Toolkit and the latest government guidance.

Helen Akiyama, the Village Halls Advisor for Wiltshire Village Halls Association and Harry Tipple, Head of Community and Business Development from Community First will share advice and guidance about delivering your services and activities, including examples of templates they have developed.

This session will be hosted online via Zoom. To attend, please book your place on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> (search for 're-starting community' - remember hyphen!) and the Zoom link will be emailed to you in advance.



BUILDING BRIDGES – FREE TRAINING

This is an exciting new-style project offering free training, support and experience to people aged 18 & over across Wiltshire who are currently job-seeking or out of work.

We have adapted and taken a new approach during these coronavirus times and now offer everything you need to complete the course online, a new style programme, distance learning, fun activities and soft skills that will help you develop on your path back towards work. We use our own locked social media group, email, phone and post to keep you up to date and supply you with the materials for all the activities.

For more details contact: Ralph Harvey on 07702 802945 or ralphh@wiltshirewildlife.org
buildingbridges@wiltshirewildlife.org

SKILLS TOOLKIT

The Skills Toolkit is an online learning platform launched by the Government. It gives people access to free, high quality digital, numeracy and employability courses, to help you build up your skills, progress in work and boost your job prospects.

You can access the free courses from computer essentials and practical maths to digital marketing, coding, leadership and project management, there’s something for everyone.

The courses have been developed with top quality providers including The Open University, Google, Amazon and Microsoft.

Boosting the nation’s digital skills is a first step towards recovery, helping people build up the skills employers need and boosting growth and productivity.



GREEN HOMES GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

Make your home warmer and your energy bills cheaper with a Green Homes Grant. Homeowners, including landlords, can now apply for a voucher worth up to £5,000 to hire tradespeople and pay up to two thirds of the cost of energy saving measures in their homes. Installing home improvements such as insulation or double glazing also cuts emissions, which is better for the environment.



Low income households can get 100% of the costs of work covered up to £10,000.

The Green Homes Grant scheme is available until the end of March 2021.

Find out more about the scheme by visiting <https://greenhomesgrant.campaign.gov.uk>

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED FOSTERING AS A CAREER?

Wiltshire Council has been smashing some common myths and pre-conceptions around fostering and encouraging those of you who are thinking about a new direction to make the move to fostering.



Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills said: "We know people consider fostering because they want to make a difference in a child's life for the better. But we also want them to know they will be properly paid for the work they are doing as we value the amazing impact they can have. This is a paid career and people can foster because they are properly supported."

"Can single people foster?" Single men and women are welcomed and encouraged to become foster carers. If you have patience, a caring heart, a sense of humour, good health, and plenty of energy, you have what it takes to foster. As a foster carer, you are part of a larger team. You never foster alone; there is a strong team working with you. <https://youtu.be/IRmFUyEzyWM>

"Am I too old to foster?" There is no upper age limit for fostering. If you are over 21, in good health, and have good energy levels, you can foster. Age brings maturity, mellowness, and wisdom. These are very positive attributes in fostering, as well as in life in general.

"I have a dog, can I foster?" Having pets does not prevent you from fostering, in fact, they can be an asset to a foster family. Every animal is different, and your pets will be assessed as part of the process of becoming a foster carer, taking into account factors such as their temperament and behaviour.

"I live in rented accommodation, can I foster?" You can foster whether you are a homeowner or tenant, living in a house or a flat, as long as you have a spare bedroom for the sole use of a foster child. If you are renting accommodation, you will simply need to have a secure lease, be planning to stay in the property for the foreseeable future and your landlord will need to approve of you fostering.

"Can a same sex couple foster?" Applications to foster are welcomed from those who are straight, gay and bisexual, whether they are single or are living with a partner. It is important that there is a wide range of foster carers available at any given time, with different experiences and skill sets, so that the right match can be made.

"Can I foster if I work?" It is possible to work alongside fostering. Lots of our foster carers do work but you will need to be available to care for a child when they are not at school. You will also need time to attend meetings and training. If you foster as a couple, sometimes one person will work, while the other is the primary foster carer. <https://youtu.be/TuqYy8JNzOE>

People can find out more information by calling fostering on 0800 1696321; emailing fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk or visiting <https://fosteringwiltshire.uk/>

TISBURY HALL HIRE

Halls are beginning to open again, but please contact them direct for facilities and Covid-19 security recommendations and requirements

HINTON HALL
Bookings – Lynne Dominy 07885 064701
Ideal for your family party, business meeting, community gatherings. Main Hall, Small Hall. Parking on site.

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Bookings – Ken or Sandra Elcock 01747 870921
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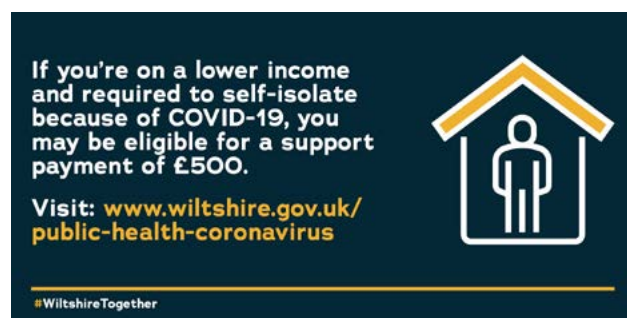
COVID-19 SELF-ISOLATION - SUPPORT PAYMENT SCHEME

If you are required to self-isolate, a £500 payment is available if you are working and on a low income and will lose money because you cannot work from home.

To receive this payment, you must:

- have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace after Monday, 28 September 2020 and have a unique Test and Trace number provided by the NHS (claims can be backdated)
- be employed or self-employed
- have lost income by being unable to work from home while self-isolating
- be receiving at least one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-based Employment Support Allowance or Working Tax Credit

Further information will be made available on <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>



CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE – VIRTUAL CAFÉS, TALK AND SUPPORT

If you're looking after someone, you might have a lot on your mind. Sometimes just having a chance to talk with others who understand what you're going through can really make a difference.

Carer Support Wiltshire 'virtual cafés' are running at 2-3pm on Thursday 12th Nov, 26th Nov and 10th Dec. Virtual cafés specifically for parent carers are running 11am-12pm on Wednesday 18th Nov and 16th Dec. A 'Talk and Support' service partners carers with a trained volunteer who stays in regular contact by phone or video call.

To register for a virtual café or for 'Talk and Support', contact Carer Support Wiltshire on 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

LONELINESS UNCOVERED ONLINE NETWORKING WORKSHOP

Thursday 19 November 2020 at 10am – 12pm

The aim of this Zoom workshop is to bring organisations together, from across Wiltshire, who have an interest in or provide day to day activities that connect people and address loneliness. It will provide an opportunity to learn and share how these groups have responded to support those experiencing lockdown loneliness and how they are adapting services to re-open whilst complying with coronavirus social distancing measures and guidelines. The focus will be on discussion, sharing and networking.

Please book a place on Eventbrite and the zoom link will be sent to you in advance. Places are limited, so one person per organisation please. If you have any queries or you're interested, but unable to join the workshop on 19 November, please contact Margaret Firth – margaret.firth@wiltshirecf.org.uk



CELEBRATING AGE PROGRAMME IS HERE!

Thanks to a funding contribution from Wiltshire Council's South West Wiltshire Area Board, oldervillage residents are in for a real treat over the next five years. For the time being, enjoy Celebrating Age Wiltshire's October online performance featuring Louise Jordan in a specially commissioned, one-woman storytelling show, with original songs. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bL975y9b_g&feature=youtu.be (It's worth it – Ed.!)

Louise recorded the show in the Wiltshire Music Centre auditorium on 23rd September 2020. If you'd like to know more about her work please go to <https://www.louisejordan.co.uk>

If you would like to know more about Celebrating Age Wiltshire and how it is going to benefit older people in South West Wiltshire over the coming months and years, please contact karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk



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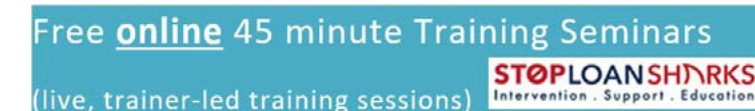


COULD YOU SPOT A LOAN SHARK?

Free 45 minute online training sessions are running in November and December. See this month's schedule below.

2.30pm – Thursday 5th November
2.30pm – Tuesday 10th November
2.30pm – Tuesday 17th November
2.30pm – Thursday 19th November
2.30pm – Wednesday 25th November

Places are limited - to book your session, go to <https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/southwestwiltshire/could-you-spot-a-loan-shark/?> and follow the link to Eventbrite. A link to the training will be sent to you before your session!



TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2020 NEWS UPDATE

Planning Applications – ‘no objections’ were made to the following applications:

20/06800/TCA - **The Old Vicarage, Park Road**, Tisbury, SP3 6LF

T1 - Robinia tree - shorten over extended lateral at 6m by 4m - 5m

20/06052/VAR - **Paddock Wood, Hindon Lane**, Tisbury, SP3 6QQ

Removal of condition 3 on 20/03158/FUL reference overlooking window

20/05093/FUL & 20/05093/LBW - **Clock House, The Avenue**, Tisbury, SP3 6JG

Repairs to main roof of building

20/07239/LBC - **Court Street Farm Cottage**, Tisbury, SP3 6LN

Internal alterations, a glazed roof and screen to enclose the existing courtyard, a small kitchen extension, erection of a boundary wall and retrospective application for the installation of a satellite dish.

20/08270/TCA - **Tysse House, 19 Lady Down View**, Tisbury, SP3 6LL

Ash Tree - Reduce canopy by 3 metres

BUT – P.Cnllrs did ‘object’ to the following applications:

20.06097.FUL - **2, The Square**, Tisbury SP3 6JP

Demolition of existing single garage at far end of garden and erection of single dwelling, single parking space, landscaping & associated drainage. Minor single storey infill to rear of existing house – due to contravention of TisPlan policy TR1 – loss of parking.

20.06295.var - **10 Beckford Close**, Tisbury, SP3 6QT

Variation of condition 2 of 18/06274/FUL (Proposed Annexe) – not built to approved plan.

20.07051.FUL - **The Old Vicarage, Park Road**, Tisbury, SP3 6LF

Remove existing sectional garage, construct single storey utility room, covered spa and greenhouse - due to contravention of TisPlan policy BL4 – Design and Landscape in the Conservation Area as it would be seen from the Highway.

20/07842/VAR - **Fossil Mount, Snows Hill**, Tisbury, SP3 6RY

Variation of condition 2 of planning application 18/06739/FUL (Erection of single storey dwelling (Resubmission of 17/12014/FUL) To allow three roof lights to serve utilisation of roof space – due to overdevelopment.

Extension of Tisbury 20mph Limits

Residents will be forgiven for forgetting about this scheme that was finally approved by the Parish Council for submission to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) in March of this year. This was unfortunate timing as the lockdown due to the Covid-19 followed soon after and a great many Wiltshire Council meetings were cancelled while Officers were deployed on priority projects. But, at the September meeting of CATG, the Tisbury proposal for extending the 20mph speed limits was agreed and the scheme will now progress with funding from both Wiltshire and Tisbury Councils. There is still a backlog of works, but the earliest date for the works to be carried out is 2021.

Community Speed Watch

The Speed Watch scheme has not been active in Tisbury since the beginning of 2020, due initially to the lack of ID badges and subsequently Covid-19 restrictions. It is now possible to resume Speed Watch sessions, but a great number of the volunteers have resigned due to poor health and shielding issues.

Some training sessions are now being held virtually and it is hoped that the numbers can be increased again if volunteers come forward. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Sandra by email – tisburyipc@gmail.com.

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd November using Google Meet. Please contact Sandra – tisburyipc@gmail.com – for an agenda and link to the meeting.

NEW-LOOK TEAM LAUNCHED TO TACKLE RURAL CRIME

A new team of Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officers has been made possible by a precept increase and additional central funding. One sergeant, three constables and 35 community policing team officers will focus on agricultural, environmental, wildlife and heritage crime across Wiltshire and Swindon. They will be supported by an Inspector and members of the Special Constabulary who will provide extra intelligence for prevention, detecting criminal activity and pro-active operations.

Everyone in our communities is encouraged to report all rural crimes, however small, via 101, or 999 if a crime is in progress.



PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE AS REPORTS OF ROMANCE FRAUD RISE

Romance, or dating fraud, occurs when a relationship is formed online, but the profile of the perfect partner you think you’ve met, is in fact fake. The scammer makes you believe you’re in a loving relationship whereas they are just criminals after money or personal information.

Between August 2019 and August 2020, Action Fraud received over 400 reports a month from victims of romance fraud in the UK, with an average loss of just over £10,000 per victim. In the summer reports jumped to 600 a month, likely due to online relationships started during the national lockdown. In Wiltshire the reports are lower than the national average, but still an increase of over 7% over the last 6 months. Almost two thirds of victims are female, with the highest percentage being in the 40-49 age bracket. The top five platforms where victims reported first interacting with the criminal were Facebook, Plenty of Fish, Instagram, Tinder and Match.com.

Romance fraud has a devastating emotional and financial impact on the victim, who often feel foolish for falling for the lies once they realise what’s happened. But no one should blame themselves. Romance fraud is an incredibly sophisticated crime and particularly malicious. These criminals are experts at impersonating people, they spend hours researching individuals for their scams and they know how to use persuasive language to control their victim, coercing them into parting with large sums of money or personal information. No one should feel ashamed to report it if they have fallen victim. Once reported, this could help protect others from a similar fate.

Warning signs to look out for:

- They declare their love quite quickly, with talk of making significant commitments like marriage or buying a house together and ask for your personal details – be wary.
- They claim to work overseas in a heroic situation, perhaps in the military or a medical profession and give this as the reason for their international dialling code or poor internet connection - a lot of fraudsters aren’t based in the UK.
- They are reluctant to meet in person or even video chat and quickly want to move off onto other messaging platforms – stay on the original site’s messaging service as this makes evidence easier to trace.
- They ask for financial help, for something urgent and emotive, to trick you into feeling sorry for them – if they ask for money, report them using the platform’s reporting tool.
- They tell you to keep your relationship quiet and insist you don’t tell your friends and family about them – don’t isolate yourself, ask someone close to you for their honest opinion.

If you know someone who is conning and defrauding someone for financial gain, please report them and help protect others falling foul of these calculating tricksters. Anonymously contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or at <https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org>

If you’ve been a victim, please report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> Find out more at <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>



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At the Editor's discretion single advertisements and local announcements that have been submitted after copy deadlines may be accepted for publication as '**flyers**' i.e. Half Page inserts placed in the magazine after compilation. We need notice to insert a flyer in the magazine – please contact the Editor. A charge may be made for this service as follows:-

- Community and Charity Leaflets A5 supplied ready for insertion - FREE
- Commercial Leaflets A5 supplied ready for insertion - £15

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At the Editors discretion a commercial advertisement can be included in the main body of the magazine for a maximum of **2 editions** only, size 1/4 page. Cost £15 per month. Copy to be in 'word' format only. Copy and payment must be submitted by the 10th of the previous month.

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