

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2020 ISSUE OF FOCUS

“Unprecedented” seems to be one of the most commonly used adjectives during this COVID-19 pandemic, and with good reason. It applies here at Focus too, albeit on a very small scale. This month we find ourselves resorting to the first online-only issue in our 44 year history (the April issue was printed, we just didn’t get a chance to distribute it). In case anyone is wondering, we are determined to resume printing as soon as possible.

Like everyone else, we are doing the best we can. We have shrunk the page size in an attempt increase online legibility and we have included lots of links to click on – these sometimes have gremlins, so copy/paste the link into a browser if it doesn’t work. Thanks to our stalwart contributors, you will find many of our regular features in this issue and a couple of bonuses, including a must-read perspective on plagues (p29) and a trip back in time with Tisbus (p16), that even includes a movie! There’s news from our local surgeries (p38 - 39) and school (p36), the Focus Quiz (p34-5), plus details from our churches on how to join together virtually in worship (p3-6), including celebration of two special anniversaries in one week (p8-9).

If you’re looking for suggestions on how to spend your time at home, there are online resources of every type imaginable (p40-45), volunteer & paid opportunities (p13 & 31) and a new local writing competition (p33). If things are tough and you need help, don’t hesitate to reach out, there are many different kinds of support available (p5, 15, 25, 32, 38 & 49). Now is also a good time to take care of security (p26, 47-8).

Whether you are a regular reader or a new one, let us know what you think of the May issue. As you browse through, you’ll find teddies and rainbows spotted by our publisher Ros Russell, on the limited route of her daily walk – a sign that Tisbury is well connected and joining the global phenomenon. If you have any photos to add to the collection, news, views or anything else to share, please send them to focustisbury@gmail.com.

Monica Carlile, Editor

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES IN THE NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE May 2020

With the continuation of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, all services in our church building remain suspended until further notice and the buildings themselves are closed.

However, we continue to meet together as an online worshipping community using the Zoom app, which is free to download. You are most welcome to join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966332040>

Meeting ID: 849 6633 2040

Password: 039012

If you don't want to use the internet, then you can also join us via these telephone numbers (although it might be a good idea to check the cost with your 'phone provider first):

0131 460 1196 United Kingdom 0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

0203 051 2874 United Kingdom 0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 849 6633 2040

Password: 039012

Our Services and times (all times BST) are:

Sundays at 0930 Parish Communion (Common Worship, contemporary language)

Mondays 0830, Tuesdays-Thursdays 0800, Saturdays 0900 Morning Prayer

Fridays at 0800 Holy Communion (Order 2, traditional language)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (Common Worship, contemporary language)

Mondays-Saturdays at 1730 Evening Prayer

The orders of service for Morning and Evening Prayer can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/w8frb6r>

The order for Parish Communion / Holy Communion to be used on Sundays and Wednesdays is a form of Order One in Contemporary language from Common Worship (see <https://tinyurl.com/yytan5mb>).

The Order for Holy Communion on Fridays can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/tjyebaa>

The voices and faces you will hear and see will be those of Graham Southgate (Team Rector), Elaine Brightwell and Juliette Hulme (Team Vicars), Tina Fox, Mark Hayter and Jo Naish (Associate Priests), and Judy Anderson (Licensed Lay Minister). The parishes of the Nadder Valley remain unchanged too: Ansty, Barford St Martin and Burcombe, Baverstock, Chilmark, Compton Chamberlayne, Dinton, Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard, Fonthill Gifford, Fovant, Hindon with Chicklade and Pertwood, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont Evias with Teffont Magna, and Tisbury.

The Church remains alive and active; it is only the buildings that are currently closed. So please join us online until normal services are restored!

Focus Point

In my twenties, I remember talking to an old and very wise priest - outlining my plans for the future with great enthusiasm. He listened courteously and then smiled gently. "What's the matter?" I asked. "Oh nothing" he replied "but these aren't really plans - they are intentions. The only real plan is to pray and trust that God will lead you in the path that is right."

Well - whatever intentions we may have made for this spring have disappeared. And writing this in April, May is unknown. But - I pray that God will lead us in the path that is right.

Easter is a season where we celebrate Jesus' victory over death. From the grief of Good Friday, the disciples were amazed and overjoyed at the wonderful and glorious resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over death.

Two Easters in particular will be unforgettable for me. The first was in Soviet Russia in 1982, where faith was strictly repressed. As a student, I was invited to join a Baptist home church in Moscow for Easter. My host risked danger and persecution for her kindness. From this day, from her courage, my faith in God and in people was renewed.

The second was this Easter - where I truly believe that we begin to see signs of the new life, new love and new hope in our community, in our environment and in faith.

While our nation grieves great loss, we know that hope in the risen Christ can lead us through all things. Our church buildings were shut for Easter - so who would have thought that we could have celebrated an Easter service with a huge congregation from all over the Nadder Valley gathered together on Zoom? Or that many families could enjoy a children's workshop online - with copious evidence of hand and foot painting, Easter baking, making of Easter Gardens and donkey masks, as we all joined in with Hosannas in abundance?

Who would have thought so many would be ready to offer their skills and time to keep us healthy, to keep us fed, to keep us in touch and to teach our children, to deliver post and packages, even when they know that to do so puts them at great risk?

Who would have thought that our communities would have shown such care and

SACRED HEART TISBURY & ALL SAINTS WARDOUR CASTLE

Trellis House, Station Road, Tisbury SP3 6JR

Father Robert Miller 01747 870228 tisburyparish@clifton.com

Father Robert says Holy Mass each day at 9.00 a.m. within Sacred Heart, Tisbury

Mass is live-streamed from St Osmund's each day at 10 am:

CELEBRATION OF MASS WILL OCCUR WITHOUT A PUBLIC CONGREGATION

Be part of our Deanery Mass Sundays 10 am.

LIVESTREAM Google Salisbury

Catholic Churches: <https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds>

Click Church TV

Click St Osmund's live

Click button on left - "church" or arrow on picture of outside of the church

Our weekly newsletter can be found at:

<https://salisburycatholics.org/tisbury-parish>

There is also a newsletter in the Parish Room window

Other useful links: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

I have been overwhelmed with kindness from parishioners and beyond, and I hope you have too - so different from living in a big city. Thank you so much. Though we seem to be operating in limbo, we have advantages, for example prayer crosses all sort of boundaries, beyond our natural inclinations, beyond the garden fence, beyond the grave.

Shut church doors remind us that there are countries in the world where practising the Faith is not only forbidden but often carries severe penalties. And if you begin to despair, remember at least to keep your chin up lest you add to the wrinkles.

Fr Robert



SALISBURY CATHEDRAL WINDOW REINSTALLED

One of Salisbury Cathedral's magnificent stained-glass windows has been restored, thanks to fundraising by its Friends association. A group of the Friends visited the cathedral's glaziers' workshop earlier this year to learn about the restoration process.

The window, one of 12 by Clayton & Bell, was erected by 'grateful patients and friends' in memory of William Martin Coates in 1886. Senior conservator Sam Kelly said water had been pouring through the window. "When we put up the scaffolding, we discovered that the top was hanging out and could have fallen out," he said. During the 16th century a huge amount of glazing and blacksmithing was being done and most of the bar work of the nave windows was 16th century. However, the bars above the 16th century ones were medieval and this explained why water was pouring in: in medieval times handmade blacksmith's nails would have been used and when these fail, the bars that held the glass in place also fail, letting in water.



1. S26, the stained glass window, which has been refurbished thanks to a grant from the Friends. Picture by Sam Kelly.



2. Glazier Tom Clarke gets to work on the restoration. Picture by Sam Kelly.

Sam explained that when a window is brought to the workshop, two rubbings are made of it and all the details of the work to be done are marked on the rubbings: the one on brown paper is the working document and the one on white paper is kept forever to enable future glaziers to know what materials had been used. "After this is done, we strip the old leadwork out and re-lead," he said. "We take it apart and lay it out like a jigsaw. Everything has to fit to the bar work. It is impurities that make bars rust, so the more it is worked, the more impurities are worked out of the metal. Nowadays stainless steel is used – we cannot afford to have bars blacksmith-made! Every light has at least a couple of bars on it to hold it totally in place."

The window was returned to the south nave aisle during March, just before the cathedral was closed to visitors due to the coronavirus pandemic.

HAPPY 800th BIRTHDAY TO SALISBURY CATHEDRAL ON BBC RADIO 4

Tuesday 28 April 2020 was the 800th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Salisbury Cathedral, following the decision in 1218 to relocate the Cathedral from its former site at Old Sarum and build a new one in its current location (New Sarum), giving birth to the City of Salisbury.

BBC Radio 4 will mark the occasion with a special radio broadcast of Sunday Worship on **Sunday 3rd May, 8.10 – 8.50am**, with the Bishop of Salisbury Nicholas Holtam. If you miss it, the programme will be available online shortly after broadcast, so you can catch up using the following link

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000htq6>

The Cathedral has launched a virtual version of its largest contemporary art exhibition for nearly two decades: <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/spirit-and-endeavour-virtual-art-tour>

Up on the Cathedral roof, the peregrine falcons are oblivious – you can watch them live over webcam on <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/visit-what-see/peregrine-falcons-0>

There's a chance of chicks in early May, let's keep fingers crossed.



VE DAY ANNIVERSARY 8th MAY

This year, the May Day Bank Holiday has moved from the first Monday in May, to Friday 8th May, to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. For those who wish to join together in spirit and commemoration at 11.30am, Revd Juliette Hulme suggests a tribute you can say at home (p10-11 or download separately - extra button on website www.tisburyfocus.com).

The Nadder Valley Benefice will also have a 75th Anniversary of VE Day Service on zoom Fri 8th May at 10am, on same link as all their other services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/849663320409>

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If party celebrations appeal, you may want to take a look at Wiltshire Council's "VE Day at home" pack for simple advice on how to hold a garden party for your household. The packs also contain themed recipe ideas, a World War II/VE Day quiz and wordsearch, some suggested e-reading materials, craft ideas on how to make bunting and paperchains, 1940s-inspired games and songs to

sing to keep the family entertained.

Read more and download the VE Day pack

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/ve-day-toolkit>



**DOORSTEP FOOD
COLLECTION**



Foodbank collection points: The response to an appeal for food has been amazing and very much appreciated.

Anyone still wishing to make a donation can leave it in the front porch at Tisbury House (at the start of Hindon Lane on the left behind beech hedge as you leave the village). Or at Overhouse, in Park Road, the old house with big green gates round the corner from the Post Office.



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

Tribute to Th

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peace and freedom

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the friends and family w

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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Lowestoft Sixth Form College

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Bruno Peek

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR
Pageantmaster
VE Day 75

FARMING IN THE SHUTDOWN

We suddenly started our long, how long we have no idea, period of isolation in mid-March. At the same time our 150 milking cows were released from 6 month's confinement in their winter quarters. They went bounding over the grass in The Common, snorting and offering trials of strength, head to head to all comers.

36 inches of rain had fallen during the 6 months they had been in the buildings, almost the same as I recorded for the whole of 2018. No work on the land had been possible from the end of harvest in August for 7 months. However, as I write, it has not rained for two weeks and the soil is drying out well. I have planted my potatoes in the garden and the Fry family have been drilling spring corn locally at the rate of about 250 acres a day.

Agriculture can continue as usual during the shutdown but has suffered some unexpected consequences since the sad temporary shutting of hotels, pubs and restaurants.

Apparently, we get about 40% of our calories when we eat out from take-aways, restaurants, and pubs. Their closure has greatly reduced the price paid to farmers for certain food. Lamb prices suddenly went down by 20% in Salisbury market: people often choose to buy lamb when eating out, but not so often from the supermarket. Beef prices seem to be going the same way as we choose to eat prime steaks when we eat out rather than cook them at home.

Groups of dairy farmers were sending their milk under contract to specialist dairies selling to the catering trade. Their market disappeared, the cows were still filling the milk vats and desperate negotiations are still taking place to find alternative milk buyers.

We are heading towards Brexit. We farmers have no idea what tariffs may be put in place next year with or without agreement with our European former partners. Perhaps the present isolation of our nation will remind the government that we should not rely on other nations to feed us. We heard that one advisor suggested that we become like Singapore which imports all its food. Then our countryside could be enjoyed by everyone as a national park or zoo, managed by former farmers.

Those of us still with a livelihood are deeply sympathetic to those who have lost theirs. We fear that some of our much-appreciated local businesses may not be able to reopen when the present lock-down crisis has passed. Farmers are fearful that our businesses too will face an unsustainable future within the next 3 or 4 years. We also feel almost powerless to influence those who make policies which will matter to us.

One day we will all be free again. I hope we can celebrate, taking the cows' spring frolics as an example. Our celebrations will be somewhat overshadowed by the remembrance of the many who will have died from the effects of the virus. We will also be continuing to express our gratitude to all those who work for our NHS and others who were on the front line.

Martin Shallcross

TELEPHONE BEFRIENDERS NEEDED!



We are looking for friendly and confident volunteers based in Wiltshire to join our new Telephone Befriending Service to provide emotional support to local people living with sight loss during this critical period. Feeling isolated is a common challenge for people with sight loss, and recent restrictions on personal contact compound the situation even more for those living alone. A friendly voice on the phone on a regular basis can make a huge difference to someone's emotional wellbeing and ability to access local support and services.

Who are we?

Wiltshire Sight exists to reduce the impact of sight loss for people in Wiltshire and Swindon, providing services to enable blind and partially sighted people to lead fulfilling, independent lives. Although our usual face-to-face services are currently on hold, our Community Sight Loss Advisors continue to offer information, advice and guidance services over the phone and email. Being able to offer telephone befriending alongside our advice service makes an enormous difference to our ability to support everyone through this incredibly difficult time.

What skills and experience are needed?

- Good listening and communication skills
- Empathy / understanding towards others and an interest in what others have to say
- A non-judgmental and positive approach and the desire to motivate and encourage others
- An ability to work independently but also stay within the role's boundaries – recognising what should and shouldn't be done and when to seek advice or report concerns

How to Apply:

For further information and to apply, please email

volunteering@wiltshiresight.org

A MONTH TO REMEMBER

MAY

OK it's the same ditty from Camelot as last year, but I feel we all need a joyful reminder of what May should be like.

*Tra la, it's May, the lusty month of May
That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray
Tra la, it's here, that shocking time of year
When tons of wicked little thoughts merrily appear
It's May, it's May, that gorgeous holiday
When every maiden prays that her lad will be a cad
It's mad, it's gay, a libelous display
Those dreary vows that everyone takes, everyone breaks
Everyone makes divine mistakes, the lusty month of May
Whence this fragrance wafting through the air?
What sweet feelings does its scent transmute?
Whence this perfume floating everywhere?
Don't you know it's that dear forbidden fruit
Tra la la la, that dear forbidden fruit, tra la la la*

Although 8th May marks the end of another major national crisis, the war in Europe, it is also the 80th anniversary of the nadir of that conflict, with the evacuation of Dunkirk while, a few days later, Churchill invoked that spirit with his 'blood, toil, tears and sweat' speech. And, as if to remind us of a world subject to disaster, this month sees the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of Ebola in Zaire and the 40th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State. More positively, sixty years ago the European Free Trade Association was created and, with the death of Tito, in 1980, the opening cracks in the eastern European socialist economies began to show. After reading that all the more need to sing along with Julie Andrews, so...

Enjoy the May blossom and the lambs,

David Childs

SUPPORT IS STILL THERE FOR CARERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS



Carer Support
Wiltshire

Everyone has been forced to face change, challenges and uncertainty during the current coronavirus outbreak, but Wiltshire's unpaid carers have faced even more than most. When someone else is reliant on you for their care, the prospect of becoming unable to look after them can be very worrying. Many carers are also classed as vulnerable to contracting coronavirus themselves, so are needing to continue caring while trying to protect themselves.

Carer Support Wiltshire is offering carers help during this time by putting extra resources into manning its helpline and pulling together a team of 'virtual volunteers' who are speaking to carers regularly in order to help reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness.

You can contact Carer Support Wiltshire on 0800 181 4118. There is a coronavirus FAQs page on the charity's website, which signposts to resources and organisations that are helping carers.

Visit <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/news/coronavirus-faq-for-carers>

What were they thinking?

In my online shopping delivery, 'Free From' pasta was unavailable. Suggested substitution: chocolate soya dessert. Would have gone well with my home-made bolognese sauce, no doubt!

Judy Anderson

THANK YOU FROM ALBANY HOUSE

I would just like to thank the wonderful people of Tisbury who, during this dreadful time, have shown what it is like to be part of a village community. From the initial panic buying saga when we were unable to obtain essential supplies and everyone went out of their way to supply us with toilet rolls, soup and many other food items, to the wonderful sewing ladies who have made us scrub bags, head bands and face masks. A big thankyou to Shield of Salisbury and St Joseph's School who have also provided us with essential face shields. We must not forget the wonderful children who have written letters and drawn pictures for our residents which has certainly brought a smile to many a face. Also, a big thank you to Rev Jo Naish for her support with calls, letters and her wonderful saxophone rendition for us of 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. I am proud that we are part of this amazing community and for the support that we have received during these unprecedented times. Thankyou Tisbury together we can do this and everyone stay safe.

Janet Chapman

TISBUS – THE MOVIE



*Looking forward to getting out on Tisbus trips again?
We certainly hope so!*

While you wait, you can take a trip back in time with a video on the early days of Tisbus, in the year 2000.

Just click on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYSliQBYyVw>

Enjoy meandering through our local lanes, see how Tisbury High Street has changed in 20 years and hear from some of those who went before us.

TISBUS – the early years

by Vivian Longland, TISBUS trustee 2001-2010

TISBUS was launched in 2000 when the late Lord Clanwilliam discovered there was government funding for such a service in rural areas. There were many eligibility criteria, one of which was wheelchair and disabled access, another that it had to be a door-to-door service – no regular timetable or picking up at bus stops. He, together with Dunkin Symes, the late Jeremy Hooper and the late Dr Brian Dalton did much research and having agreed there was a need, particularly as Tisbury was designated a socially deprived area, they formed a charity with a board of trustees. Together with Anthony Lovell-Wood as treasurer, Vivian Longland as secretary and Morley Green as the first transport manager, TISBUS was born. Prince Charles 'blessed' the bus at a ceremony in Chilmark, showing great interest in the wheelchair lift and how the charity had been formed.

Over the years several second-hand buses were added to the fleet and then came the time when a NEW bus could be considered. Many applications for funds had been submitted, and then the phone rang. It was the Gannett Foundation who was offering us double the amount for which we had applied. From then, a brand new bus was in sight. Following this purchase a rolling programme of replacement buses has been in place.

Over the years the board members in charge of various sections have come and gone – all of them doing sterling work and often far beyond their remit. In particular Peter Thompson, Eddie Neighbours and the late Gerry Quirke as transport managers gave a great part of their week to TISBUS to keep the buses on the road. The Co-ordinators all had a special something and Karen Marshall, Cathy Titcombe, Beth Dunlop and Errollyn Neighbours more than fulfilled their brief. The members enjoyed chatting to them and often unloaded their worries into caring ears. The chairman changed over the years and for a time we struggled on without

one, taking it in turns to be in charge.

Drivers have always been at the heart of TISBUS and there have been many over the years, but never quite enough. Some have driven on a very occasional basis, others many hours a week. Most have been volunteers, a few on a paid basis – they would never have made their fortune - but we were grateful for their time. They came from all walks of life from a retired GP to an air traffic controller right through to a jumbo-jet pilot and all other careers in between.

Raising funds has always been a big issue and many hours were spent completing grant applications. We were amazed at the diverse enterprises that supported us. After several years of ‘nagging’ Salisbury District Council the secretary received permission to allow members to use their bus passes on approved trips. In order to raise funds, days out were organised, transport offered to schools and groups, and vehicle hire for private functions promoted.

There have been many sleepless nights over the years, many, many hours of volunteer time given, and most beyond the call of duty but TISBUS has now proved after 20 years that it is a worthwhile project and one which the current members and board of trustees should be proud of. The residents of Tisbury should be grateful to the late Lord Clanwilliam for his vision all those years ago.

Apologies are given for the omission of many who helped TISBUS along the way, but you are too numerous to name. That does not mean your work was not appreciated.

Contributed by Gordon Sorensen



MUSINGS FROM DINTON WI

In these testing times (no pun intended) in order to try to find something positive, a Member remembered another very trying time in her life, the First Gulf War in 1991. Her husband left at the beginning of December 1990 and did not return until April 1991. She had three children under five. The only way of communicating was by letter on thin blue airmail paper called blueys. These would usually take 10 or more days, and when hostilities had started you knew nothing until a letter arrived. So the wives all diligently wrote their more or less interesting news every day and hoped their husbands would still be around to read them.

These are very worrying days and weeks but at least we are blessed with a great many ways of communication, even able to see family members and friends on video in other countries.

With the Queen, we hope that better days will come and we will all meet family and friends again.



A QUICK AND EASY RECIPE

Quick and easy **FLAPJACK** (if you like it crispy this is for you, if you prefer it chewy cook for a shorter time, but this recipe may not be for you).

4.5 ozs (127 gms) Butter or block margarine (not the soft spreadable variety)

4.5 ozs (127 gms) Demerara sugar

6 ozs (170 gms) Porridge Oats

Yes that's it, just 3 ingredients

Preheat oven Gas Mark 4/180° C

Grease and line a Swiss roll tin (or two 6" sandwich tins)

Melt butter until runny, stir in sugar and oats and mix well

Smooth into tin and bake for approx. 20 minutes in centre of oven until golden and set. Do NOT over cook

Mark out into squares or fingers whilst still hot

Cool in tin and enjoy!



TISBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We are sad to announce what our readers can already guess, that all our Society's events are cancelled until further notice. If, by some good fortune, the pandemic comes to an end in the near future, we will announce the resumption of events via our website and by email to our members.

Meanwhile, we trust that our gardens can be our means of keeping sane and healthy and we very much look forward to the time when we can meet and mingle again.

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

TISBURY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We are fortunate that we live in such a beautiful place where we can enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside and keep safe during the exercise time we have under the government guidelines.

The warm dry spring weather has been a wonderful antidote to the gloom of the seemingly constant rain of the autumn and winter.

Andrew Graham has been observing what can be seen around Tisbury, which we can all take pleasure of:

‘During the Covid19 “lockdown” many of us have been taking our daily exercise around the streets of Tisbury. We are fortunate to have so many old walls constructed of the local stone which add so much to the character of the village, its roadsides and pathways. The irregular shaped blocks of stone mean that there are plenty of cracks in between for seeds to settle and plants to flourish. South facing walls will be warm and dry and the plants will need roots that penetrate deep into the wall to find moisture or be drought tolerant. The most common appear to be Ivy-leaved Toadflax and Red Valerian.

The former grows vigorously its evergreen leaves, sometimes forming quite large swathes of foliage trailing down over the wall. The flowers are small, pale purple and are like tiny snapdragon blooms. This species has an unusual means of propagation. When in bloom, the flower stalk grows towards

the light (positively phototropic) but once fertilised it becomes negatively phototropic, growing away from the light

thus increasing the likelihood that the seed will be pushed back into the wall crevice where it has more chance of germination.

The Red Valerian, which blooms profusely in summer, is a garden escapee but one which, as well as being very colourful, is attractive to numerous insects and is pollinated by bees and butterflies. Once established, it can grow a woody base and develop into quite a significant clump putting out fresh growth each spring. It produces tufts of dandelion-like seeds many of which end up getting blown into cracks in the walls to create new plants. It is tolerant of alkaline conditions, so is happy in our local stone.

North facing and shaded walls are damper and cooler and here we can find ivy, and ferns growing in the cracks. Indeed, ivy can flourish and take over a wall and may threaten to push the blocks apart and cause collapse. Tree seeds can also germinate in the cracks but if allowed to grow will eventually ruin a wall.

See how many different plants you can see in the walls on your next walk around the village’.

With all organised events cancelled for the foreseeable future, do visit our



online pages for updates and sharing your own pictures. Visit our website www.tisburynaturalhistory.weebly.com for more information on our society. If you have photos or comments, please contact Elizabeth Forbes (tisenathist@gmail.com). You can also follow us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/tisenathist.



NEWS FROM FONTHILL PARK CRICKET CLUB

What ridiculously lovely weather we had as March turned into April, and Spring arrived so spectacularly! Ideal for the cricket ground to dry out, the grass to start growing again and for cricket pitch preparation to begin. Unfortunately no cricket, and at the time of writing (in early April) no sign of when Government restrictions will be relaxed and we can start to look forward to enjoying a proper summer. But when it comes, I have no doubt that everyone will enjoy and appreciate the warmth, smells and benefits of being outside in the summer air all the more this year. Just in case, by some miracle we do get some cricket in before the end of May, and you want to know who we are due to play, please visit our website where you can download a fixture list.

So with the prospect of visiting our lovely cricket ground to enjoy the sound of leather on willow, gentle applause as the ball is struck elegantly to the boundary, the aroma of freshly cut grass and sensations of the sun's

Please continue to support us for when we can resume our programme of talks and excursions. Membership for the year is just £10. You can become a member by contacting Dick Budden at treasurer.tisenathist@gmail.com

Peter Shallcross
Chair

warmth on bare arms and a cold glass of beer in hand, here is a virtual tour to whet your appetite.



Follow the clues below, some of them cryptic, to take you on a virtual treasure hunt around the ground.

Twenty virtual left-over Easter eggs have been hidden at various places and landmarks around the cricket ground, some of them on the field of play itself at fielding positions such as "Mid Off".

1. *Enter here. Winchester pub on east side of Salisbury.*
2. *Re-order a leg flop, to see where the FPCC standard flies.*
3. *Look in gents riches for this large object.*
4. *Wordsworth wandered lonely as a cloud, when all at once he saw a crowd of them, "fluttering and dancing in the breeze, beside the lake, beneath the trees".*
5. *Dismantle and reassemble Wicked Tim.*

6. *Confused queer slag contains quadrilateral limb.*
7. *Sheets and duvets?*
8. *Feeling reorganised.*
9. *Best honours degree plus fall on icy surface.*
10. *A ravine formed by moving water.*
11. *Orson Welles on the off side?*
12. *Quercus robur.*
13. *Apply mortar in the cracks between bricks in a wall.*
14. *Change vice to porn to stop off-drives going for four.*
15. *Fold if slimy, or flimsy if old: Reorganise either for a foolish position.*
16. *Exact rover conceals this run-saving position.*
17. *Mid off!*
18. *Look inside crabs rodeo for this black and white uni-cycle.*
19. *“Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, -----ed in splendour and girded with praise”.*
20. *Sir Keir Starmer was called there in 1987.*

Please come and join us. New members are always welcome, whatever your age, ability or experience. What better time to start playing again? For further information and contacts, (and answers to the treasure hunt), please visit the <https://www.fonthillparkcricketclub.co.uk/>

Mark Mikurenda
Club Secretary



IN THE GARDEN

The ‘ancients’ – hunter gatherers - staving off their hunger, selected plants along the way as the chewing-gum of yesterday. Sometime later, it made sense to take them from the wild to grow beside their shelter of branches or cave entrance. From this simple cultivation came the first gardeners. They tilled the land within the ‘gard’- their fenced homestead.

Many centuries later those with ‘green fingers’ learnt how to use the resources of the countryside around them. Discovering those plants which would or would not thrive close to their home.

This early knowledge of cultivation was gained by observation and need. Labourers started the ‘Grow Your Own’ principle. In a rural environment they had their own garden, and the wealthy employed others, who made it their profession to produce from the land. Necessity evolved to make tools and improve the plants.

It was the second world war that focused the use of any patch of land or garden available. Local authorities even created allotments in local park. Potatoes, the most important staple food and easy to grow, needed very little knowledge. Newspaper became a gardening tool, ever ready at night to cover and protect the tender shoots of the potato to protect them from deadly night frosts.

In Christchurch New Zealand, with its poor volcanic soil, the first raised beds were made several years ago, where newspaper as a layer was covered with soil providing organic material. Raised beds and tubs using crop rotation have become popular today as a more convenient way of growing vegetables in a small area.

What about the flower garden? Tomato plants will happily grow amongst the ornamentals. Some herbaceous plants have strong stems and can be used as stakes the following season. Chillies will be happy in the front of the border. Small areas can be set aside for radishes, colourful lettuce, carrots, beetroot, onions and even perpetual spinach. Old gardeners had a trick to grow lettuces – a pinch of seed a week. The thinnings of these and other vegetables can go into a mixed salad. Ridge Cucumbers thrive outdoors and are sold as Burpless, good for a fragile digestion. Runner beans grown in a circle at the back of the border, with their red and white flowers, all provide a colourful back drop. But, don’t forget to get some pieces of stone or flatwood for stepping-stones in wet weather.

There will always be the slug or snail. Save eggshells, crumple them up not too finely and spread round vulnerable plants. The slugs hate this - too scratchy. Collect slugs from the orange or grapefruit shells left after breakfast. These, if placed on the soil, are an efficient trap. Collect the harvest each morning, drop in a bucket of salted water and pour down a convenient land drain. This is not for the

faint hearted.

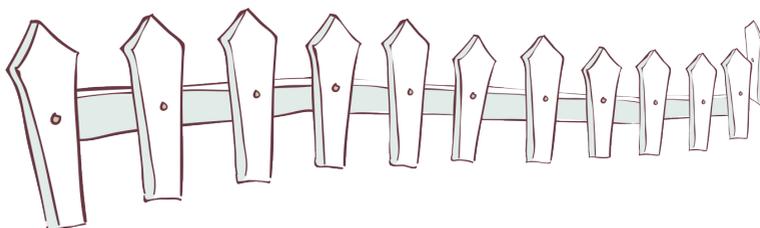
Keep a watch for aphids, caterpillars and butterflies who want to get the best for their emerging young. You don't like spraying chemicals? Then use water with a few drops of Fairy Liquid, before this there was soft soap instead. No Sprayer? Domestic products come in suitable containers. Clean out thoroughly, and 'hey presto' there is a garden sprayer to hand.

Label everything. It is important to know what is growing in the designated space. Traditional gardeners made their own labels painted white using thick white paint. Label with a pencil on the wet paint. Almost indestructible. No labels? They are to hand in the kitchen. Plenty of used white plastic tubs and boxes. Cut out suitable strips, write on them with a pencil or waterproof pen.

The atmosphere in a greenhouse must be moist, otherwise the dreaded Red Spider will not wait to be invited in and will give the plants a fit of measles. The big gardens of yesteryear had a tank of water underneath the bench. A bucket water and watering cans kept full have the same effect.

Walk round regularly. Remember the old adage: 'The farmers footsteps are as dung to the soil.'

Vera Medley



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HOW TO PLAN AHEAD FOR WARM HOMES

In these difficult times Nadder Community Energy are focusing on how we can help.



As we are forced to spend every day at home, now is a good time for us to think about how we are heating our homes. Oil or gas heaters are a major contributor to global warming, as well as often being a very expensive way to heat your home.

Some people may be struggling to pay their heating and electricity bills at the moment. Here is where you can go for advice:

Citizens Advice [get-help-paying-your-bills](#) or call Adviceline on 03444 111 444

Action for warm homes <https://www.nea.org.uk/> or call 0800 304 7159

There are 21st century solutions to upgrade our homes from being drafty, leaky, damp and heated with dirty fossil fuels. Many of us don't have a choice – changing is expensive. But there are pots of money out there to help us switch. There is a government grant!

FOR HOMES

If you own your own home you can install an air source heat pump, ground source heat pump or biomass boiler for heating your home and claim back the money via the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive scheme. Don't hang about though as this scheme may well end in March 2021!

You can talk to an installer now to get information and advice and book in for when the lockdown has lifted. By discussing now, the installers can plan for the amount of demand they may have in the autumn.

An air source or ground source heat pump uses refrigeration technology to heat water for radiators or underfloor heating. They can plug into your existing radiators.

The ground source heat pump needs land available and is more costly to install but is more efficient. An air source heat pump is less costly to install, especially if you already have radiators, but is less efficient.

Find out more information on the technology.

<https://www.cat.org.uk/info-resources/free-information-service/energy/heat-pumps/>

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/renewable-energy/heat/air-source-heat-pumps>

Energy saving – to receive the government grant you will have to have an energy performance certificate to show a level of energy efficiency. There are things that

you can do that will save the amount of energy you need to use to heat your home – such as a layer of wool in the roof or insulation in your walls. The heat pump installers will be able to advice about this.

FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

There is a government grant scheme for organisations that install a renewable heating device. It pays the cost back over several years. It might save your organisation a lot of money, and certainly will reduce its carbon footprint.

Sue Reed

NCE Company Secretary

WILTSHIRE WELLBEING HUB IS SUPPORTING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling without a support network around them during this difficult time. The team can help provide support and also signpost vulnerable people to where additional help is available in their local area.

If you need support, or know someone who does, the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub can be contacted on 0300 003 4576 or by email at

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk.

The hub is open 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 4pm at weekends. Please get in touch if you need to.



VICTORIA HALL TISBURY LTD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Victoria Hall Tisbury Ltd (previously known as Tisbury Halls) is the Charitable Company that is the Trustee for the Victoria and Elizabeth Halls, now The New Vic@Tisbury. The Annual General Meeting for the Company was planned to be held in the Elizabeth Hall at 7pm on Thursday 7 May 2020. Because of the current COVID-19 guidance, this meeting is postponed.

Legally, we are required to hold the AGM within 15 months of the preceding AGM. We therefore have until 7 August 2020 in which to hold the AGM, and the trustees are hoping that we will be able to reconvene before that date. Should that not be possible, we will be consulting with the Charity Commission on the best course of action.

Hugh Macnair

Chairman, Victoria Hall Tisbury Ltd

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PETS WHEN CARRYING OUT 'SOCIAL DISTANCING' OR STAYING AT HOME

Many of us are very worried about the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on our pets and so the RSPCA have created some Q&As to help you. These cover all sorts of topics from “Can pets transmit/pass/spread COVID-19 to people?” through to “what do I do about getting my kitten neutered”, all updated with latest guidance from the British Veterinary Association.

Visit the website for <https://www.rspca.org.uk/whatwedo/latest/blogs/details/-/articleName/how-to-care-for-your-pets-if-you-re-ill-or-have-to-self-isolate-due-to-coronavirus> on how best to look after your pets during this situation.



FROM FACEBOOK

Former teacher and chaplain Kitty O'Meara, from Wisconsin USA wrote a poem in her Facebook blog in March 2020, prompted by the current COVID-19 situation.

Within days Kitty's poem went viral and a fake backstory developed: you may have come across it wrongly attributed as "written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara, reprinted during Spanish flu Pandemic, 1919". Ah well... it's still worth sharing.

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.

And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.

"Photo purporting to be from Spanish Flu era – we can't be sure!"



PLAGUES IN THE COMMUNITY

It will soon be 20 years since I first wrote these monthly articles on farming matters for Focus. That means over 200 pieces of which 80 were collected in a book 3 years ago. It sold 500 copies and is now out of print.

Of all the topics I have discussed, one stands out in my mind as the most important by a long way: “Extinction Rebellion in the community” which appeared in 2019. I suggested three reasons why our human species may bring its brief existence on our host planet to a close. Two are: Global warming and Nuclear catastrophe. Reason number one was pandemics.

My book of the year, so far, is **The Body, a guide for occupants, by Bill Bryson**. He gives us an amazing study of you and me from top to tail and below. In one chapter he describes many of what I will call plagues. He ends the chapter: “ We are really no better prepared for a bad outbreak today than we were when Spanish flu killed tens of millions of people 100 years ago”.

Sadly our politicians of all colours, in spite of warnings, have failed to give this threat the urgency it deserves. They failed to stock up with sufficient protective kit for those in the NHS and all the others who now need it so much. Commissioning destructive “Boy’s toys” like aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines have taken precedence (I had to get that one off my chest again!)

I am so pleased that our daughter Jane is following this introduction with her piece about “plagues”.

Martin Shallcross

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCE IN WILTSHIRE

We are experiencing the enormous social and economic implications of responding to an outbreak of an infectious disease. The SARS CoV -2 virus has all the characteristics to make it very successful at spreading across the world. It has stealth as some people can spread the infection when they have no symptoms, it spreads by the respiratory route so it’s hard to avoid (rather than say a food borne pathogen, where you can avoid eating food types, or avoid raw food). Also, being a viral disease, COVID-19 is more difficult to treat than bacterial infections as it won’t respond to antibiotics and, as the virus is new, everyone in the world is susceptible. Even with all these characteristics, history and science tell us that the epidemic will end: immunity will build up, therapeutics will be found, testing will be scaled up and a vaccine may even be successful. This virus was only discovered in January 2020 and it is remarkable to see medical developments that would

normally take many years being fast tracked by scientists, working collaboratively around the world.

My life has been affected by 4 outbreaks. As a girl I helped in the dairy before school, Sadie the dairy lady would point put a cow and warn me to keep clear because it was a mad one and wasn't she right! In Tisbury we had many cows infected with BSE in the 1980s. This was a case of a 'new emerging disease', there was no evidence of this kind of disease in cattle before. Some diseases are 'remerging'. In 2009 in Westbury there were two cases of Anthrax in cattle: this was detected in two cattle that died which had been grazing on a field and it is thought that anthrax spores buried in the soil resurfaced after heavy rain. This pathogen, and the worldwide response to the America Anthrax letters (in 2001 when letters containing Anthrax spores were mailed to several Senators and newspapers in USA) led to me having my current job, as the UK needed to better prepare to recognise and respond to any future deliberate release of a pathogen.

Many of you will remember the foot and mouth disease in 2000/2001 when a huge percentage of the nation's sheep and cows were infected. Although no Tisbury farms were infected, the farmers were all affected as movement of all livestock was severely restricted, meaning that animals couldn't even be moved between fields. I had a baby at that time and I was reluctant to have my mother in law visit as she came from an infected area and could have bought the virus on the tyres of her car to our farm.

In 2009 the world was hit by swine flu, it emerged in Mexico and within weeks spread around the world. Fortunately, it wasn't as lethal as some previous flu viruses. One of the most infamous outbreaks was the Spanish flu which is thought to have killed more people than the first world war. The unusual aspect of this outbreak is that the disease particularly affected young adults in the age range of 20 to 30. The virus spread round the world in three waves of infection between 1918 and 1919, the second wave causing the most deaths, and the effect can be seen in the war graves of Australian soldiers in Fovant, Baverstock and Compton. In Fovant there are 44 Australian war graves and in Cathy Sedgwick's research she found out that over 65% of the deaths were due to influenza/broncho pneumonia type infections (excluding TB). Pandemic influenza is considered the greatest risk on the UK's national risk register, as it is relatively likely and could have severe widespread impact.

The human race will always face the threat of an outbreak. But there are ways we can reduce the likelihood and consequences: minimise travel, ensure everyone in the world has a good standard of housing and nutrition, stop building on wild landscapes, stop the trade in wild animals, develop good farming practices that are less intensive and have animal health and welfare at the centre. We also

need to fund the NHS and public health systems, so they have spare capacity and resilience to respond rapidly.

What we can all do now, in the face of COVID-19, is to look after our own health, cooperate with health advice and look after each other as a community.

Jane Bacon

Jane lives in Tisbury and is Head of Novel and Dangerous Pathogen Training at Public Health England. She has worked at Porton for over 20 years and her role usually sees her training people on how to work safely in laboratories, wherever needed around the world. Currently, she is working to increase the capacity of COVID-19 testing in UK.



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The Tisbury & District Community Minibus Ltd



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CALLING ALL WRITERS INTERESTED IN HISTORY!

Twelve Tisbury residents with an interest in history and literature have developed a local writing competition, hoping to provide a little entertainment for like-minded folk during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The competition has three underlying objectives:

- get people – particularly young and seniors – who are bored at home into doing something creative that perhaps they wouldn't have thought about
- promote the understanding of women's history and local history
- promote the knowledge about history from the point of view of the actors.

For whom?

- Children (up to 11 years)
- Young adults (12-18 years)
 - Adults (19-64 years)
- Senior adults (65+ years)

About what?

- Life in Tisbury/local area in the past
 - Women's unconventional past lives
- Life in Tisbury/local area during a lockdown

By when?
Deadline: 31 May 2020

Where to?
tisburywritcomp@gmail.com
12A High Street, Tisbury SP36HF

Want to know more?
tisburywritingcompetition.wordpress.com

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Stories between 500 and 6000 words are encouraged, preferably submitted electronically. If necessary, manuscripts or type-written stories will be accepted (contactless collection from your doorstep can be arranged if you are in isolation). The informal committee will act as judging panel and all details will be made public once the award decisions have been made, by the end of August 2020.

For more information on eligibility, writing topics, submission procedure and other frequently asked questions, please look at our website:

<https://tisburywritingcompetition.wordpress.com>

or contact us on tisburywritcomp@gmail.com, or 07470 223914



New Vic Summer Weekend Art, sport, community and cake



Art theme: **Summer's Promise...**

We planned a weekend of Wimbledon finals, cake, strawberries and an art exhibition. Even if we can't get together, we can still collate and show your art through our website, so get creating and tell us the story of your work in a paragraph too.

www.newvictisbury.com



FOCUS QUIZ

Whatever do you mean?

6 obscure and antiquated words, but what do each of them mean?

1. Jargogle

- a) To confuse or bamboozle
- b) To knock into or nudge
- c) To choke on your drink

2. Apricity

- a) The chill of ice touching your skin
- b) The warmth of sunshine on a cold, winter's day
- c) The smell of freshly cut grass on a summer's evening

3. Cockalorum

- a) A short man with a high opinion of himself
- b) A tall man with a short temper
- c) A deranged man who believes he can fly

4. Curglaff

- a) The shame one feels when admitting to cheating
- b) The disgust one feels when seeing rotten meat
- c) The shock one feels when plunging into cold water

5. Callipygian

- a) Having beautifully shaped eyebrows
- b) Having beautifully shaped buttocks
- c) Having beautifully shaped lips

6. Quockerwodger

- a) A name used in the 16th century for a court jester
- b) A name used in the 18th century for a market trader
- c) A name used in the 19th century for a small, wooden puppet

Untangled

Can you untangle these 6 anagrams to find out the names of some of our local businesses?

1. Best charmed fork
2. Month in Spaces
3. Tame robot season
4. Duo sets zit
5. Weird mental fort
6. Her decadent rent

Name that tune

Can you identify which song these famous lyrics are from?

1. When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
2. I'm never gonna dance again, guilty feet have got no rhythm
3. Regrets, I've had a few but, then again, too few to mention
4. I feel it in my fingers, I feel it in my toes
5. Is this the real life, is this just fantasy? Caught in a landslide, no escape from reality
6. You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life. See that girl, watch that scene...

Scientific Enquiry

We are all currently hoping that science can soon save the day, but can you answer these scientific brain teasers in the meantime?

1. Roughly what proportion of their DNA do humans and chimpanzees share: 77%, 92% or 98.5% ?
2. What name is given to a biological process that sets itself naturally to a 24 hours cycle?
3. The chemical symbol 'K' denotes which uncommonly soft metal?
4. What are the three most common gases in the earth's atmosphere?
5. Which British scientist is best known for his work and theories on Black Holes?
6. Which British chemist discovered six elements in the periodic table almost singlehandedly during the late 18th/early 19th century?

Contributed by Focus Quizmaster Ben Furness

(Solution on page 51)





St John's Primary School

Belong, Imagine, Achieve

St John's C of E Primary School On line Learning

It is good to be able to speak to you all through technology during this current situation.

Technology has been key to reaching out to our families and continuing with interaction and learning.

As soon as it looked like we had to close the school we quickly organised blogging through our school website. We spoke to our families to ensure they were all able to manage at home, as we do have to stay open for vulnerable families. Everything is ready in case we do have to open and we have a rota for staff in place. Luckily the learning platform was set up by Primary Site who runs our school website. They were really helpful, and most importantly available, to help us iron out any issues and get us set up very quickly.

Every morning the teachers set out the work and a programme for the day; the parents have reported that this structure is very useful. We appreciate how tricky it is for some families, as they have to look after their children, many are still working from home and manage the home learning! We have printed out packs too, for families that do not have printing facilities or they may not have enough computers or tablets for everyone in the house.

The children are able to blog through the class pages, so they can communicate between each other in the class too and support their friends; although importantly the teacher has to approve each post. This has been important so that the children still feel part of the school community and supported.

Importantly, I have reminded the parents about on line safety and provided various websites to support them in order to keep their children safe. We also ensure all families know that we are here for them at this very difficult time. Our ELSAs are also busy communicating with families where needed.

At the end of the week we have a virtual celebration assembly, where I post on the blog and on our school Facebook page, who has 'received' Headteacher certificates, the positive attitude to learning trophy and which team has won the house points cup for the week.

Luckily the weather has been really helpful, as it always tends to make everyone feel better when the sun is shining. Also, living in and around such a beautiful

place allows our families to go on beautiful walks or play in their gardens.

It has been really lovely to hear about so many local initiatives to support each other within Tisbury and the surrounding areas, and I would personally like to thank all of those people. At times like this it is extremely important that all families feel supported and looked after.

New Children for September

Parents have now had their letters informing them of which school their children will be attending in September. We would now usually be preparing for our new children and having transition meetings. We have written to all of our families to welcome them and we have provided information on our website to help them to prepare. Let's hope that we will soon be able to open to meet them all.

We also hope to see our Year 6 children before they go off on the next part of their educational journey. But I have reassured them, that no matter what, we will get together and have a celebration of all of their wonderful achievements!

Please continue to follow the guidance and keep safe.

Best wishes

Mrs Lisa Porth

Headteacher



TISBURY SURGERY

Thank you so much

To all our wonderful community volunteers and key workers for supporting everyone during this challenging period. We are all overwhelmed when we listen to the Thursday 'Clapping for Carers'.

Mental Wellbeing

We wanted to draw your attention to the following telephone number provided by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust which might be of use should you struggle with your mental wellbeing or if you are concerned about someone else's mental health. It is manned 24 hours a day – 7 days a week:

0300 303 1320

Changing your pharmacy of choice

Please make sure you let us know if you change the provider you use for prescriptions, ideally via email reception.tisbury@nhs.net or by telephoning us. Otherwise there may be delays in you getting your prescriptions. We are aware that some online pharmacies in particular are stating that they have not received prescriptions when we have sent these immediately upon request - but their computer systems are not updating to reflect that.

Keeping you Safe

Following updated guidance from the Government we will continue to offer cervical screening (smear test) to women who meet certain criteria. This will be determined on an individual basis and include (but are not limited to) first time smears and follow-up smears after abnormal results or treatment. If you have received a letter inviting you, or feel you are due a smear, or would like a nurse to assess whether you meet the criteria for a smear during this time, please call the Surgery and we will be happy to discuss this further.

We are continuing with all baby and childhood immunisations. It is very important that you attend these when invited to do so to ensure your baby is protected.

There are strict infection control measures in place at the surgery to keep you safe. We are not seeing patients with potential Covid 19 at the surgery itself. Please do not come to the surgery unless we ask you to do so after a telephone or video consultation with a doctor or nurse.

We are here to help our patients during this difficult time, as always.

Dr. Laurence Carter

Dr. Adam Smith

HINDON SURGERY NEWS – COVID-19 UPDATE

Last month the article was pretty dense with information about Covid-19 and the changes made by us and all practices to cope with this national emergency. As I write there seem to have been few serious cases locally – reports of patients self-isolating but no one needing hospital admission. This is a tribute to the efforts of everyone to avoid getting the virus by taking all the measures we have been told to do. They apply to everyone. If in doubt please go to the NHS 111 and government websites.

We now have a system of home delivery of dispensed medicines that seems to be working well. Our thanks to all the very many volunteers providing this service. For Hindon and the adjacent villages the bags are collected around noon every working day. If you are in a high risk group please let us know and we can add your name to the list for this service.

Recently those of you in very high risk groups will have received “shielding” letters that advise you to stay at home for the next twelve weeks. These are for clearly defined conditions (details on the government website) and we cannot provide anyone outside these groups with one. If you think you should be shielded you can use the website to check the inclusion criteria and you can request to be shielded if you qualify. Please don’t apply for shielding if your own check suggests you are not eligible.

It is exceptionally helpful if we have your current email address and mobile ‘phone number. Working remotely means we make a huge number of telephone calls and to reduce these and keep lines free for in-coming calls we want to do as much as possible by email or via the website (and the on-line prescription ordering service). We are finding quite a lot of emails bounce back or we don’t have one at all for people we are pretty sure are on the internet. Please email us the details to update your notes.

As well as thanking all of you for keeping to the government guidelines and the volunteers we would also like to thank everyone for their kindness to us, for the very moving clapping on Thursday evenings, for the supplies of PPE (especially St Josephs’ and Godolphin School in Salisbury for face visors), to Bramley for supplies of their hand sanitizer, and to everyone else who has helped us and others in the community. Together we will get through this and many have told us the enforced changes have given them a new and strangely happier outlook on their lives and how to lead it now and for the future.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

QUIT FOR COVID

The #QuitforCovid story started with one mum, her son and a GP. Now, as evidence grows about the risks to smokers from COVID-19, the Government and healthcare professionals are calling on all smokers to #QuitforCovid.

Smoking harms the immune system, reducing the body's natural protection against infections, like coronavirus. Smokers are therefore at greater risk of:

- getting acute respiratory infections;
- the infection lasting longer;
- the infection being more serious than it would be for someone who does not smoke.

New evidence shows that smokers are 14 times more likely to develop severe symptoms from COVID-19.

There is free support available to help you quit. Find out more by visiting the <https://www.todayistheday.co.uk/> or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>



FAMILIES MAGAZINE HELPING FAMILIES SURVIVE THE LOCKDOWN

If you are a parent, you need the “surviving lockdown” magazine!

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesmagazine?fr=sOGY3NDEyMzIx-MzQ>

Home learning, pre-school play, virtual zoo & aquarium tours, virtual space experiences, family health, home learning resources, family health resources, activities & games, colouring-in printables – they've got it covered.

Something for grandparents to share?



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL RESOURCES SUPPORT PEOPLE TO STAY ACTIVE AND CONNECTED

A wide range of online services are now available on Wiltshire Council's Active Communities resource page at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-active-communities. This covers a variety of topics and provide ways for people to get active, be creative through media like sone, dance, art and literature, explore Wiltshire's history and stay connected, all from the comfort of their own home.

Wiltshire's elibrary is popular and can be found at

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks>.

The online Rhyme Time sessions can be found on the libraries' Facebook pages and have proven to be a hit particularly for families with young children.

The council's leisure teams are also promoting fitness challenges and videos that will include activities for all abilities and signposting to national resources to keep people moving at home, as well as providing activity packs to download and bringing existing participants together for regular online group chats. There is also information on ways to support your mental health.

A host of other COVID-19 updates, guidance and support can be found at

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

In the last few weeks the library service has seen:

- 177 new members joining online and counting
- eBook loans up 43%, eAudio up 118% and eMagazines up 90% compared to same time last year
- Online Rhyme Time sessions viewed more than 12,400 times so far – with viewers as far away as Australia



Wiltshire Council

ENTER THE WORLD OF THE PODCAST

How to listen

The easiest way to listen to a podcast is through a podcast app on your smartphone but they can also be listened to on a computer or through a smart speaker (e.g. Amazon Echo). The apps all work in much the same way but sometimes the podcasts that are available on each vary. Some of the most popular ones are Acast, Spotify, TuneIn Radio and Podcast Republic. For BBC produced podcasts, of which there are lots, BBC Sounds is your best bet although they can also be accessed on other apps as well.



Some recommendations

The podcasts listed below are just a handful of the many tens of thousands that exist. They are ones that I listen to regularly and enjoy but there are many more. Just go to any podcast app and browse. There really is something for everyone.

Newscast - BBC

This one gives daily information and stories from the day's news. Hosted by a mix and match of BBC news journalists such as Laura Kuenssberg, Chris Mason and Adam Fleming.

Americast - BBC

Similar to Newscast but focussed on the US Presidential Election, it is hosted by Jon Sopel and Emily Maitlis. It is fascinating insight into the oddities and idiosyncrasies of US politics. Currently on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic but expected to return as the November elections approach.

Something rhymes with purple

This is a great one for anyone fascinated by language and the origins of words. Hosted by Gyles Brandreth and Susie Dent, recent episodes have looked at where the words "grockle", "boycott" and "Namby-pamby" come from.

The Allusionist

Another one on language. In this podcast Helen Zaltzman looks at language from angles that would never have occurred to you: how it evolves to meet new challenges; how it is engraved to mark moments in time; typos and their sometimes deeper meaning; the evolving rules of punctuation and much more.

Friday Night Comedy - BBC

Catch up with Radio 4's regular Friday evening comedy show at a time that suits you. Alternates between The News Quiz and The Now Show depending on which is being broadcast at the time.

13 Minutes to the Moon – BBC

Epic stories of Nasa's Apollo 11 and Apollo 13 missions to the moon.

David Attenborough Life on Earth – BBC

A history of nature, written and read by the man himself.

Ramblings - BBC

Clare Balding walks through the countryside talking to interesting and sometimes notable people about what they get from walking and the countryside that surrounds them.

How did we get here?

Professor Tanya Byron holds one-off sessions with individuals who are facing real-life struggles. Claudia Winkleman listens in, and in breaks, talks to Tanya about why she asked certain questions and the psychology behind the conversation. This can be hard to listen to as it sometimes delves into traumatic episodes but is a fascinating insight into psychotherapy and what influences the way we behave.

Susan Calman's Mrs Brightside - BBC

Calman, who has talked openly about her own battle with depression, talks to her fellow comedians about mental health. These conversations are often funny, very honest and sometimes very moving.

Dogcast

Clare Balding talks all things dog. From choosing the right one for you, the joy of walking with your dog, the companionship they bring and the challenges too.

Sexier than a squirrel

Don't let the name fool you – it's another one for dog owners. If you have a dog that is more interested in the squirrel than it is in you then this is one to listen to. Hosted by Lauren Langman, 2020 Crufts Agility Champion, and veterinary behaviourist Tom Mitchell, they talk about how to train your dog through games so you become the most interesting thing in the environment.

Walking the Dog

An interview show, but one that feels a bit like eavesdropping on a conversation. Comedian and author Emily Dean goes for dog walks with her famous friends. Recent episodes have featured Judy Murray, Heston Blumenthal, and Emily Maitlis.

Desert Island Discs Archive - BBC

No explanation needed. Hundreds of archived episodes to browse through.

Get listening – it's a great way to while away a few hours and you might learn something new.

Anna Campbell

ENTERTAINMENT FOR STAYING AT HOME

If you fancy a cultural diversion, the following list shows some of the organisations offering online streaming of opera, concerts and theatre.

The Metropolitan Opera New York <https://www.metopera.org/>

The Royal Opera House <https://www.roh.org.uk/streaming>

The Deutsche Oper Berlin https://www.deutscheoperberlin.de/en_EN/home

Berliner Philharmoniker <https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home>

Curve Theatre <https://www.curveonline.co.uk/news/watch-our-archive-recording-of-the-importance-of-being-earnest/>

Musical Theatre - The Shows Must Go On

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmPjhKMaXNNeCr1FjuMvag>

Cirque du Soleil - <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/cirqueconnect>

The Globe - <https://globeplayer.tv/>

The Hampstead Theatre - <https://www.hampsteadtheatre.com/>

Cheek by Jowl, The Winter's Tale Live Capture -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zULvQbgJy8&feature=youtu.be>

National Theatre - <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

The Wind in the Willows <https://www.willowsmusical.com/>

The Show Must Go Online: The Two Gentlemen Of Verona -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOAj44ANGKw&feature=emb_title

It's True, It's True, It's True: Artemisia on Trial, Breach Theatre -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzpSZAr_iEk

The Schaubühne Theatre, Berlin -

<https://www.schaubuehne.de/en/start/index.html>

The Viral Monologues - <https://24hourplays.com/>

The Singing Hour, Sing Together - <https://singtogether.org.uk/>

Submitted by Leslie Brantingham, courtesy of the Blackheath Society's newsletter.

LEARN FROM HOME THROUGH FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

Whilst we are encouraged to self-isolate or social distance, why not take the opportunity to learn something new, or to find out what children are being taught these days? Browse through the selection of online resources below, all freely available.

- [Open University](#) offer a range of free courses, these range from 1 hour to 50 hours covering Health, Sports, Psychology, Money, Business, Nature, History...
- [Wiltshire College Distance Learning](#) – courses are free but you can only enrol on one course at a time
- [BBC Bitesize](#) offers a range of courses across the ages; [Primary](#) (3 – 11 years) [Secondary](#) (11 – 16 years) [Post 16](#) (Functional Skills)
- [Future Learn](#) choose from hundreds of online courses from top universities and specialist organisations
- [edX](#) a huge catalogue of free courses at various levels
- [Coursera](#) a range of courses with free elements
- [James Dyson Foundation](#) has devised 44 engineering and scientific challenges to keep you thinking
- [Virtual tours of museums](#) – 12 famous museums are offering online free tours
- [Story Time Online](#) – watch a wonderful range of famous authors and stars reading children’s books and short stories for kids of all ages
- [TEDEd@Home](#) – to support the millions of students, parents and teachers affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, TED-Ed is working with expert educators and TED speakers throughout the world to create and share high-quality, interactive, video-based lessons on a daily basis, for free



THREE REQUESTS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Avoid Bonfires

Please help our vulnerable residents with respiratory conditions to breathe more comfortably at home and avoid having bonfires. This request also comes from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue team, who have had many calls to fires that have turned out to be bonfires. They need to concentrate on sending their resources to where they are needed most.



No Fly-Tipping

For anyone doing a spring clear-out at home, please store your waste safely until the household recycling centres reopen. Don't be tempted to use unlicensed waste carriers or make use of 'man with a van' advertisements on social media. And don't spoil our beautiful Wiltshire countryside by fly tipping – this is a criminal offence with penalties ranging from fines to five years imprisonment.



Correct Recycling

Please also make sure you only put acceptable items into your blue-lidded bin. Since the lockdown, Wiltshire recycling teams have found lots of electrical items, scrap and gas canisters in the recycling collected from blue-lidded bins. These could cause damage or fires at the recycling facility and put people in danger.

Thank you everyone!

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION RENEWALS DEFERRED TO 15 JUNE

The government has postponed the renewal process for garden waste collection until 15 June, due to the pressure on council services because of COVID-19. Garden waste collections will continue, provided the council's contractor has sufficient staff to maintain service delivery.

Customers who have already paid for the garden waste collection service will continue to have their garden waste collected until 30 June 2020. Residents should continue to place their garden waste bins out with their red stickers as usual. The council will contact you in due course with details of the renewal process. Collections will continue from 1 July.



BEWARE OF MISINFORMATION

Everyone can help stop the spread of potentially dangerous or false stories circulating about coronavirus, by following official government guidance. The 'SHARE' checklist below includes basic advice that empowers people to avoid spreading misinformation from purported 'experts'. It's also useful in spotting phishing scams from criminal fraudsters.

Source – Is this a trustworthy source of information? For medical facts and coronavirus safety information go to the NHS website and GOV.UK.

Headline – remember this doesn't tell the full story. Always read to the end before you share articles about coronavirus.

Analyse - check the facts. If something sounds unbelievable, it very well might be. Independent fact-checking services are correcting false information about coronavirus every day.

Retouched - does the image or video look as though it has been doctored? They might be edited, or show an unrelated place or event.

Error - look out for bad grammar and spelling mistakes as this might mean the information is false. Official guidance about coronavirus will always have been carefully checked.

How to spot a loan shark



No paperwork such as a credit agreement or record of payments



Extortionate interest rates and refuse to give you information about the loan



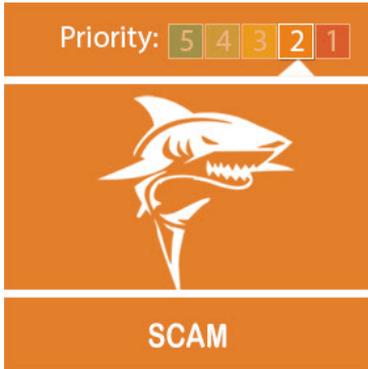
They might get nasty and threaten you if you fall behind on payments

Report - 0300 555 2222

STOPLOANSHARKS
Intervention . Support . Education

WILTSHIRE POLICE

BE CAUTIOUS OF COLD CALLERS AND ONLINE SCAMMERS



Scams over the phone are nothing new, but, in the current climate, they are being adapted. Criminals are exploiting the need to keep ourselves safe and take protective measures during the COVID19 pandemic so are reinventing their scams to use Coronavirus as a hook.

Any unsolicited phone calls should be treated with extreme caution, and if they're asking for payment details it's highly likely to be a scam. Criminals are experts at impersonating people and organisations you trust, even the Police and Government. They spend hours researching for their cons, in order to make you believe what they are saying, so be wary of false offers of financial support. These may be presented as grants, tax rebates, compensation, loans or even pension releases. Scams may reach you through unsolicited emails, phone calls and text messages.

Face masks, hand sanitiser and other protective products are in high demand, and fraudsters know this. There is lots of activity online with many offering these products to lure people in, but the true reality is that they don't have these products and never will do - it's all a scam.

If you are looking to purchase these items, don't panic or rush. Do your research into who you are buying from and look for reviews, this can help determine whether it's a legitimate company or not. Most importantly though, never give payment or personal details during any unsolicited calls, emails or text messages – remember that neither your bank nor the police will ever ask you to transfer money to any so-called "safe" account.

If you think that you may have given away any of your details by mistake, contact your bank immediately, change any passwords you may have divulged and report the incident to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at

www.actionfraud.police.uk

ALICE COMBES TRUST & THE LORD ARUNDELL OF WARDOUR CHARITABLE TRUST

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Two of your local charities have combined resources to set up a relief fund to provide food for those who are suffering financial hardship as a direct result of the coronavirus restrictions in Tisbury, West Tisbury, Wardour, Ansty, Semley, Donhead St Andrew and Donhead St Mary.

We are particularly prioritising

- the self employed in our community who have no access to income at this time due to the coronavirus restrictions
- those whose household income has been affected through furlough or unemployment due to the coronavirus restrictions
- those whose household costs have risen as a direct result of the coronavirus restrictions

Please email: alicecombestrust@gmail.com or call Sean Moran on 01747 871258

Please note that our normal application process for applicants suffering financial hardship irrespective of the coronavirus restriction remains open to anyone. Please see the separate details for the charities in other sections of this months Focus

HELP US GATHER FEEDBACK ON HOW CORONAVIRUS IS AFFECTING HEALTHCARE



Healthwatch Wiltshire is looking for feedback from local people on how the coronavirus outbreak has affected the services they use.

We would like to hear their experiences of health and care to help us identify how services are adapting and working well during the coronavirus outbreak, and to highlight common issues and challenges that need further work and improvement.



The online survey is available at

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WiltsCoronavirus/>

More details about the survey are on the Healthwatch Wiltshire website.

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.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):

The Alice Combes Trusts handles personal data in accordance with the requirements of GDPR. Anybody requiring further information on this matter should contact the

Secretary.



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

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Quiz Answers

Whatever do you mean?

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|----|----|----|----|
| 1. | A) | 4. | C) |
| 2. | B) | 5. | B) |
| 3. | A) | 6. | C) |

Untangled

1. The Beckford Arms
2. The Compass Inn
3. Beatons Tearooms
4. Studio Zest
5. Ted Martin Flowers
6. The Nadder Centre

Name that tune

1. The Beatles – Let it be
2. George Michael – Careless Whisper
3. Frank Sinatra – My Way
4. Wet Wet Wet – Love is all around
5. Queen – Bohemian Rhapsody
6. ABBA – Dancing Queen

Scientific Enquiry

1. 98.5%
2. Circadian rhythm
3. Potassium
4. Nitrogen, Oxygen, Argon
5. Stephen Hawkin
6. Humphry Davy

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