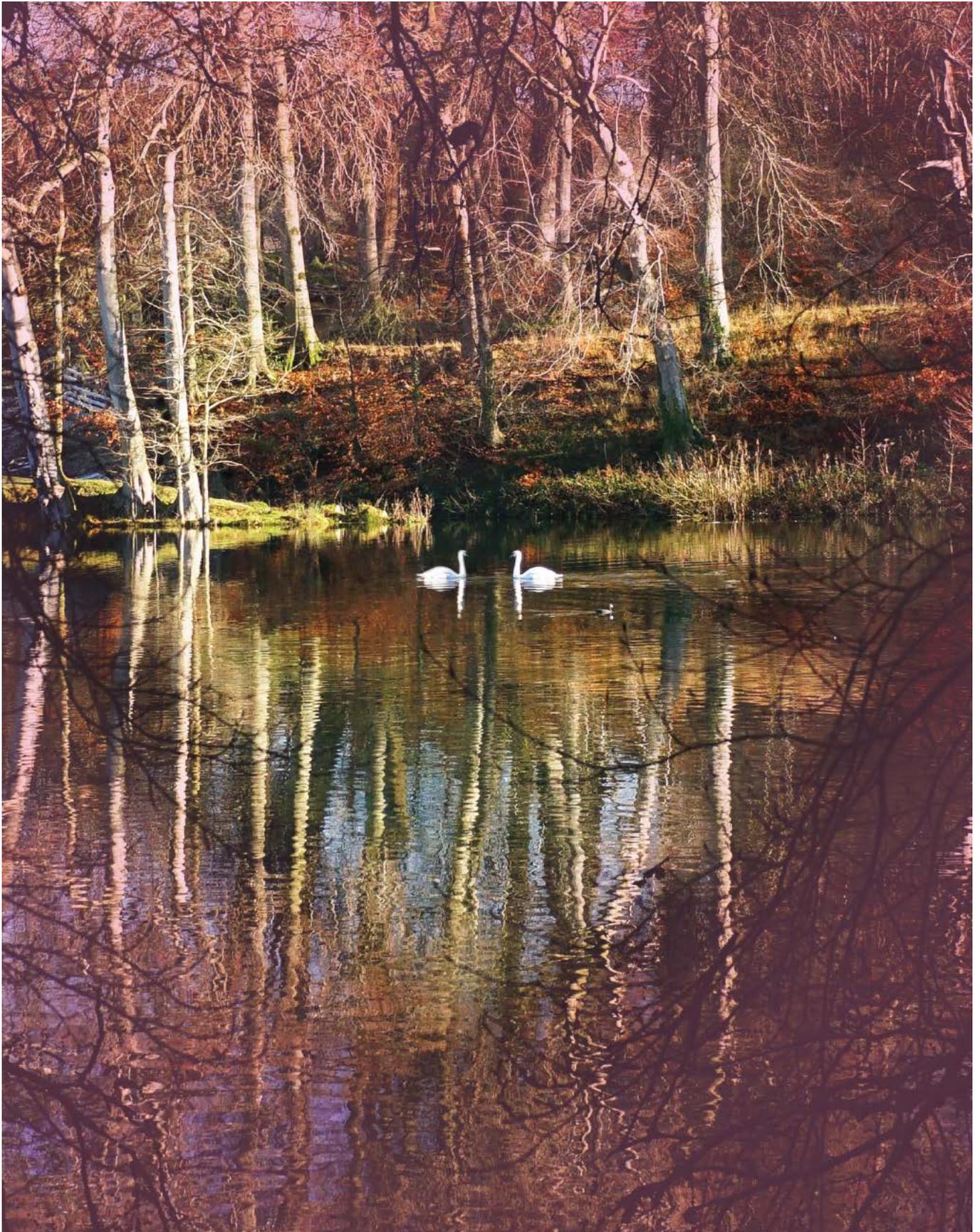


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ON THE COMMUNITY - What's On In Tisbury

FEBRUARY 2021



WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY 2021 ISSUE OF FOCUS

My grandfather used to say that every visitor is guaranteed to make you happy at least once – if not when they arrive, then it will happen when they leave! Let's swiftly move on from the fact that it has been a long while since any of us have had visitors... what sprang to mind with these words was saying goodbye to January. Perhaps it's just me, but the first month of the year always seems to last three times longer than all the others, dragging on with dark, damp days, devoid of distinguishing features (apologies to anyone who just had a birthday). So, at last, I'm delighted to welcome February in its place.

Call me biased, but this month's front cover inspires my good mood, with its stunning natural symmetry and laser focus on two swans in love – well of course they are, with Valentine's day fast approaching. Overall, the content inside Focus leans towards realistic optimism. There is repeated acknowledgement of the harsh reality of Covid affecting plans and daily life, yet the challenges and uncertainty are embraced with good humour, steadfast determination and faith in the future. Apparently, this combination of realism and optimism comes highly recommended by psychologists. How wonderful to find it expressed in our community magazine, prompting us to follow in the same direction.

Which items to flag to your attention in this issue? First, the availability of various types of support and contact details that you may want to keep to hand: Tisbury Neighbourhood Response and the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub (both p11) Ask for ANI and Wiltshire Citizen's Advice (both p12), HomeStart (p13) Surviving Winter Fund (p40) and Action Fraud (p43). Next, it's all about health, yes that means re-engaging on Covid – the local surgery reports are on p28-29, Salisbury Hospital on p30 and key Covid information on pp31 – 33. Amongst these pages you'll see an urgent call from Salisbury Hospital for extra volunteers, either as Ward Buddies or marshals in a Mass Vaccination Centre in the city – this may not be for you, but you can still spread the word!

For a good dose of that realistic optimism I mentioned, I suggest you browse through the clubs and societies columns (pp15-19), look for ideas on what to do during lockdown, such as bird watching (p20), mulching and other garden jobs (p27), upgrading your loft insulation (p23) or gaining new skills through online learning (p35). Have your say on the Wiltshire local plan (p41), prepare to get involved in one of 20 Chase and Chalke Landscape projects (p36), or become a HomeStart volunteer (p13). Marvel at the scent 'For the Gardeners' (p34) and enjoy another entry to last year's writing competition (p39) plus a new lockdown poem for 2021 (p38). Look out for some fun for kids this month with a zoom pancake party (p24) and Starfest, a week-long Dark Skies Festival (p37).

And if you still need convincing, I leave you with a message that reached the Focus inbox, from Liz Jones.

'I heard this rather lovely analogy to Covid today. "It's winter, the earth is frosted, the weather unforgiving, the sky is dark much of the time. BUT underneath the spring is waiting, the shoots are showing, the dark days are receding, albeit very, very slowly and our spirits will lift."

With best wishes to all for this February,

Monica



WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Mon 1 st	7-8 pm	www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review to register	Wiltshire Local Plan Online Engagement Session
Tue 2 nd	7-8pm	www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review to register	Wiltshire Local Plan Online Engagement Session
	7pm	email tisburyipc@gmail.com for google meet link	Tisbury Parish Council Meeting
Tue 9 th	7.30pm	via email or snail mail plus zoom	Tisbury History Society AGM and Talk
WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY LAST DAY FOR MARCH COPY			
Mon 15 th	7.30pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Introduction to Stargazing"
Tue 16 th	3.30-4.30pm	revdjoannanaish@gmail.com to book	The Great Big (Zoom) Pancake Party
	7.30pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Grow your business with Dark Sky Tourism"
Wed 17 th	4pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Sketch the moon & make your own star constellation"
	7.30pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Astrophotography"
Thu 18 th	4pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Ask an Astronomer"
	7.30pm	treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com to book	Tisbury Natural History Society Talk
	7.30pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "What future for dark skies"
Sat 20 th	10.30am	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Make me an Astronaut Live"
	7.30pm	www.cranbornechase.org.uk to book	StarFest "Storytelling - Star Walk Stories"
Tue 23 rd	tbc	Call Helen on 01747 870996 for further details	Tisbury Flower Group Talk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH LAST DAY FOR APRIL COPY			
27 th March	tbc	tbc	Tisbury Horticultural Society Flower Show and Plant Sale

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:

Swans on Fonthill Lake - Photos and editing by Ros Russell.

Erratum for January 2021 issue front cover

Julie Phillips of Tisbury Electric Car Club with Alan Maryon-Davies, Chairman of Nadder Community Energy, pictured as Tisbury Electric Car Club buys its first two cars - see full article on p22.

Photos and editing by Ros Russell.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

updated August 2019

NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE

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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

TISBURY METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER:- The Revd Denise Binks, 7 Ridge Way, Shaftesbury SP7 9HB ☎01747 854631
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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
BAVERSTOCK , St Edith <i>vacant</i> Contact Revd Elaine Brightwell - 01722 717883	CHICKLADE , All Saints with PERTWOOD Miss Felicity Trotman – 01747 820503
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NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE – CHURCH SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2021

Date	7 th February 2 nd before Lent	14 th February Next before Lent	17 th February Ash Wednesday	21 st February Lent 1	28 th February Lent 2	PLEASE NOTE	
Southern Area						Due to precautions against the spread of the coronavirus, this Service rota should be viewed as provisional and is liable to change at short notice. For those who are shielding and for those who do not have communal worship in their own church, the Nadder Valley ministry team will live-stream Sunday services at 0930 via the Zoom app: Meeting ID: 849 6633 2040 Password: 039012	
ANSTY	-	-	-	1115 HC _{BCP}	1115 FC		GS
COMPTON	0930 PC _T	-	-	1115 SoW	-		JA
FOVANT	-	-	-	1800 E _{BCP}	0930 PC		GS
SUTTON	-	-	-	-	-		-
SWALLOW-CLIFFE	-	-	-	0800 HC _{BCP}	1115 M _{BCP}		LAY
Northern Area							
BARFORD	-	-	-	-	-		-
BAVERSTOCK	-	-	-	-	-		-
CHILMARK	1115 MP _r	EB	-	1115 MP _r	1115 MP _r		EB
DINTON	-	-	-	-	-		-
T. EVIAS	-	-	-	-	-		-
T. MAGNA	-	-	-	-	-		-
Western Area							
CHICKLADE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HINDON	0930 PC	MH	1100 HC _T	1800 E _{BCP}	0930 PC	MH	
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	JMH	-	0930 M _{BCP}	-	-	
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	-	0800 HC _{BCP}	1115 M _{BCP} + AMP/APCM	JMH	
TISBURY	0930 FC	JMH	1000 HC 1930 PC + Ashing	0930 PC 1800 Chor E	0800 HC _{BCP} 0930 PC	JMH JMH	

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship HC – Holy Communion (said) PC – Order 1 Communion (with hymns)
 PC_T – Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns) CbE – Communion by Extension PC_{OT} Holy Communion Order 2 traditional language (with hymns)
 FC – All Age Family Communion FS – All Age Family Service SoW – All Age Service of the Word
 HC_{OT/C} – Order 2 Communion traditional / contemporary M – Mattins or Morning Prayer MP_r – Morning Praise E – Evensong or Evening Prayer RS – Reflective Service
 EB – Elaine Brightwell GS – Graham Southgate JA – Judy Anderson JMH – Juliette Hulme JN – Jo Naish MH – Mark Hayter TF – Tina Fox

Focus Point

As this reaches everyone’s doorstep or email box, we will be in the middle of our third lockdown. But the thing is – as I write, we are still fairly near the beginning.

I like beginnings. I love the promise of a fresh sheet of drawing paper; a clean sweep of sand on a beach washed by the tide; the smell of a new book or by now – the first clear shoots of those bulbs that are breaking the earth. All hold such promise, don’t they?

Now I grant you, the promise of a new lockdown isn’t exactly like that – but it has its moments as well. For at the beginning of this lockdown – we have news of vaccines and the rollout of a programme that will really help people to stay safe. And the realisation that we have contacts who are there to help from our communities. There is here real light, real hope.

Often, we look back to our beginnings to discover who we are. I come from generation upon generation of teachers – my husband’s family have been working in textiles for over 200 years. The flood of programmes tracing family history shows that this is popular and we find that many of us carry the traits of our ancestors, perhaps in ways we didn’t know. But the one I remember was Matthew Pinsent the rower. His family tree was traced back to King Henry VIII. And such was the way of Tudor and medieval monarchs, that their family tree can be, albeit very improbably, traced back to Adam himself.

Two of the best known verses of the Bible are about beginnings. We read in Genesis Chapter 1 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

And St John’s Gospel opens with the words “ In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” All of us, all of creation have our very beginnings in God – it isn’t just Matthew Pinsent but everyone!

And there is more than this – for in the coming to earth of Jesus of Nazareth, God shares our life, walks with us, and gives us the promise that not just our beginning but our present and our whole future is held safe in his hands as well.

Let every day be a new and exciting beginning. February is as good a place as any to start again. Or today, if you think that is easier!

Every blessing,

Jo Naish

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 - JANUARY 2020

We commend to God's love

13th January Julian Vining

Funeral at St John the Baptist, Tisbury

TISBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Zoom Church

Sunday Morning Worship	10.15am for 10.30am
Sunday Evening Worship	5.30pm for 6pm
Monday Bible Study	2.30pm
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
denise.binks@gmail.com 01747 854631 for log on details.

MONTHLY LETTER FROM THE DEAN OF SALISBURY - FEBRUARY 2021

According to ancient tradition (!) the probationer choristers of the Cathedral celebrate Shrove Tuesday by cooking pancakes in the Deanery kitchen. Boys, girls, and staff members crowd around as lemons are squeezed, sugar is scattered, and pancakes are flipped. Some are caught and some are not: the presence of two Deanery tortoises in the corner of the room is always a significant distraction. Above the din I try to explain how once upon a time this was the day when all the household's butter and eggs were used up in readiness for the Lenten fast.



Pancakes eaten, we troop out into the back garden for a more solemn but no less fascinating ritual. The stacks of palm crosses collected from the congregation in previous weeks are thrown into a fire, and the probs are told about the ashing that will take place in the Cathedral the following day. Appetite and curiosity satisfied, the children return to school.

None of that will happen this year. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall within the earliest dates envisaged for the ending of our current lockdown, and it seems inconceivable that we will be able to observe Lent – or, for that matter, Holy Week and Easter – in anything like the manner to which we were once accustomed. Like the butter and the eggs, like the probationers' pancakes, our routines, our traditions, our habits are being devoured by a pandemic which seems to go on and on.

And, we might ask, when all these have been devoured, what is left? The answer is: the ash. The gritty, resilient, irreducible residue that clings to the bottom of the barbeque when the palm crosses have been burnt and the flames have died down. It's this gritty, resilient, irreducible residue that we daub on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. Ash is what remains when everything else has been taken away.

It makes you think. Ash which cannot be destroyed; ash which endures. This year of all years, could there be any more potent symbol of God's gritty, resilient, irreducible love for us?

Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints' Wardour Castle

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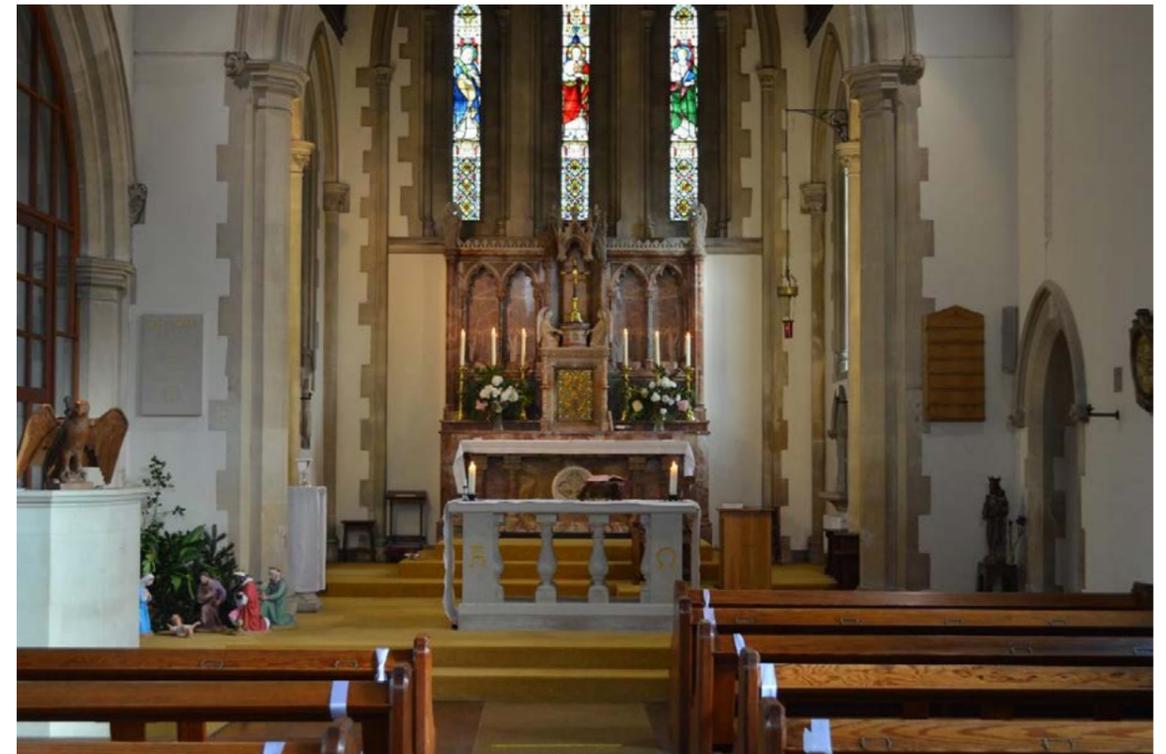
Our weekly newsletter can be found at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/tisbury-parish>

There is also a newsletter in the Parish Room window

Each day Holy Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Tisbury or All Saints', Wardour at our regular times. However, this may change so **please check our website or notice in the porch or parish window for the time of daily Mass**. A booking system is in place for each day. Please book your place with Father Robert by telephone or email, giving your contact details.

The continuance of public worship into Lent and Easter will, in large measure, depend on our vigilance and all our efforts to follow the safety measures.

The Holy Father's February prayer intention: for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



The Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, Candlemas, 2nd February. An old tradition keeps the crib up until this date. On this day Mass begins with the ancient custom of blessing the candles while saying the words from the Gospel including Simeon's prayer: *For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to your people.*

The *Nunc Dimittis* is said or sung daily at Night Prayer.

Ash Wednesday is 17th February and Lent begins:

Loving Father, bless our observance of Lent so that we may live as your faithful and holy people. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

A MONTH TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

So many February poems are miserable and speak of chill and bare branches, even the optimistic ones. So, here is an extract from one written in February 1815 by the nineteen-year-old John Keats, who was to die of consumption in Rome two hundred years ago on 23rd February 1821.

When by my solitary hearth I sit,
When no fair dreams before my "mind's eye" flit,
And the bare heath of life presents no bloom;
Sweet Hope, ethereal balm upon me shed,
And wave thy silver pinions o'er my head.

Whene'er I wander, at the fall of night,
Where woven boughs shut out the moon's
bright ray,
Should sad Despondency my musings fright,
And frown, to drive fair Cheerfulness away,
Peep with the moon-beams through the leafy
roof,
And keep that fiend Despondence far aloof.

Should e'er unhappy love my bosom pain,
From cruel parents, or relentless fair;
O let me think it is not quite in vain
To sigh out sonnets to the midnight air!
Sweet Hope, ethereal balm upon me shed,
And wave thy silver pinions o'er my head!

Let me not see the patriot's high bequest,
Great Liberty! how great in plain attire!
With the base purple of a court oppress'd,
Bowing her head, and ready to expire:
But let me see thee stoop from heaven
on wings, That fill the skies with silver
glitterings!

And as, in sparkling majesty, a star
Gilds the bright summit of some gloomy
cloud;
Brightening the half veil'd face of heaven
afar:
So, when dark thoughts my boding spirit
shroud,

Sweet Hope, celestial influence round me
shed,
Waving thy silver pinions o'er my head.

February, 1815.

Perhaps, with anniversaries like the premature death of that genius John Keats, February deserves its gloomy reputation. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Foot-and-Mouth epidemic and the fifth anniversary of David Cameron's announcement that there was to be a EU referendum. Thirty years ago, the IRA attempted to mortar bomb Downing Street, launching from just below my office window in Whitehall - made for an interesting day.

On the positive side, 1st February is Freedom Day, the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln signing the 13th Amendment, outlawing slavery. The 5th is 'Shower with a Friend Day' (best delay this until post-lockdown!) The 8th is 'Lets go fly a Kite' Day and for those of us who had far fewer guests for Christmas, 12th is 'Plum Pudding' Day, a chance to eat up the left-over grub. Strangely, 18th February is 'Drink Wine Day', isn't every day? But, of course, over-towering everything is the 14th, St. Valentine's Day.

Even if you can't hug do let someone know you love them.

David Childs

LOCKDOWN – TISBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPONSE EMERGENCY SUPPORT

TNR is providing an emergency service for people shielding who have no local support network, or who may be falling through the net due to mental health issues, and need urgent assistance with essential shopping, keeping warm or coping with loneliness and anxiety.

The TNR helpline is **01747 684010**. Call us if you are worried about someone.



01747 684010



WILTSHIRE WELLBEING HUB STILL PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO NEED IT AND NOW AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS TOO

With national lockdown measures now in place, the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is still available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time - and will now be available on Saturdays as well.

The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area. Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it.

Anyone can access the hub, particularly people who are self-isolating, people who do not have others to support them, and have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable and are shielding.

The Wiltshire
WELLBEING HUB

For vulnerable people in need of support

0300 003 4576

 wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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 Wiltshire Council

TISBURY COUNTRY MARKET

We are now in our 3rd lockdown. Unfortunately I do not envisage being able to re-open in February, however if the lockdown is lifted we will aim to re-open from 6 March subject to the agreement of the "New-Vic" trustees.

I would like to thank you all for the continued support and look forward to welcoming you back when we are in a position to re-open.



ASK FOR ANI

If you are a victim of domestic abuse you can now access support safely and discreetly at pharmacy locations across the UK.

The Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) scheme allows those at risk or suffering from abuse to discreetly signal that they need help and access support. By asking for ANI, a trained pharmacy worker will offer a private space where they can understand if the victim needs to speak to the police or would like help to access support services such as national or local domestic abuse helplines.

As an essential retailer based on high streets across the country, and with specifically trained staff, pharmacies can provide a safe space for victims to sound an alarm if they are isolated at home with their abuser and unable to get help in another way.

The scheme will be initially available through the 2,300 Boots stores across the UK as well as 255 independent pharmacies.

If you need help, remember to Ask for ANI.



WILTSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE: FREE ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Wiltshire Citizens Advice offers free, confidential, impartial advice online, over the phone and via email. We give up-to-date advice on benefits, work, money and debt, consumer rights, family issues and more.

Coronavirus has made life hard for many people and we're here to help. Whether you're facing a crisis, or just considering your options; checking a quick piece of information, or not sure where to start. It doesn't matter who you are, or what your situation is. Advice is free, confidential and impartial. You will get all the facts and possible outcomes of different options. That way you can make the decision that's right for you. Practical support such as help with filling forms, writing letters or negotiating with third parties can also be offered.

Call for free (new freephone number): **0800 144 8848**

Advisers are available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Textphone (if you can't hear or speak on the phone): 18001 then 0800 144 8884

Email: visit our website and complete the short 'Contact us' enquiry form: citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/contact-us

For more ways to get in touch, visit our website: citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk



HOME START CHARITY - FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE: NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FROM TISBURY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

As we continue in another lockdown, supporting families is more important than ever. Home-Start South Wiltshire welcome your referrals of families who may be feeling isolated, overwhelmed or just need an adult voice at the end of the phone.

Our phone support offers a listening ear to families who are feeling lonely, have lost confidence, or are suffering from low mood. Our volunteers are also supporting families who are struggling with managing children's behaviour or experiencing family conflict. As we are currently unable to visit families in person, we cannot offer that extra pair of hands or help with appointments but can offer a listening ear, reassurance and when asked suggest strategies to try. Families must have at least one child under 5 or be expecting their first baby.

You will find our referral form on our website https://homestartsouthwilts.org.uk/get-support/#support_how

We are currently recruiting new volunteers and planning another training course for phone support volunteers. We hope this will open the opportunity out to more people who want to volunteer and enable us to help more families. We are particularly short of volunteers to the west and north of south Wiltshire and need volunteers to cover Amesbury, Bulford, Larkhill and Tisbury etc.

Information about volunteering can also be found on our website. https://homestartsouthwilts.org.uk/volunteer/#what_it_takes

Please feel free to call or email for more information about our service or volunteering with us: 07825838779 info@homestartsouthwilts.org.uk



Ansty PYO & Farm Shop

A great selection of fresh seasonal Veg & Fruit:

- Purple sprouting Sprouts
- Chard
- Petits Posy
- Sacks of spuds
- Parsnips, etc

Food - Glorious Food!

Home baked bread

Ready meals:

- Lamb tagine, lasagne
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VACCINATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

One day in 1796 a doctor in Berkeley, Gloucestershire, Edward Jenner, took a sample of a cowpox sore from a milk maid Sarah Nelmes who had been infected with the relatively mild disease by her cows. He injected the cells into the arm of a local boy James Phipps and then, eight weeks later, injected him with smallpox, the killer disease. The lad was immune. News spread and Louis Pasteur continued the research in France. In 1800 a surgeon Richard Dunning, in deference to the cows, called the procedure “vaccination” (Latin cow: Vacca).

Smallpox had been devastating human communities across the globe from pre-history. In 1550 the Chinese had limited success with “variolation”, infecting a healthy person with a tiny amount of smallpox itself in order to reinforce their immune systems in case of an epidemic. This was the only partial defence until Dr Jenner started his experiment.

Then as now there were anti-vaxxers. Smallpox had killed 80% of children who caught it and 20-60% of adults. 300-500 million people died of it in the 20th century. In 1853 we had a Vaccination Act which was meant to enforce vaccination in this country. It was poorly administered. In the end science prevailed over the doubters and smallpox was declared eradicated worldwide by the WHO in 1979.

In 1974 the WHO declared a worldwide programme of immunization to defeat 6 potentially fatal diseases: measles, polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and tuberculosis. As you know the so-called multi vax is available to our children.

I conceived this article so that I could explain the importance of vaccination in cattle. I have selected two diseases out of several. Nowadays our vets can more profitably spend their time in the prevention of diseases rather than dealing with outbreaks. However routine testing and vaccination makes for rather boring TV and you may see little of it going on.

A serious infectious disease, caused by a virus, is Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD). Strenuous efforts are now being made in England to eradicate it by group blood testing and vaccination. Some cattle are found to be permanently infected (PI) and have to be culled.

Leptospirosis, or Weil’s disease, is of more importance to humans and dogs. Unlike BVD it can infect both. Look at the NHS website. Also look at vet sites about the need to vaccinate dogs. Weil’s can be picked up from water or soil that has been contaminated by the urine of rats etc. In cattle it causes infertility, abortion and decreased milk yields. People working with cattle are at risk.

In his latest book Phillippe Sands tells the true story of a Nazi war criminal on the run after the end of the war. He is sheltering in a convent in Rome hoping to get a place on the “Rat run” to South America. A lover of swimming, his only recreation is a dip in the highly polluted River Tiber. He dies of leptospirosis without ever standing trial for his crimes. His widow in Austria is convinced that he was poisoned by his enemies. She has his body exhumed several times. Eventually they are buried together.

Martin Shallcross



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TISBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

We hope all our members are keeping well and managing to stay cheerful and optimistic – at least we now have some grounds for believing that the plague will go away – after all it did in 1349 and 1665! We will carry on keeping in contact with you. The Committee, following our most recent virtual meeting, is working hard to see how we can bring our speakers to you by Zoom, the first talk being by James Holden on the gatehouses of Wiltshire, which we hope to send out by zoom on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30 p.m. This will be available to all our paid up members. Please note that everyone who paid their subscription for 2020 will have it rolled over to 2021, so if you paid last year you do not need to pay again. If you didn’t pay your subscription for 2020, now is the time to pay for 2021 – the very modest sum of £10 per person. Please contact our Treasurer, Tim Battle on timbattle16@gmail.com or 870959

In the meantime we are planning how to ensure that everyone gets all the data necessary for the AGM, with a chance to comment, make proposals or suggest changes. This will have arrived in your in-box or through your letterbox by the time you read this.

Also by the time you read this our first Newsletter will have reached you and we really hope you enjoyed it. If any of you have thought of something you would like to write about to be included in our next edition, due out in late March/early April, please contact Tony Kent – kent92@btinternet.com or on 878112.

Following last month’s photograph of Tisbury Post Office staff in 1910, opposite is another Post Office staff photograph – this time from about 1937. It shows the indefatigable Vi Capewell as a youngster on the left, - remember her jumble sales and the work she put into the Victoria Hall? In the middle is Alf Parsons when he started working, as a Telegraph Boy. On the right is a lady whose surname is probably Townsend, but we don’t have a Christian name – any ideas?

At least there is no queue and no-one is wearing a mask! Do e-mail us with any comments – tisburyhistoryarchive@gmail.com Also with regard to the Archive, we are at present locked out due to the Nadder Centre being closed. However, Jennie Stevens is prepared to receive enquiries and is happy to deal with as much as she can.



Contact her on tisburyhistoryarchive@gmail.com

If you want any further information about the Society, or to comment on the AGM paperwork or future matters, please contact our Secretary, Judith Hassey, on 871105 or juderogeruk@btinternet.com

Have a very healthy and happy February,

Tina Richard



OYSTERS COPPICE

Due to the latest extreme lockdown we decided to cancel the January workday.

We are only permitted to have 6 people in a group including the leader and first aider. We are also restricted to ‘essential’ work locally only. We decided to wait until the situation and rules change and perhaps have two sessions in February and two in March to finish Coppicing Coupe 3. It is excessively muddy at present and some blocked drains need clearing which we may do on one of our own ‘Exercise’ sessions.

Our regular volunteers will be contacted by email when we know we can work again in the wood.

For more information contact Andrew or Debbie on 01747 871311 or email Debcarter311@btinternet.com

Deb Carter

FONTHILL PARK CRICKET CLUB

☹️ As I sit down to prepare this article in early January, we unexpectedly find ourselves back in a dark state of lockdown, this time with the prospect of restrictions lasting till Easter. So looking forward to the cricket season, we do so in hope of being able to get out together again to enjoy sport in warm summer weather, but also with great uncertainty. Our Annual General Meeting has had to be done by Zoom, and though members were given a detailed set of reports on the past twelve months, when it came to the obvious questions about cricket in 2021, the answer had to be an uninspiring "We don't know". This certainly applies to indoor nets in February and March which now look very unlikely as the Nadder Centre is currently closed until further notice.

😊 However, we are cricketers and we live in hope! On the positive side, our Fixtures Secretary Simon Prior has been busy over the autumn and winter months putting together a promising fixture list

with a fine programme of weekend and midweek games against opponents old and new to look forward to. Work has continued on the square with regular spiking to improve drainage and aeration, and mowing to stop the grass getting long and straggly. Soon the grey murk of January will give way to brighter weather and we will start to see the snowdrops and daffodils start to show, always a cheering sight on our ground. It happened last year, so we are confident that cricket will be possible in 2021 and hopeful that it will be able to start sooner rather than later.

If you think you might be interested in joining us, new players are always very welcome, whatever your age, ability, gender 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



TISBURY FOOTPATH CLUB

We are currently unable to walk in our groups, but we can continue to enjoy self-guided walks close to home, either alone or with other members of our household or support bubble or with one other person.

Many of us have set routes we tend to follow, but could this be an opportunity to seek out some alternatives? We are so fortunate to have such a substantial network of beautiful local footpaths to choose from, so is there a new combination of paths you could try? Open up that map again and do some plotting or consult our Nadder Valley Walks books for more ideas.

Our January walk from Broad Chalke was cancelled due to the lockdown, despite all of the 24 available places being booked and some on a reserve list. At the time of the final copy date for the February Focus, it looks as though our walk on 13 February will not be going ahead, but we await details of when restrictions will be eased to see whether there is any possibility of this walk going ahead. Again all of the 24 available places have been booked.

Our footpath clearing and maintenance sessions have been temporarily suspended, but prior to the current lockdown we cleared overgrown vegetation from some of our local paths. We had a team of five volunteers working on TISB35, a bridleway running northwest from Lower Chicks Grove in the direction of Lady Down. Substantial vegetation was cleared, including fallen trees and branches. This beautiful path is now ready for your local rambles. In addition to this, localised obstructions were cleared from WTISB17 at Fonthill Abbey Wood and from TISB53 near Wardour.



TISBURY BOWLING CLUB

Here are the results of the Tisbury Bowling Club's 100 Club draw for January.

1 st	Idris Kirby	49
2 nd	Den Trattles	36
3 rd	Catherine Stobie	34

There are still a few spaces left in the monthly draw. If you would like to join and help the Bowling Club please contact our Secretary sueladbrook@hotmail.com

Open Weekend May 29th to 31st 2021 (restrictions permitting)

With help from The National Association, Bowls England, Tisbury Bowling Club will hold an Open Weekend from the 28th to 31st of May 2021. The focus of the weekend is to recruit new members and hopefully bring back some who stopped playing. There will be opportunities to "have a go", BBQ, teas/cakes and maybe music on the main day which will be Saturday 29th May. More information will follow on the FB page and website.

Want to join in? Pass your name to our secretary, Susie Ladbrook, who can send you a joining form ready for 2021. No payment is needed until you have tried and enjoyed the experience. If you are too busy or bowls doesn't appeal you could make a donation by contacting Joe Selby. The contact details for joining and/or donating are given below.

The committee and the club look forward to seeing many of you on the green next Spring. In the meantime, stay safe and thank you for whatever support you can offer.

Joe Selby - Chairman, joe.selby99@gmail.com

Susie Ladbrook - Secretary, sueladbrook@hotmail.com

<https://tisburybowlingclub.weebly.com/>

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TISBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We are sorry to announce that we have had to **postpone our AGM** which was due to take place on 17th February. At the time of writing the authorities are telling us that current restrictions are unlikely to change for some time and so we have abandoned our plans for February. Instead we have decided to hold the AGM on April 21st at The Methodist Hall by which time we fervently hope that we'll be allowed out and about! Current paid-up members' membership will therefore extend until then.

We are however, hoping that our spring flower show and plant sale scheduled for Saturday 27th March will still go ahead. We are making cautious plans to hold it and trust we shan't have to cancel at the last minute. Keep nurturing those green shoots, reading Focus and consulting our website for updates.

www.tisburyhorticulturalsociety.weebly.co.uk



TISBURY GENTLEMEN'S BREAKFAST

Just when you saw a light at the end of the tunnel and thought it was safe to come out and play, you discovered that it was an on-coming train. And so it has turned out to be, despite all our optimism to the contrary, albeit more in hope than expectation.

So Gaffer David and I have decided that it will not now be practical to pursue this season's Breakfasts, and with great reluctance we have taken the difficult decision to cancel fun. We will hopefully reconvene in the Autumn, when we must all pray that we will have been successfully vaccinated against this wretched curse.

If you were asked in 2016 where you thought you would be in 5 year's time, I bet nobody would have answered correctly!

Jeremy Saye

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TISBURY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Andrew Graham homes in on one of our native birds, the mistle thrush:

'As the winter days lengthen, anticipating the breeding season, birds start to sing again. Echoing through countryside and woodland, the song of the male mistle thrush is melodious, distinctive and loud, often audible up to 2 km away. The song is given from a treetop or other elevated position mainly from November to early June in the early morning, and often after or during wet and windy weather, which led to the old name - stormcock.

Its commoner name is probably derived from its love of mistletoe berries, on which it feeds voraciously given the chance. In turn, it helps the mistletoe - a parasitic plant that grows on tree bark fissures - by unintentionally "sowing" seeds when wiping its bill on tree bark to remove the berries' sticky residue or by excreting seeds onto the limbs of the parasitised tree as it feeds. This might explain why trees with mistletoe are often so smothered in it.

The largest thrush species in the UK, it measures around 28cm in length. Both male and females have greyish-brown upperparts, a long tail, and a plump white belly with heavy, dark brown spots and yellow brown legs. It is likely to be seen feeding out in the open, hopping with its body erect and head held high, then standing upright and bold. In flight, it usually flies at tree top height with several wing beats separated by short glides. The underside of the wings is white. This thrush also eats berries, seeds, and fruit, as well as worms and insects. It is fiercely territorial when it comes to food. Its warning call is a sharp chattering noise.

Mistle thrushes usually breed from February to May, with the female building a big, messy, grass-lined nest in the fork of a tree. Unfortunately, mistle thrush populations in the UK have been in decline since the 1970s especially in farmland areas. They are widespread across the UK and rarely migrate.'

We have monthly talks from Autumn to Spring and walks during the Spring and Summer and a range of online media. Our monthly meetings are being held online (Zoom) and will continue to be for the foreseeable future. On **Thursday the 18th of February at 7.30pm Nick Tomalin** (RSPB Wessex Farmland Project Manager) will **talk on**

Stone Curlew Conservation.

The stone curlew is a great conservation success and the species has been brought back from the brink. Contact Dick Budden

(treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com) for bookings, updates and instructions.



Our Young Nature Watch branch activity for **February** will be a **guided or self-guided** (depending on government regulations) "**frost walk**". For more info and bookings, email youngtnhs@gmail.com. This new branch for young naturalists may accept adults on any activities depending on availability of spaces, but priority will be given to young people under 21 years old.

Visit our website (www.tisburynaturalhistory.com), Facebook (www.facebook.com/tisnathist) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/youngnaturewatch>) 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 (we may accept adults on any of our young branch activities depending on availability of spaces, but 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 at any of our events or by contacting Dick Budden at treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com.

Peter Shallcross
Chair



TISBURY FLOWER GROUP

The Tisbury Flower Group are planning a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 23rd February. It is being hosted by Helen Hooper and we shall be having a talk by Chelsea Gold medalist, Pip Bensley. If anyone is interested in joining the meeting, please contact Helen for further details on 01747870996

Cindy Ritson

TISBURY ARTS GROUP

Adapting Oliver Twist for lockdown

What is so often lost when Dickens' works are adapted for the TV and radio is the social commentary and his searing insights into the class systems and prejudices of the time. In order to create a palatable one-and-a-half-hour production, many of the characters and social themes are regularly cut out. It's also a good "whodunit" story, something often missed by the shortened film versions, with the final scene revelations worthy of Agatha Christie and Hercule Poirot at their best.

Did you know that Oliver Twist was originally written as a monthly serial between 1837 and 1839 in Bentley's Miscellany? There were 24 episodes with up to 3 chapters in each episode. As the work gained in reputation, each chapter got longer and the descriptions more lengthy. In total Oliver Twist has some 155,000 words and was presented monthly over 2 years.

As a lockdown challenge and to create some activity for its members, TAG serialised Oliver Twist to be presented as an advent calendar throughout December. Each contained 2 chapters, similar to Dickens' original production. Most of Dickens' characters and themes have remained but it still needed to be reduced to 64,450 words to keep each episode between 15 and 30 minutes in length. There were 24 actors involved in voicing the 51 characters in the book.

Creating the final audio was another challenge. Obviously, no one could get together to rehearse their scenes and minimal direction was possible.

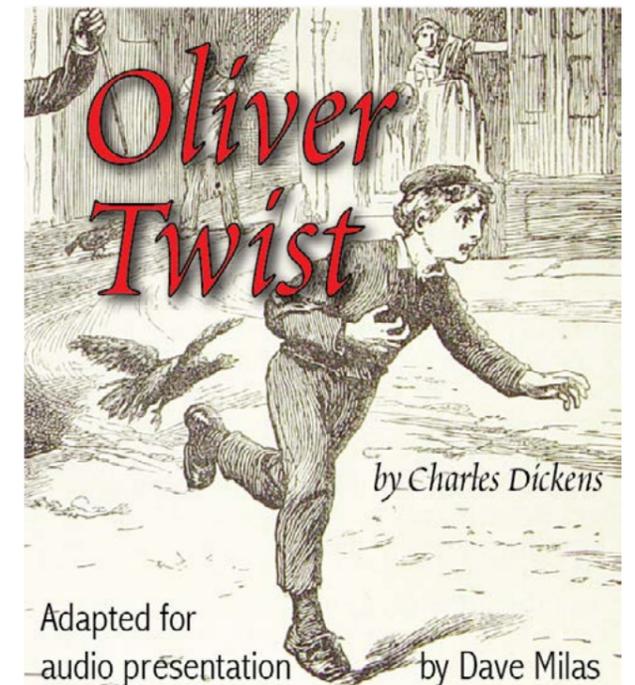
So how was it made? For each chapter the script was sent to the actors who recorded their lines, usually on their phones. The recordings were then spliced together to make one audio file for each chapter. In some of the more complicated chapters a 10 minute audio could take an hour to make! It was an experiment and worked pretty well considering that the actors didn't have their "sparring" partners voice to work with and home 'recording studios' varied in their ambient background noise levels.

If you didn't find the time to listen to Oliver Twist then you still can - the episodes are still available on website. (www.tisburyartsgroup.com/oliver-twist).

As we are still in lock down there is very little activity within TAG. It looks like it will be late spring/early summer at the earliest before we will be able to put on any kind of show, though we are working on some sketches that we will promote on the website.

TAG Chair Dave Milas

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YOUNG NATURALIST

What is British wildlife getting up to during the winter months?

An annual invasion is occurring as a classic herald of winter, the Fieldfare, arrives in Britain. Many birds migrate to Britain during the winter months, including one of my favourites, the Fieldfare. These colourful birds tend to remain at their breeding grounds in Scandinavia and continental Europe until food sources such as rowan berries run out. These beautiful, large thrushes usually start to arrive in the UK from mid-September to October and will stay until April, with the last birds leaving towards the end of that month.

Robins are the bird most traditionally associated with the winter period and can be heard singing as locally as in your garden! Their beautiful and well-known song is used to mark their territory. Furthermore, the Robin is a likely bird to spot for walkers, due to its bright red plumage and fierce quest for worms on the ground, resulting in them often being seen in woodlands or parks. During the Christmas holidays, I often visited a Robin that was always singing its heart out on the same log pile!



Foxes, unlike some other animals, do not hibernate when it gets cold in winter. They remain active throughout the year and usually hunt within a 1-2 mile radius. When extreme weather hits, foxes may sometimes seek shelter for a few days, but they resume normal hunting once the weather passes. During the winter, foxes will feed on small mammals, such as mice, rabbits, and squirrels!

One of the best wildlife spectacles of winter, is starling murmurations! Joined by winter migrants from Scandinavia and Germany, Britain's starlings congregate in their thousands at roosting sites – usually marshes or reedbeds but also man-made structures. Before they settle down for the night, they often perform massive swirling sky dances, creating beautiful images against the evening sky.

The distinctive twit-twoo of a Tawny Owl is a familiar sound on winter evenings. These beautiful owls are noisiest in December with the male calling to seek a mate and releasing a 'twit' sound, and the female answering with 'twoo'. I have actually found a Tawny owl roosting site in a barn right in the middle of lots of fields – a perfect place! I have seen the owl fly out on multiple occasions whilst entering the barn.

Winter is a brilliant time to spot wildlife, as lots of animals and birds will venture closer in search of food, so grab your binoculars and see what you can spot on your local patch!

Izzy Fry (aged 15)

Photo copyright Izzy Fry

ROGER STADDON 21st December 1923 – 26th December 2020

Iris, Alison, Shirley and their families would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks to everyone who has sent cards, flowers and messages to them since Roger passed away on Boxing Day. We and our whole family have been overwhelmed by the wonderful messages of love and support. It has been heart-warming to hear from so many people who have shared their memories of Roger who was born in The Elms, in the High Street in Tisbury. He was a Tisbury man through and through and will be much missed by the three generations of his family to whom he has brought joy and love over the years.

A small family committal service was held at Salisbury Crematorium on 25th January.

Our thanks to Chris White of Wilton for helping us with this.

Donations are welcome to the British Heart Foundation at: <https://rogerstaddon.muchloved.com/> or there is a link on Chris White's website: <https://www.chriswhitefunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/>

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As you will have heard on the news, schools have been through quite dramatic last minute changes over the last few weeks that have caused quite a lot of anxieties from all areas of the school community, from staff and governors to children and parents.

The guidance (at the time of writing) is that schools are open for children of key workers and vulnerable children; therefore we have approximately 30 children in every day which is around 25%.

This time for our remote teaching we have moved from blogging to TEAMS teaching as we wanted to be able to do more live teaching, however that has thrown up lots of challenges that we need to overcome. We found a problem with the recording aspect of TEAMS and we are presently waiting for an update from Microsoft to amend the problem.

This is a very difficult time again for parents, who are often trying to juggle working from home and trying to ensure the children are engaging with the home learning. Parents are also very aware that they are not teachers and do often have problems trying to support their children with their learning. Many families also have younger children to look after too! So all round it really is very difficult for families. During the last lockdown, it was lovely weather and the children were able to exercise and be out in the fresh air much more. The sunshine generally makes the majority of us feel so much better, so the cold, wet days and early dark nights can be very difficult for many too!

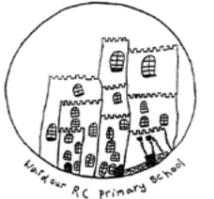
The other area of concern for the children is the lack of social engagement and interaction that they are missing, so it will be vital to address these issues when we all eventually return to 'normality'.

We are very lucky in Tisbury to have such amazing support from local charities, groups and individuals that continue to support families and people needing help!

On behalf of St John's we do hope that everyone in our community is keeping safe and well at such difficult times.

Lisa Portch, Head Teacher

WARDOUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



We started the beginning of term in January fully believing that all the children would be returning to school for the start of the Spring term. The announcement at 8pm on the Monday evening that all schools would be closed until at least half term threw all the careful planning up in the air and we had to turn everything around to provide quality remote learning for the children as well as have a number of critical worker and vulnerable children in school.

We are fortunate to use an online learning platform and the children are well trained using this after the school closure last year. We immediately moved our learning on line and created weekly interactive timetables to make sure we continue to follow the curriculum and the children make progress.

The biggest difficulty for young children is their ability to spend long periods in front of a computer without adult supervision so we have set up a variety of activities for them to complete. The expectation from the Department for Education is that KS1 children carry out at least 3 hours of learning a day and KS2 carry out 4 hours of learning a day. This is quite a challenge when you have your children at home and might be trying to work from home too! The Reception children carried out 'Show and Tell' via Zoom and it was great to see them engaging so well.



Each morning, the children use Zoom to check in with the teacher and classmates and have the day's work explained to them. The children then use pre-recorded videos to guide them through their work carrying out mini quizzes to check their understanding. The children are divided into small groups to have a study session with their teachers and unpick any problems they may have encountered and to see how they are getting on. It has been lovely to see the children virtually and hear their voices every day and still feel that we are part of one community. Our PE teachers are carrying out live PE lessons and our TAs are able to virtually support the children who need it. We also have a Zoom Awards Assembly once a week for all the children to attend.

It is not the term we expected to have but we are so impressed with the way our children have engaged with their learning once again and how supportive our parents have been.

**Emma Dixon,
Head Teacher**



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FLAVOURS OF FOCUS FROM FORTY YEARS AGO

In the absence of an Editorial, the February 1981 Edition of Focus opened with the Reverend Robert Willis, the Rector, emphasising the importance of communication in the survival of a relationship and cites the demon 'Screwtape', protagonist in C.S. Lewis's "Screwtape Letters", and his efforts to obstruct meaningful dialogue. **[Is that what we need more of today?]**

Elizabeth Young reminded readers of the history of the annual Thinking Day (22nd February) when the Girl Guide and Brownie Movement celebrate love and friendship on the coincident birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. A service was to be held in St John's Church. **[Elizabeth made no mention of Scout Founder's Day - which is also celebrated on the 22nd February.]**

Citizen D was promoting the manifesto of the New Year Party, the key theme of which was that New Year's Day was too close to Christmas and that it should be at least three months later. This change to the calendar would avoid the double whammy of "seasonal junketing" - and the January Sales that follow. "Friendly" bank managers wouldn't be forced to remind customers of their debts and the Sales could be conducted without queues in the bitter cold - and with time to restore funds.

Reports from Local Organisations included the Victoria Hall Management Committee; Chilmark Women's Institute; Tisbury Local History Society; West Tisbury Parish Council; Tisbury Flower Group; Tisbury Amateur Swimming Club; Women's Section of the Royal British Legion; Tisbury Parish Council; Tisbury and District Horticultural Society; the Judo Club; Tisbury Wives' Group; Chilmark Mothers' Union; the Tisbury Mothers' Union and the Tisbury Toddlers' Club. An enquiry was also included for anyone interested in forming a Tisbury Bowls Club.

Mollie Thorne's article for February in her series entitled, "For the Gardeners" offered a fascinating insight into the scents of flowers. So fascinating, in fact, at least to your ignorant correspondent that he has also offered the whole article for inclusion elsewhere in the current Focus. (Ed. See page 34)

Other items of interest included:

- The Reverend Guy Bignell retired at the end of January 1981 having arrived in Tisbury as Minister of the Congregational Church in 1972 and later becoming Minister of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches.
- Tisbury Day Centre for the Elderly was well established since its opening in September 1980 and was now seeking to extend the range of entertainment and interests on offer.
- Dunworth School was still glowing from the success of its Christmas pantomime - and gratitude for all the support and interest that they had had in mounting the production.
- Tisbury Arts Group were presenting "A Christmas Carol" for three nights at the end of the month and the Flower Group were holding a St Valentine's Day sale.
- A small reception thanking Archdeacon Bullen for his year in the diocese was announced prior to his return to Sudan.
- Pat James and David Padwick canoed the twenty miles from Tisbury to Salisbury in 7 hours 5 minutes raising £402 for the Body Scan Appeal.

And Kathleen Mould (née Strong) was telling readers what it was like as a six-year-old back in 1928, at the Infant School on the High Street (the library before the Nadder Centre came into being) with having to knit a pocket to hold her handkerchief, winning prizes for the cleanest shoes - and finger nails - and spending a halfpenny at Mr Dominy's sweet shop in Tisbury Row.

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

PLANT SNIPPETS

Magnificent mulch – but what is it?

Mulch is a word that gardeners say a lot and others nod and agree but what is this mysterious stuff and why do we use it?

Basically, it is a layer of material laid on top of the soil around trees, shrubs and plants. By covering up the soil you are protecting it, insulating new plant growth and helping to reduce evaporation. It is also a great way to suppress weeds and add nutrients to the soil without too much disturbance.

Biodegradable material such as homemade leaf mould, compost and well-rotted manure are ideal for flower beds. If you have nothing to hand and can get to a garden centre then bags of horse manure, mushroom compost or peat free soil improver are good. Make sure it is spread out to 5-10cm deep but not touching the stems of established plants as this will lead to rotting, particularly if there is a wet spell. The nutrients in these mixtures, with the help of the weather and worms, will feed down into the soil and give it a good boost as things start to get growing.

Now is a great time to add a Spring mulch, the period between the last of the winter perennials to be cut down and before bulbs and new shoots start to sprout. It allows it to be spread quickly and easily over the border and you are not having to faff around clearing it away from new growth. If the ground is really wet then it is best to wait a while. You may be itching to get outside but standing on the soil only leads to compaction and more damage in the long run.

If you are trying to keep pots and containers tidy then a thin layer of small bark chips or gravel are the best mulches, they won't add any nutrients to the soil but will slow down weeds and help shield the surface from drying out too quickly.



Other Jobs for February:

One of my favourite jobs, mainly because the end results in May are so beautiful, is to winter prune Wisteria, it can take a few years to get an untamed plant back in order but definitely worth the effort.

Cut back late flowering clematis to 60cm, you may have cut off a few plump flower buds but they will spring back and give you lots of flowers later.

Also, hard prune dogwood, and late flowering shrubs like buddleia to encourage new growth.

Sow hardy annuals such as sweet peas, you may be ahead of the game and already planted some in the autumn, but you will get longer successional growth with 2 sowings – watch out for mice as they love them too!

If you have a favourite scented Pelargonium (mine is Cocoa Cola) or fuchsia that has survived the winter, then now is the time to take cuttings for more gorgeous plants this summer.

Alex Graham

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TISBURY SURGERY

As the pandemic widens its grip, we would like to ask everyone PLEASE to adhere to the Government guidance. We may all be rather weary of the ‘Stay at Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives’ – but it is imperative that we all keep safe to protect us all.

As we write on 11th January, we – along with other local practices – have been offering covid vaccinations to those of our patients among the priority groups at the Michael Herbert Hall in Wilton. The first patients were vaccinated on 7th January. For ease of reference the priority groups are those:

- Resident in a care home for older adults and their carers
- aged 80 and over plus frontline health and social care workers
- aged 75 and over
- aged 70 and over plus clinically extremely vulnerable adults (those who were shielded)
- aged 65 and over
- aged 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease or mortality and their carers (everyone entitled to a free ‘flu jab)
- aged 60 and over
- aged 55 and over
- aged 50 and over

We have been asked why these vaccinations cannot be given in Tisbury. The Pfizer vaccine has very specific temperature control regulations, which means it has to be delivered in bulk to one destination and cannot be transported onward. The Oxford/Astra Zeneca vaccine may mean that we can potentially offer the vaccine in Tisbury in the future, but for now, it should be assumed that all vaccinations will be given in Wilton. As the supply of the vaccine is totally dependent upon distribution by NHS England, we receive very little notice of availability so it would be a good idea to consider how you can get to Wilton at what might be quite short notice.

As has happened over the past couple of weeks we will call patients direct to book an appointment. Please do not be concerned if you are in a high priority group and haven’t heard from us – WE WILL CONTACT YOU – and will do so again when the second vaccination is due.

Please ensure we have your correct contact details - especially if your mobile telephone number or email address has changed. If you haven’t updated us please let us know by sending an email to reception.tisbury@nhs.net. We have been unable to invite some patients to attend for a vaccine as their contact details are incorrect.

Please don’t call the surgery for a covid vaccination appointment. We understand that everyone is naturally concerned - but would like to reassure you that everyone eligible for the vaccine will get the opportunity to have their vaccination according to their priority group.

We are aware that there are various ‘scams’ including criminals inviting vulnerable people to pay for a priority covid vaccination. This vaccination is provided free of charge by the NHS – please do not be duped into paying for something that may well not be a covid vaccination at all!

Finally a plea from Sharon – our Carer’s Lead – to contact her at the surgery if you need advice or are a new carer - telephone number 01747 870204 or email Sharon.mcgookin@nhs.net

We would like to thank all our patients for their continued support during these difficult times and are also hugely grateful to our colleagues for organising these clinics – the ‘behind the scenes’ work required is indeed mammoth!

Dr. Laurence Carter
Dr. Adam Smith

HINDON SURGERY - SOME NEW THINGS FOR 2021

2021 started with good and bad news. The bad news is that Covid-19 is on the increase nationally and locally with several households being affected and Salisbury Hospital having dozens of patients seriously ill with Covid-19. The recent cases are all in people who have been taking precautions and seem to have caught the virus from someone who did not have any symptoms. Please continue to follow the national advice and behave as though everyone you see could have Covid-19.

The good news is that vaccinations started in this area in early January.

This started with almost a thousand vaccinations given to the most vulnerable aged over 80 and some front-line health and social care staff, and by the time you read this it will have included care home residents and staff and more of our older population. The Government, acting on the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations has divided us into priority groups (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-2-december-2020/>).

The greatest risk factors are age, living in a care home and having regular contact with potentially infected people or those at greatest risk which is why the groups are largely by age and starting with the oldest.

We will send each group some information (usually by email) and a couple of weeks later we will telephone you to book an appointment. Please wait for this contact from us but if you think you may have been missed please let us know (an email is a good way to do this).

Another new development is our PCN First Contact Physiotherapist. If you have a new musculoskeletal problem our staff will offer you a telephone triage appointment with Simon Hawkins who can arrange a face to face meeting as required. The receptionists can book this for you with no need for a GP to be involved.

As usual it remains important that we all try to lead a healthy lifestyle, by not smoking, taking regular exercise, drinking within safe limits, having an ideal body weight, addressing well-being and being happy.

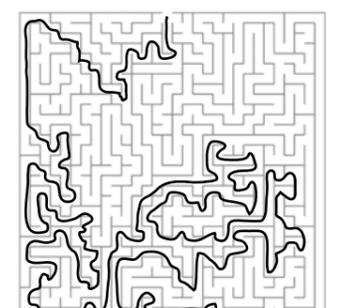
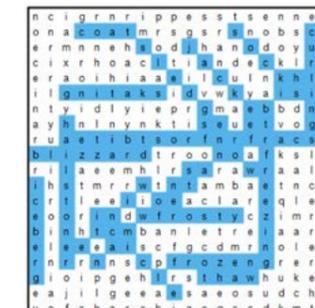
Meanwhile thank you for all the very generous presents and cards to the surgery at Christmas – the morale boost outweighs the adverse health effects.

Patrick Craig-McFeely and Sally Hayes



Quiz Answers

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SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL SERVICES UPDATE

Winter 2020-21
09.01.2021



Since December 2020 coronavirus (Covid-19) has spread extensively across the UK, more recently in South Wiltshire.

Infection rates, have increased significantly in all age groups in the community, driven by a new variant of coronavirus which is highly contagious. Current National lockdown will continue until the pandemic is under control.

- Cases needing hospital care have increased very rapidly and hospitals throughout the UK are under intense pressure. Salisbury Hospital is dealing with a rapid surge in Covid cases alongside other, non Covid, activity. Every effort is being made to maintain planned levels of elective work whilst continuing to provide urgent care for everyone who needs it for any reason.
- People should not ignore new or persistent symptoms. If you have an urgent but non life-threatening health problem and think you need to go to an emergency department, you should contact NHS 111 first. This can be done either online or by phone 24 hours a day. The service is free to use including from all mobiles.
- There is concern that some people may cancel or postpone their appointment in response to news of rising rates of infection and hospital admissions. However, unless notified by the hospital that an appointment has been cancelled, people should attend their appointments. Alternative, safe ways of seeing patients are in place and be assured, safety is a priority.

Good news re vaccination against coronavirus now underway in South Wiltshire

- First in line for the vaccine will be people aged 80 and over who are already attending hospital, as well as care home workers and front line NHS workers most at risk.
- People living in South Wiltshire, eligible for the coronavirus vaccine, should wait to be contacted by the NHS instead of calling their local hospital or GP practice directly.
- Rollout of the vaccine is a huge logistical challenge and the physical process of giving the vaccine will be a marathon, with vaccinations taking place continuously over the next few months. Everyone who is eligible will be contacted with instructions about receiving the vaccine.
- More information on the vaccines can be found online at www.nhs.uk
- It's essential to continue following the guidance to protect yourself and everyone else.
- ***This message is from the elected governors for South Wiltshire Rural - Mr William Holmes, Dr Jennifer Lisle, Mr Tony Pryor-Jones, Dr James Robertson***

COVID-19 UPDATE
LOCAL CASES ARE STILL RISING, KEEP PLAYING YOUR PART

Local **COVID-19** contact tracing is now taking place

If you receive a call from **0300 456 0100** please be sure to pick up

#WiltshireTogether Wiltshire Council

PLEASE KEEP PLAYING YOUR PART DURING THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

We're urging you all to adhere to the latest COVID-19 restrictions and keep playing your part.

Positive COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Wiltshire and we all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and each other safe.

HOW TO WEAR A FACE MASK TO PREVENT COVID-19

It's vital that in order to help stop the spread of coronavirus, we all wear face masks/coverings, where required to do so.

A face covering should:

- cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- ideally include at least 2 layers of fabric (the World Health Organization recommends 3, depending on the fabric used)

Unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged.

How to wear a face mask to prevent COVID-19

Four diagrams showing correct and incorrect ways to wear a face mask. The first two show correct ways (green checkmarks), and the last two show incorrect ways (red crosses).

#WiltshireTogether Wiltshire Council

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

The rapid rollout of a vaccine against COVID-19 represents the best and fastest way of life returning to normal.

Vaccines are safe and effective at limiting severe illness. When you are contacted by your GP please stick to your appointment. (Ed. For more on the local arrangements for vaccination see the articles from Tisbury Surgery on p.28 and Hindon Surgery on p.29)

The NHS Clinical Commissioning Group has launched a new website for vaccination queries from the public. Questions relating to the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine can be answered by visiting <https://www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates>.



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.

URGENT: CALL TO ACTION – SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL NEEDS EXTRA VOLUNTEER

We are looking for assistance with two volunteer roles as described below.

Ward Buddies

This role supports ward staff to enable them to concentrate on the clinical tasks. Tasks will include moving equipment, answering the telephones, running errands, maintaining cleanliness of ward kitchen and general tidying up of patient areas, making patient drinks and delivering food. Full PPE will be issued as well as volunteer t-shirts. Enhanced buddy roles with more patient contact such as feeding some patients. These will require enhanced PPE. There will be a fast track deployment so most of the training will be on the job. We're looking for you to ideally commit to a 2 – 4 hour session once a week every week for the foreseeable future. Volunteers need to complete a health questionnaire and health risk assessment as part of the recruitment process in order to ensure a suitable match. Volunteers must be over 17 years of age, fit and able to do a full shift on their feet and feel comfortable working under their own initiative within defined parameters, in an environment that may feel pressured at times. Free parking at the hospital is available when on shift and/or reasonable travel expenses will be paid.

Mass vaccination centre volunteer

There is a new mass vaccination centre opening in the City centre from next week and potentially running through to the Summer. We are looking for volunteers to help marshal to move people through the vaccination hub from beginning to end, keeping orderly queue management and some administrative roles booking people in, etc. This role requires you to be stood on your feet for potentially long periods of time. We're looking for you to ideally commit to a 4 hour session once a week for at least a month. Surgical masks will be worn. A simple fast track recruitment process will take place including a health risk assessment. There will be on the job training. Free parking in Salisbury city centre will be available when on shift.

If you are interested in either or both roles, please email us on sft.volunteering@nhs.net stating which role is of interest, your name and contact details, and for the ward buddy whether you have any previous experience volunteering or working in a hospital or medical environment, which is not necessary but could be beneficial.

Thank you for considering this and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please stay safe and well.

Best wishes

Jo Jarvis and Monica Wilson

Voluntary Services Team
Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust – Salisbury District Hospital
sft.volunteering@nhs.net

FOR THE GARDENERS

One of the joys of researching for “Flavours of Focus from Forty Years Ago” is the discovery of articles that are so interesting that they merit revisiting. Here, at least in your correspondent’s view, is such a one; it is from Mollie Thorne’s series entitled, “For the Gardeners” and is taken from the February 1981 Edition of Focus.

We are apt to take scent in plants as a given fact and think no more about it. But it is a subject of such interest that it might be useful to write a few words. The small compass at present at my disposal, however, means it will have to be a two-part article. [Ed: more next month]

But to make a beginning of this involved question: the organic chemist can tell us the exact constituents of the oils exuded by plants and that produce scent, but not how almost similar parts and processes in similar plants can result in dissimilar emission of scents; for example, the common honeysuckle is heavily scented but the fly honeysuckle is not, and Viburnum carlesii is most fragrant and Viburnum opulus is quite scentless.

Again, the constituent parts of scents are but carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, but their organisation in different flowers produces entirely different scents. Some plants are “fast of their scent” and need touching to release the smell, whereas others release their scent freely.

But we can fix upon some firm ground. We find that on the whole white flowers are the most heavily scented and that many white flowers are fertilized at night by various moths: each flower so fertilized will release its heaviest scent when its particular moth is flying.

Again, the stink of carrion emitted by many of the arum family when the spadix is ripe will attract the very flies of a kind which will serve them as a pollinator. This smell will only be maintained until the plant has in fact been fertilized, after which it could serve no purpose.

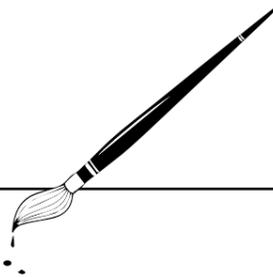
Flowers whose pollen is carried by the wind and so do not require an insect pollinator have no scent. The great family of grasses is an example here, and it will be seen in addition that they furnish no alighting platforms.

Bees appear to have a sense of smell somewhat similar to our own, while butterflies and moths are even more influenced by scent in seeking out their food.

Thus, we see that the primary purpose of scent is to attract or to guide suitable insects and this is often coupled with colour in petals or sepals - a sister subject which could be discussed later. The question of suitability in insects for specific pollination purposes is another most fascinating study which can only increase one’s wonder at the marvels and intricacies of the natural world.

Reproduced from Mollie Thorne’s original

By Mike Neal



Have you been busy creating?

Do you want to exhibit your work and maybe even sell it?

Watch out for information next month on details of a weekend of arts and craft exhibitions and sales in Tisbury - tentatively planned for mid August

'AN HOUR TO SKILL'

The Department for Education is urging everyone to spend one hour a week learning online with The Skills Toolkit which offers easy access to free, high-quality online courses. By setting aside one hour a week for online learning, you can learn skills that employers are looking for, boost your job prospects and keep your mind active.

These free courses will help you learn new skills or get a new job and cover things like:

- practical maths
- computer essentials
- personal growth and wellbeing
- professional development
- business and finance
- digital design and marketing
- computer science and coding

One in three people have used online learning to help them get a better job. On average, online learning can boost your annual pay by £3,640. The courses are provided by a range of well known and trusted providers such as The Open University, Google, Amazon and FutureLearn.

Find out more about The Skills Toolkit and what is available here: <https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>



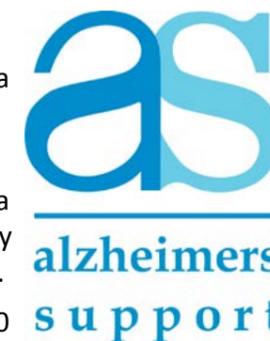
SKYDIVE FOR DEMENTIA

Beat the lockdown blues and sign up to Alzheimer’s Support’s Skydive for Dementia on March 20th. Not only will you experience the thrill of a lifetime, but you’ll also raise money for people living with dementia in Wiltshire.

The charity has teamed up with skydive experts GoSkydive to offer places on a dedicated Alzheimer’s Support jump day. GoSkydive have Covid-secure safety measures in place and specialise in first-time jumps so you’ll be in very safe hands.

The 10,000 ft tandem jump takes place at Old Sarum, near Salisbury. After 30 seconds of freefall, when you’ll travel through the air at 125mph, the parachute will open and you’ll experience amazing views across the Wiltshire landscape as you descend.

So why not join the team and have something wonderful to look forward to. For full details and how to sign up go to <https://www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk/Event/skydive-for-dementia>



TISBURY HALL HIRE

Please contact the halls direct for any available 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.

METHODIST HALL

Bookings – Ken or Sandra Elcock 01747 870921
Ideal for children’s parties or club meetings and includes a large new well-equipped kitchen, toilets and disabled access.

VICTORIA, ELIZABETH HALLS

Bookings – 0300 302 3090,
newvictisbury@gmail.com, www.newvictisbury.com
The only hall with a stage and balcony! Great atmosphere for a special event. Plus meeting room.

PARISH ROOM

Bookings - Patricia Coopman 01747 870615
Suitable for small meetings and small groups
Facilities for making hot drinks.

NADDER CENTRE

Bookings – 01747 434240

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL AREA? HERE'S HOW...

Are you interested in nature, history, archaeology, or culture?

The Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme, a National Lottery Heritage Fund scheme to protect and enhance the special landscape of the Cranborne Chase and Chalke Valley is looking for volunteers.

The Chase & Chalke team is creating 20 projects which focus on the natural, historic and cultural assets of the area. The aim is to get as many local people as possible involved to help look after this unique part of the world and to make it more accessible and meaningful for those who live here.

Coming soon is the launch of the oral history project Memories Captured, a walking festival is being planned for May, the Silk Flags project for those artists out there and a series of online talks 'Cranborne Chase Live' for late February into March this year which will give more insight into some of the projects and focus on some of the lesser-known, but significant aspects of the area.

The 20 projects are varied and are focused across three themes:



Natural Landscape projects including improving biodiversity in the area and bringing woodlands back into active management.



Historic Landscape projects including exploring the remarkable archaeology of the Chase & Chalke area and heritage training for schools which aims to equip teachers to understand the local heritage.



Cultural Landscape projects which include exploring and improving the area's cycle footpaths and creating new tramper ways, an oral history project capturing the voices of local people, musicians engaging with the landscape through songs, old and new, and artists' residencies inspiring works reflective of the landscape, history and culture of the area.

There is also an opportunity to be part of the Chase & Chalke **Community Stakeholder Group** – more information is on the website and the deadline for applications is **Sunday 14 February**.

Cranborne Chase has huge historical and natural significance. The team is looking for volunteers who can help make these projects a reality and have fun in the process. Whether you're interested in nature, history, archaeology, culture, or just getting out and about there is bound to be something that will interest you.

To find out more about all the projects being planned follow Chase & Chalke on

Facebook @Cranbornechaseaonb | Instagram @chaseandchalke |

Visit <https://cranbornechase.org.uk/landscape-partnership-scheme/>

If you'd like to hear more about volunteering or to sign-up as a volunteer contact the Landscape Partnership team by emailing sarahforwood@cranbornechase.org.uk



STARFEST

Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is hosting a week-long Dark Skies Festival over the February 2021 half-term to celebrate its designation as an International Dark Sky Reserve.

StarFest is open to everyone and there is something for all ages. The events, most of which will be held online range from basic astronomy, through star tales for children and adults, to light pollution reduction.

Steve Tonkin, an astronomer and the Dark Sky Advisor to Cranborne Chase, said: "If you've wanted to know more about our dark skies but were too afraid to ask, this is the festival for you.

"I'll be hosting an introduction to astronomy, there are children's art activities, astrophotography and a specialist workshop on dark sky tourism for local businesses.

"We have experts across all areas of dark skies and astronomy ready and waiting to welcome you to this event. They are here to help support local business to make the most of our dark sky status, discuss how you can help make our dark skies even darker, and inspirational art and space workshops for children."

The full timetable of events for 'StarFest' 2021:

Introduction to Stargazing with Steve Tonkin - Monday 15 February at 7.30pm. Tickets are free.

Grow your business with Dark Sky Tourism with Richard Darn - Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm This is a free session for businesses.

Sketch the moon and make your own star constellation with Mary McIntyre - Wednesday 17 February at 4pm Learn how to draw the moon and make your own star constellations with this fun, online art activity, suitable for ages 7+.

Astrophotography – create your own star trails with Mary McIntyre – Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm

Ask an Astronomer – Q&A Session with Steve Tonkin on Thursday 18 February at 4pm Astronomer, Steve Tonkin will be on Facebook Live @cranbornechaseaonb for this Q&A session. Ask your questions in advance and tune in live to find out why the Moon shines, what is a constellation, why comets have tails...

What Future for Dark Skies? Thursday 18 February at 7.30pm

Make me an Astronaut Live – Saturday 20 February at 10.30am with Jo Richardson This event is just £5 and promises to be great fun for all those budding astronauts out there. Suitable for ages 4-11. Jo Richardson is one of 10 UK Space Ambassadors and represents the South West, working on behalf of ESERO-UK (European Space Education Office) which is part of the National STEM Learning Centre and funded by the European Space Agency and other partners.

Storytelling - Star Walk Stories with Lizzie Bryant on Saturday 20 February at 7.30pm Lizzie digs into her treasure trove of stories to bring you her adventures in the night sky. A great way to end our StarFest 2021.

For anyone space-obsessed or for those looking to learn more about the sky at night, look no further.

Full details of all the events and how to book can be found on www.cranbornechase.org.uk or email info@cranbornechase.org.uk



AFTER LOCKDOWN ?

Can we be relaxing Now apres the vaccine It really won't matter That we're a bit fatter. It will keep us alive Read one book not five Will we be as we were Things back as before ? Visit Courtauld or Tate Arrive home very late Shopping pleasure not task No need for a mask. See family so missed And babies not kissed Can dress up quite tarty And go to a party. To restaurant or pub And join in the hub Of voices and clatter How I love the chatter.	BUT Maybe better for some Who like working from home Take the dog for a walk And don't have to talk. Kids' friends come to call Not good for all Unruly with noise A houseful of boys. It gives us a shakeup See girls wearing makeup Pyjamas the rule When not going to school. After ten months of quiet Will there be a riot When put to the test Who can say what's best ? By Jacqueline Longley.
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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

TISBURY WRITING COMPETITION

As we settle into our third lockdown, in addition to a new poem received (opposite), we include a story (below) written for the Tisbury Writing Competition during the first lockdown in 2020.



Puff Went Pops

Written by Wise Old Owl (Brian Sutton)

Everyone agreed that when lockdown is over we should have a big party. I always say, 'a party just isn't a party without balloons'. Of course I don't always say that, I say lots of other things too, but if I were to always say one thing it would be that "a party just isn't a party without balloons".

Banners and streamers are all very well but lovely colourful balloons just make things zip. If I have one quarrel with balloons it's that whereas banners look like banners when you buy them, balloons just look like, well, bits of colourful rubber

– and not very pliable rubber at that. Why is it that the two sides of a new balloon are always stuck together? My wife believes that stretching them is the thing to do, my brother rubs them between his palms I just look at them and breath a big sigh that is half way between resignation and despair. Do I feign illness, rush to the loo and hope they are all inflated by the time I get back – just how long is it reasonable to spend in the loo before a party? No its no good I just have to man up and offer to be the hero that converts limp rubber into dancing rainbows of rubberised joy.

I am aware that you can buy balloon pumps, gizmo's that purport to inflate even the most recalcitrant rubber. But real men don't use gizmo's. No, real men risk bursting a blood vessel or haemorrhaging their eyeballs before admitting that they don't have the lung power to inflate a pesky little squib of a balloon.

So I grip the neck between finger and thumb, take a huge breath and then with the little rubber flange lodged firmly behind my gritted teeth I do my impression of the Big Bad Wolf. I huff and I puff, my ears pop, capillaries burst in my cheeks, eyes water with the effort and – nothing happens. Then suddenly something gives and with a whoosh the balloon starts to inflate before my bulging eyes. A more cautious man would knot the neck with a flourish and then with an appropriate amount of swagger in the voice, point an accusatory finger at the younger family members and challenge them to "do their bit". But oh no, this is the moment when the competitive demon is unleashed. And the thing about balloons is that you don't need someone to compete with – you compete with yourself to see if you can blow a balloon up in one breath – or better still blow it up so far that it bursts and gives sleeping granny a heart attack.

On this fateful day something did indeed burst, but it wasn't the balloon. It was Pops that popped.

I wonder, or at least I would wonder if I were still alive and capable of wondering, if they have parties in heaven and if so, if there will be balloons? More importantly since I have already breathed my last, will I be capable of inflating them?



Brian Sutton reading his story at the NewVic in 2020

TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL – NEWS UPDATE DECEMBER 2020

New Parish Councillor elected!

The Parish Council is delighted that Nick Errington has come forward to be a Parish Councillor and he was elected at the January meeting.

Precept consideration

Also at the January meeting, councillors agreed the same budget figure for 2021/22 as that in 2020/21 - £106,938.

Although we have kept the budget the same there will be an increase of 91p (for the whole year payment!) for each household, as the number of properties that contribute to the council tax payment has decreased.

Youth Hub replacement

Residents will remember that there were plans to build a new Youth building on the King George Vth field. Councillors however have decided to refurbish the current building instead, to save money.

Planning Applications

20/10401/VAR - Wardour School, Tisbury, SP3 6RF

Variation of condition 2 of 18/06399/FUL to amend the layout and height of approved perimeter fencing.

Parish Councillors objected to the height of the fencing being proposed and noted that the proposed footpath diversion would also need to be agreed at the same time.

Parish Councillors had 'no objections' to the following applications:

20/10505/FUL – Bella Vista, Cuffs Lane, Tisbury, SP3 6LG

Single storey rear garden room, utility and cloakroom.

20/11051/TCA - The Grange, Vicarage Road, Tisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 6HZ

G1 - Group of |Holly; Yew & Laurels - Fell to low stumps; T1 Conifer - Fell to low stump; T2/ T3 - Yews - Crown raise to 8 Metres

Date of next meetings: all at 7pm unless otherwise stated:

- Tuesday 2nd February 2021
- Tuesday 16th February 2021 – if required

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH YOUR FUEL BILLS? THE WILTSHIRE COUNCIL SURVIVING WINTER FUND IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Wiltshire residents can claim up to £250 (whilst funds last!) to help with heating and fuel bills over the cold period. The fund can pay for either top up vouchers for prepayment meters or credit into your energy account if you pay by direct debit. It can also help with solid fuels such as LPG gas bottles, wood or coal.

To be eligible, you will need to be in receipt of a means tested benefit, of pension age, or of working age and receiving a disability benefit (or you/someone in your household has a health condition worsened by the cold). You also need to be struggling with your fuel bills and keeping your home warm.

The fund can also help with boiler repairs of up to £300.

To apply, call the advice line number on **0800 038 5722**. You will need to provide either benefit award letters or a recent bank statement showing benefits being paid into your account.

The Surviving Winter Fund is first come first served, and the deadline will be in **May**. If the grant money runs out they will look at other funds you may be eligible for, so please apply as soon as you can.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

The consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan review is now open, so you can now have your say on where future development – including housing, infrastructure and land for employment – may be built in your area in the next 15 years. The consultation will also look to develop our planning policies to help tackle climate change.

The council has to allocate sufficient land to satisfy the county's housing and employment needs up to 2036, and in this consultation, you will be able to give your feedback on whether the suggested distribution of housing numbers across the county is correct, and which of the proposed development sites are most suitable.

You can still also sign up for one of our online engagement sessions to find out more about the potential sites in your area. Each event relates to a particular settlement, and there are two events for rural areas which will include the Tisbury area. These are being held on **Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February from 7pm-8pm**

To find out more about the Local Plan review, view documents, have your say, and sign up for one of the online engagement sessions, go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review

In addition, the council is also consulting on the proposed scope and content of the Gypsies and Travellers Plan, which will look to allocate land for travellers in sustainable locations to meet their permanent and temporary accommodation needs up until 2036. To find out more about the Gypsies and Travellers Plan, go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers

Both consultations end on **Tuesday 9 March 2021**.



FORMER SPECIAL CONSTABLE CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

A former local Wiltshire Police Special Constable celebrated his 100th birthday in December 2020. George Maidment worked between 1962 and 1980 as a Section Officer covering Tisbury and Mere. After leaving the army, George dedicated much of his life to volunteer work, not just in policing but also in the wider community.

To mark the special occasion, Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and his Staff Office wanted to arrange a special gift for him with a homemade, bespoke presentation box containing epaulettes with George's "shoulder" number, whistle and badge together with a personal card from Kier.

George also received birthday cards from the Queen and Princess Anne.

Kier said: "What an amazing achievement on reaching 100! To mark this very special occasion and to wish George a very happy birthday, we wanted to give him something personal and unique.

To dedicate so much of your life helping others is a true gift and George is a very special man in doing that. Policing has changed a lot since he started in the 1960s but the spirit of willingness to help others by volunteering for the Force - as George did - is still alive today, and I'd like to think it's inspirational people like George who encourage other generations to follow in his footsteps. Happy birthday George."

You can watch a video of George accepting his gift on Youtube <https://youtu.be/dxOE3EhAWX0>



NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE - SPECIALIST FOSTER CARERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE A LOVING HOME FOR WILTSHIRE'S CHILDREN

People looking for a fresh start in 2021 who want to make a real difference in a local child's life are being encouraged to consider becoming a specialist foster carer.

Wiltshire Council wants to recruit 10 more specialist foster carers over the next 12 months to help those who need a loving home have the support they need to face life and its challenges.

Ideally this will be people who have the skills and experience necessary and are available full time and may be considering a change in career. All specialist foster carers are provided with training and additional support.

Specialist foster carers include:

- Home away from Home Specialist - Providing care and support for children and young people with complex needs. This may include children and young people living with medical needs and/or disabilities or those who have experienced a high level of trauma, including those returning from residential care.
- Parent and child foster carers - these foster carers provide a stable home for a parent(s) and their child and will complete, or assist in, an assessment of the parent's ability to care for their child.
- Short-term Emergency Provision Scheme (STEPS) foster carers - these are foster carers who can be available, sometimes in an emergency, to care for any children and young people for at least one 14-day period each month until a suitable foster home is found for them.

Carers are allocated a supervising social worker and are part of a buddy scheme which links the new carer with an experienced foster carer.

People interested in becoming a specialist foster carer must:

- Have a spare bedroom
- Be over 21 years
- Have experience of direct work with children and young people who have experienced trauma or live with complex medical needs or disabilities
- Have one foster carer in the household available for fostering full-time

Specialist foster carer Kerry explained the rewards of her role: ""For us the positive thing about being a foster carer is all the things we get to do with our young people, seeing the changes in them from when they first come to us...and watching them grow."

Find out more about specialist fostering by going to www.fosteringwiltshire.uk or by texting Foster to 60002 and there will be a response within two working days.



TWO SCAM WARNINGS: DELIVERIES AND VACCINATIONS



Fake DPD Emails and Texts

Action Fraud has seen a surge in reports relating to fake emails and texts purporting to be from the courier DPD. The messages claim that DPD was "unable to deliver your parcel today" and provide instructions on how the recipient can arrange another delivery. The links in the emails and texts lead to fake websites that are designed to steal money, as well as personal and financial information. (I've also seen a similar scam circulating about Royal Mail delivery – Ed.)

Victims of the DPD scam have reported losing over £242,000 since June.

How you can protect yourself:

- If you're unsure whether the email or text is genuine, then don't use the link. Instead, visit the DPD website by entering the official web address directly into your browser's address bar, or search for it and follow the search results.
- Remember, your bank will never ask you to transfer money to another account, or contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN or full password.

Coronavirus Vaccination Scams

At a time when people are already feeling anxious and eagerly awaiting details of the impending vaccine, scammers are using this to their advantage to commit fraud. Members of the public have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases, the online form looks very similar to the real NHS website. The same scam has also been reported as being conducted over the phone, where the caller asks for a number to be pressed on their keypad, resulting in a charge being added to their phone bill.

How to protect yourself:

Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. You may be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination but you will NEVER be asked for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam.

The NHS will never:

- ask for your bank account or card details
- ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bills

What to do if you are unsure or if you suspect ANY scam

- If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up.
- If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk.
- Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number **7726**, which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – Jan 2019
ADVERTISING IN FOCUS

Advertisements in the Advertising Section

- Advertisements and their content are accepted at the discretion of the Advertising Manager, who will be solely responsible for the interpretation of this policy.
- Focus does not accept any responsibility for the services advertised.
- Publishing and size of all advertisements will be limited to available space.
- The Advertising Section is published at six month intervals in **MAY** and **NOVEMBER**. Current advertisements can only be changed at these six month intervals. Amendments must be received by 30th SEPTEMBER and MARCH respectively.
- NEW Advertising is accepted February and August each year.
- **Payment must be received before publication**, for MAY payment 30th MARCH, for NOVEMBER payment by 30th SEPTEMBER. **If payment is not received by these dates they will not be published.**

Current Rates for Advertising	6 month rate *	12 month rate
1/8 page 90mmx60mm landscape	£ 30	£ 50
1/4 page 90mmx130mm portrait	£ 45	£ 80
1/4 page 185mmx60mm landscape	£ 45	£ 80
1/2 page 185mmx130mm landscape maximum	£ 75	£ 150

* **Only available for November issue**

Submission of Copy

- Text copy should be prepared in Microsoft, Adobe or as pdf.
 - Logos and artwork or composite advertisements must be original for Focus scanning, or may be tif or jpg or Adobe pdf.
 - Resolution should be 300 dpi or better.
 - Only sizes listed above can be accepted.
 - Focus cannot carry out artwork or design work on advertisements. Introductions can be made to suitable agents to carry out this work.
 - Copy e-mail to advertisinginfocus@gmail.com and must reach the Advertising Manager by 28th February (for May) and 31st August (for November)
 - Payment must be received by 30th March (for May) and 30th September (for November)
- Visiting Cards and Business Cards are not acceptable as copy.**

Local and Charity Announcements. (These include schools, registered charities, village societies)

1. These are not considered as commercial advertising and do not incur any charges.
2. They are published in the editorial section of the magazine.
3. They are published at the discretion of the Editor, who is sole arbiter for acceptance.
4. They must be submitted to the Editor at focustisbury@gmail.com, or to the Parish Office in the Hinton Hall, by the 10th of the month.

Late Copy or Single Issue Advertisements and Local Announcements

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

Casual Advertisements

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.

For further information please email advertisinginfocus@gmail.com
or leave a message on 01747 871697