

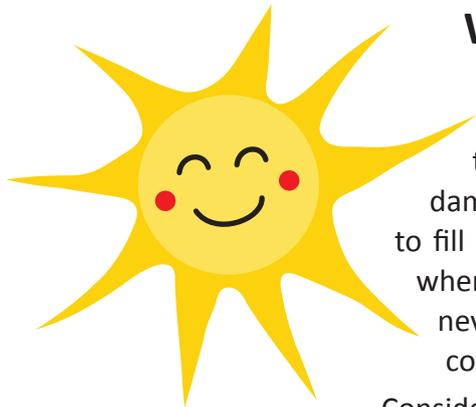
# FOCUS

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ON THE COMMUNITY - What's On In Tisbury

AUGUST 2020





## WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2020 ISSUE OF FOCUS

'What's On' is back, for the first time since March – while I'll admit that it's the skinniest What's On that I've ever seen, I won't let that dampen my excitement. And it's nothing to do with having less space to fill with the Editor's note, honest! It's more like that feeling in spring, when tentative green shoots first appear bringing 'proof of life': we're never quite sure if the frost will get them, but even if it does, it gives us confidence that they will regrow.

Considering the current pandemic and the fact that August is usually a month when our local clubs and societies take a pause, it's heartening to see a variety of local contributions still coming in to the Focus inbox for publication. Subscriptions remain pretty stable, printed copies are being sold and some people still access the magazine online. All in all, these are happy signs that Focus continues to play a useful role in our local community – as long as this is the case, the Focus team will do its best to rise to the challenge.

This month, we are delighted to return to distribution largely through our regular band of dedicated volunteers (following updated government guidance and with careful risk assessment and mitigation, of course). A huge THANK YOU to all our volunteer distributors, on behalf of the whole Focus team and the 300+ subscriber households who rely on them for their monthly Focus magazine.

THANK YOU also to everyone who completed the poll about Focus online, on our website [www.tisburyfocus.com](http://www.tisburyfocus.com) and also to those who took the time to make their views known via email to [focustisbury@gmail.com](mailto:focustisbury@gmail.com). While feelings appear to be mixed, it's fair to say that staying online is important for at least some of you so, for another month at least, that's what we will do. As to the future, with much around us still in flux, the Focus team is taking time to carefully evaluate the options over the summer and we look forward to sharing the outcomes.

### **In the meantime, what does the August 2020 issue have to offer?**

It's clear from the local clubs and societies pages (15-18) that there's a lot of effort going on behind the scenes to explore ways of restarting activity programmes, as and when this becomes feasible. For up to date information it's probably best to go to the clubs' individual websites or Facebook pages. To all club leaders, we would love to publish your plans in Focus, however tentative, so please send them in as soon as you can.

Inevitably, our usual rich local programme of cultural activities has been hard hit, but the creative spark is still burning – results are out for the Writing Competition (p34, delivered via an intriguing list of pseudonyms); the Focus Quizmaster remains on top form (p28); the 'New Vic' is showing its mettle with news on an exciting Live Streaming Project (p35) and one of Tisbury's own young talents will be performing comedy live on youtube (also p35 – Editor's tip, if you are searching for this remember there are no spaces in 'thespaceUK').

We have two 'new takes on something old' this month: a special Rainbow Ansty Maize Maze (p36) and a personal commentary on the Focus issue from August 1980 (p22 – note the Editor has no complaints!). There's plenty more I could mention, but already I'm running out of space (how did that happen?). I'll just point out that the Parish Council meeting notes come immediately before the advertising section this month on page 38, after a few bits from the police. There are several important updates from the Parish Council, so please be sure to read that far.

Warmest wishes to all,

**Monica**



# WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00-2.30 pm	Oysters Coppice	Workday - volunteers will be emailed
MONDAY 10TH AUGUST LAST DAY FOR SEPTEMBER COPY			
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Call 871105 for details	Tisbury Footpath Maintenance Team
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-12.00 noon	Virtual	Children's Holiday Workshop
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	From 9am	Space UK YouTube Channel	"So, this virus walks into a bar..." Jacob Hulland
	11am	Wherever you find yourself	2 min silence for VJ Day
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30-12.30 pm	Email <a href="mailto:youngthns@gmail.com">youngthns@gmail.com</a> for details	Young TNHS Big Butterfly Walk
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	TBC	Fonthill Park Cricket Club	Charity Match against The Boot XI

Keep an eye on individual club websites and facebook pages for latest information and new plans.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	See September Focus for details	Tisbury Horticultural Society
14 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Excursion to Brownsea Island	Tisbury Natural History Society

## LAURA FURNESS

When Laura joined as Editor 18 months ago, the Focus team was delighted. Her talents and enthusiasm were obvious, we knew it was just a matter of time before she would be snapped up for bigger and better things. That time has come rather more quickly than we hoped. Laura has recently accepted a new job with increasing professional challenges, and it is with sadness on both sides that we agree it makes sense for her to step down.

Laura, the Focus team wishes you well - thank you for everything. (We know you'll remember the submission deadline; perhaps we'll see the occasional Focus contribution from you in future?)

**Editor**



Front Cover: Sunflowers in fields near Chicks Grove (August 2019). (Ros Russell)

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updated August 2019

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

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 10.30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE NADDER VALLEY (dependent on restrictions being lifted)			
Ansty	Monday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Fovant	Tuesday	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hindon	Tuesday	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
	Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion
Dinton	Thursday	8.00am	Holy Communion
Tisbury	Wednesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Holy Communion
	Friday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Albany House	Second Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion

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## NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE – CHURCH SERVICES – AUGUST 2020

Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> August		9 <sup>th</sup> August		16 <sup>th</sup> August		23 <sup>rd</sup> August		30 <sup>th</sup> August	
SUNDAY	Trinity 8		Trinity 9		Trinity 10		Trinity 11		Trinity 12	
<b>Southern Area</b>										
ANSTY	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	LAY	1115 PC	GS	1115 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	1115 FC	GS	–	–
COMPTON	0930 PC <sub>T</sub>	GS	–	–	1115 SoW	JA	–	–	–	–
FOVANT	0800 HC <sub>O2T</sub>	GS	–	–	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	0930 PC	GS	–	–
SUTTON	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	0930 PC <sub>O2T</sub>	GS	–	–	–	–	0930 PC <sub>O2T</sub>	Area Service
SWALLOW-CLIFFE	1115 PC <sub>T</sub>	MH	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	GS	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	LAY	–	–
<b>Northern Area</b>										
BARFORD	1115 FC	JN	0930 M <sub>CW</sub>	LAY	0930 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	CF	0930 PC	EB	1000 FC	Area Service
BAVERSTOCK	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
CHILMARK	1115 PC <sub>T</sub>	EB	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	LAY	1115 FC	TF	1115 MPr	EB	–	–
DINTON	0930 HC <sub>O2C</sub>	JN	1115 PC	EB	0930 FC Patronal	EB	0930 M <sub>CW</sub>	TF	–	–
T. EVIAS	0930 FS	EB	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
T. MAGNA	–	–	–	–	1115 FC	EB	–	–	–	–
<b>Western Area</b>										
CHICKLADE	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
HINDON	0930 PC	MH	0930 FS	MH	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	JN	0930 PC	MH	–	–
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	0930 M <sub>BCP</sub>	JA	–	–	–	–
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JN	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	JA	1115 PC <sub>BCP</sub>	Area Service
TISBURY	0930 FC	JMH	0800 HC <sub>T</sub>	EB	0930 PC	JN	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	JMH	JMH
			0930 PC	JN	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	1800 RS	JMH	–	–

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship HC – Holy Communion (said) PC – Order 1 Communion (with hymns)  
 PC<sub>T</sub> – Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns) HC<sub>O2T/C</sub> – Order 2 Communion traditional / contemporary (said)  
 PC<sub>O2T</sub> Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns) FC – All Age Family Communion FS – All Age Family Service  
 SoW – All Age Service of the Word M – Mattins or Morning Prayer MPr – Morning Praise E – Evensong or Evening Prayer RS – Reflective Service

CF – Colin Fox EB – Elaine Brightwell GS – Graham Southgate JA – Judy Anderson JMH – Juliette Hulme JN – Jo Naish MH – Mark Hayter TF – Tina Fox

# Focus Point

As I write, in the second week of July, I am wondering what life will be like by the time you read this in August. Lockdown is gradually easing; it seems that almost every day more categories of services and venues are allowed to re-open, and we are allowed to do more of the things that had been off limits. On the other hand, we hear of people ignoring the safeguards and of clusters of the virus appearing in some parts of the country. In three weeks' time, will we have more freedom, or will it have been curtailed again? We just don't know. There are very few certainties in life, and over the last few months there has been a great deal more uncertainty than most of us have ever been used to.

You may remember the old hymn which begins 'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?' For many of us, life has felt particularly stormy as Covid-19 swept across the world, as restrictions rapidly escalated into lockdown, as we got used to a new way of living, and then as lockdown began to be lifted, with a host of new restrictions to be adhered to. For some, family life became stormy, while for others a storm of emotions was aggravated by the absence of family and friends. Probably everyone has a different experience of the strange situation in which we have found ourselves.

For many, fear has been a significant factor: fear of the virus, fear of loneliness, fear of coming out of lockdown after several months confined to the house, fear of financial hardship, and so the list continues. For some of us, uncertainty is in itself a source of anxiety.

There is, however, one certainty which remains constant throughout 'all the changing scenes of life.' That certainty is God, his presence with us, his love for us and his care for us and for the whole of creation. The hymn asserts:

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll  
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move  
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love*

In all the uncertainty, in the storm of life, amidst fear and anxiety, we can rely on God to look after us and to bring us through the present crisis. We can be encouraged by the words of the prophet Jeremiah:

'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'  
*(Lamentations 3.22-23)*

**Canon Judy Anderson, Licensed Lay Minister**

## **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 July 2020

15<sup>th</sup> July

Stella Margaret Smith

Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium

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### FAREWELL TO BECCA MCDONNELL

We at St John's Church are very sorry to be bidding farewell to Becca, who is leaving Tisbury to train to be a priest in the Church of England. She will be moving in August with her husband Stewart and their two sons, Cullin and Murdo. Becca will be studying for three years at Ripon College Cuddesdon, a top Oxford Theological College, where Humphrey Southern, former Team Rector of the Nadder Valley, is Principal.

We asked Becca a few questions:

#### **What made you want to train as a priest?**

My mother is a priest. I grew up watching her ministry and I was very involved in church life. After university, I sensed a more active call to ordination than before. I moved to Tisbury and got involved at St John's, especially with youth work, Sunday club and family services. I was encouraged by Andrew and by others in the diocese to explore vocation to ordination.

#### **You'll be studying in Oxford. Where will you live?**

We'll be living in college accommodation, on the college site, along with other students and their families. We'll be sharing worship, meals, and college life generally, which will be nice.

#### **What about the children – and Stewart?**

It's actually a good time to move. Cullin, aged 4, will be starting at the local primary school, and Murdo will be starting nursery as well as being looked after by his grandmother, who lives in the area. Stewart will continue working all over the country and will enjoy a bit of Oxford life at weekends!

#### **What will you cherish about St John's?**

So much! I'll be leaving lots of good friends, at the church and in the wider community. St John's is a place that has really nourished my faith, and friends there have accompanied me on the journey of marriage, children and vocation. Being involved with the Family Services has been a particular delight. The whole community has been a part of my journey, too, and the mums and babies in the village have been a big part of my life. Tisbury has a very special community heart and soul.

#### **Bill Liddiard, Churchwarden at St John's, writes:**

Thank you, Becca, for all your help at St Johns; your happy and positive approach to anything you take on has been a joy. Thank you for the work you did and the time you spent during the Interregnum, especially with the Youth Team and with the monthly Family Services, which got the congregation involved and left us with a spring in our step! Your singing and actions with the church band always got us going, and the visual aids you used made us think about our faith in a practical way.

#### **The Revd Juliette Hulme, Team Vicar and Parish Priest for Tisbury, writes:**

Becca has so many gifts and we will miss her greatly at St John's Church and in the community. It has been a delight to work with her on Family Services and to get to know her. Becca has a deep Christian faith with the gift of sharing it with others, a care for the marginalised, an excellent mind, and a warmth and kindness of heart. She will be an excellent priest.

May God bless Becca and her family.

With our love and prayers,

**Juliette and all the congregation at St John's, Tisbury.**



# Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints Wardour Castle

Trellis House, Station Road, Tisbury SP3 6JR  
Father Robert Miller 01747 870228 [tisburyparish@clifton.com](mailto:tisburyparish@clifton.com)

**What great joy! Our Churches have re-opened and Holy Mass is being said each day except Thursday. At the time of writing, there are still restrictions and a booking system is in place for each day. Please book your place with Father Robert by telephone or email, giving your contact details.**



## **Each week Holy Mass times for Sacred Heart, Tisbury and All Saints', Wardour.**

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

**Mass is live-streamed from St Osmund's, Salisbury each day :** <https://salisburycatholics.org/st-osmunds>

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

There is also a newsletter in the Parish Room window

**The Holy Father's August prayer intention: The Maritime World.** For all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishers and their families.

## **Plants for Sale: all takings to Mary's Meals.**

We have alstroemerias in flower,  
tiger lilies, some herbs,  
a black hollyhock and other plants.  
Please contact Mike and Liz Montgomery  
01747 828403 to arrange a time.  
We are right beside the Forester pub  
in Donhead St Andrew.



*Mary's Meals vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. 'Working together with those who share our vision, we believe there is no good reason why this cannot be realised'.*

*Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals founder and Chief Executive* <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

August – a time for pilgrimages. Lovely thread of Christian history as a virtual pilgrimage to Lindisfarne:  
<https://cafodhexhamnewcastle.wordpress.com/>

Walsingham <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>  
<https://www.walsinghamvillage.org/about/history-of-pilgrimage/>

# A MONTH TO REMEMBER

## AUGUST

Not many anniversaries worth clapping for in August, hence the poem, but one very important one - after the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima (6<sup>th</sup>) and Nagasaki (9<sup>th</sup>) the 15<sup>th</sup> will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day, and thus the end of six long years of war. Now that is something to clap about. Those who feel inclined so to do could 'take a knee' to celebrate that, in August 1950, Althea Gibson, who went on to win eleven Grand Slam titles, was the first African-American woman to be invited to play in, what was to become, the US Open, and Wimbledon. In 1960, when she became a professional golfer, she had to change in her car as black people were not allowed to enter club houses.

August is, also, International Admit You're Happy and Family Fun, Month. The 1<sup>st</sup> is International Camping and International Hangover Day while the first Sunday is Friendship Day. This is followed by Book Lovers Day (9<sup>th</sup>), Left Handers Day (11<sup>th</sup>), Honey Bee Awareness Day (15<sup>th</sup>), National Tell a Joke Day (16<sup>th</sup>), Bad Poetry Day (18<sup>th</sup>) and most important of all the 25<sup>th</sup> which is Kiss and Make Up Day. Something for everyone there, I hope. Enjoy the month.

### **Tribute to the NHS.**

The children's author, Michael Rosen, spent seven weeks in an induced coma on a ventilator suffering from Covid -19. This is a poem he wrote in 2008 in tribute to the NHS on its sixtieth birthday.

*These are the hands*

*That touch us first*

*Feel your head*

*Find the pulse*

*And make your bed.*

*These are the hands*

*That tap your back*

*Test the skin*

*Hold your arm*

*Wheel the bin*

*Change the bulb*

*Fix the drip*

*Pour the jug*

*Replace your hip.*

*These are the hands*

*That fill the bath*

*Mop the floor*

*Flick the switch*

*Soothe the sore*

*Burn the swabs*

*Give us a jab*

*Throw out sharps*

*Design the lab.*

*And these are the hands*

*That stop the leaks*

*Empty the pan*

*Wipe the pipes*

*Carry the can*

*Clamp the veins*

*Make the cast*

*Log the dose*

*And touch us last.*

**David Childs**

## CONTACT US FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT

If you are worried about your memory, or that of a relative, please contact Alzheimer's Support. You do not need to wait for a formal diagnosis to access the charity's services and talking things through with someone who understands can make all the difference. Staff can give advice over the phone on 01225 776481 between 9am and 4pm on weekdays and, in some cases, make home visits. Further information can be found at [www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk](http://www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk)



The charity also has an online Dementia Roadmap with advice and support for anyone going through the process of being diagnosed with dementia in Wiltshire. It includes a downloadable symptoms checker for people to use while waiting for a GP or memory clinic appointment. The Wiltshire Dementia Roadmap is at [www.dementiaroadmap.org](http://www.dementiaroadmap.org).

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## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR FOR VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE?

The Youth Adventure Trust is a registered youth development charity providing a programme of outdoor adventure camps and activity days for vulnerable young people in Wiltshire. On our programme the young people take part in a range of outdoor activities which are designed to increase their resilience, promote self-esteem and help them to develop essential life skills.

The Youth Adventure Trust's Mentoring Scheme provides additional support for a select number of young people who would benefit from further individualised support, following completion of the main programme.

As a mentor you will be carefully matched with a young person and work with them on a one-to-one basis within their local community. Although individual arrangements will vary, you'll meet for approximately 2 hours a fortnight, for up to a year, providing them with personalised support to achieve the most positive outcomes.

With the support of the Mentoring Manager, you will work with the young person to identify goals and objectives and help them work towards these. Whilst each mentee will have varying objectives, all mentors will provide empathy to the challenges faced by the young person and give support, guidance and encouragement throughout the mentoring relationship.

Although beneficial, no previous experience of working with young people is required, as full training will be provided. All we ask is that you're enthusiastic, reliable and committed to the mentoring relationship. Our mentors are role models to the vulnerable young people we work with, and therefore should be responsible, resilient, good at communicating and have a desire to help young people.

For more information contact Becky Brown (Mentoring Manager) on 07592 664679 or by email [becky@youthadventuretrust.org.uk](mailto:becky@youthadventuretrust.org.uk). Web: <http://www.youthadventuretrust.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/mentor-volunteers.html#.XD9WSFz7TIU>

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## NEW INCLUSIVE CHOIR LAUNCHES FOR WILTSHIRE YOUTH

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the national charity Soundabout and Wiltshire Music Connect will launch a brand new inclusive choir for children and young people across the county.

The Soundabout Inclusive Choir for Wiltshire Youth will welcome young people of all abilities up to the age of 18 and is focussed on removing barriers from those with severe and profound learning disabilities being able to participate musically.

The choir will meet and sing together every two weeks using online video-conferencing and aims to also rehearse regularly in person from early 2021.

**If you have children aged 18 and under living in Wiltshire who are interested in joining the choir please email [choir@soundabout.org.uk](mailto:choir@soundabout.org.uk) for a registration form.**



## THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is open for business as usual for those over 60 or 18+ with a registered disability.

Their team of Home Security Operators are out securing the homes of victims of house crime and domestic abuse. Their office team are on hand to give telephone support and advice on a range of home security issues. Please call 01380 861155 and leave a message, your call will be returned within a few hours during working hours.

The Stay Safe Online volunteers are available to offer telephone advice on a range of issues from improving cyber security awareness, to cyber and scam prevention advice and signposting to future advice and resources. Please call and leave a message on 01380 861191 and someone will get back you shortly.



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## CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE

Carer Support Wiltshire, the charity that supports unpaid carers in Wiltshire, has launched a 'Time for Carers Appeal' to raise money that will allow carers to take a break.



Carers often struggle to find time for themselves; for hobbies and to socialise with others. They may not be able to leave the person they look after on their own at home, or they feel guilty taking time to enjoy themselves. Many have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic as the closure of day centres and other groups have meant they are caring more than ever, in more difficult circumstances with little or no support.

Research shows that 40% of carers haven't taken a day off from their caring role in over a year. Yet taking regular breaks has been shown to be the most effective way to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and promote good mental health.

Previous appeals have enabled all sorts of breaks, by providing cinema memberships, climbing sessions, spa days and counselling sessions. It has also been used to pay for respite care.

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for individuals, businesses and local groups to help to raise funds for the appeal or to donate. More information can be found at [carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/timeforcarers).

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Call us free on 0800 181 4118



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Register for our **Talk and Support** service by calling us FREE on **0800 181 4118 (Mon - Thurs 9:30-4:30, Friday 9:30-4:00)**.

Go to our website [www.carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) to find more information, advice and resources.

## A DAME VERA LYNN TALE

In October 1953 my Mother subscribed to the newly issued "The Knitters Circle News" for the annual fee of 2/- (10p). The News provided information about new wools, publications and colours, along with patterns designed by James Norbury, the Chief Designer of Paton & Baldwin. After her death in 2009, I found that she had kept 60 issues, up to March 1962. On the front cover of No. 39, February 1959, there was a small item of news regarding Dame Vera Lynn:

"When we saw the LP record cover illustrated above – If I am Dreaming, Decca LK 4152 – we were pleasantly surprised. The sweater Vera Lynn is wearing is from P & B Booklet 310. James Norbury recalls that he met Vera backstage at the Adelphi Theatre one night. She was knitting the sweater at the time – and he showed her how to do the fringe. We thought that members would like this smart, easily knitted sweater, and as Booklet 310 is out of print, we have reprinted the full instructions on page 3."

I wrote to Dame Vera, telling her what I had found. Ever gracious, she replied. She could not remember the sweater but found the story amusing.

If anyone is interested in vintage fashion, I have the knitting instructions, but you have to have the voice to match!

Jean Watson



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## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### Seventy-fifth Anniversary of VJ Day - August 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War with the surrender of Japan and the gradual release of tens of thousands of prisoners-of-war, most of whom had lived in appalling conditions of slave labour including building the notorious Burma Railway.

Thirty-one men and women from Tisbury died in that long conflict; their names recorded on the village war memorial. Here a wreath will be laid and a short tribute paid, including a two-minute silence, at 1100 that morning.

In view of the still current social distancing rules villagers might wish to observe that silence wherever they find themselves rather than congregating at the memorial itself.

### 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 01747 870194/07484 284670**

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

[Tisburylink@gmail.com](mailto:Tisburylink@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

*My National Service in the Royal Signals took me to a 18 months posting in the Inn valley in Bavaria. During my last months there I started a correspondence course with a college in London. Eventually this course enabled me to take the examinations of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. On my 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday earlier this year I decided to resign my consultancy with a national firm of property consultants. This article contains some reminiscences of the earlier part of my 60 plus years in the profession.*

My father Jack was a partner in the firm of Rawlence and Squarey. It had been founded by two local farmers from Downton and Wilton in 1852. One of their claims to fame was that, at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, they had advised the War Department as to the suitability of Salisbury Plain as an army training centre. They were then given the job of acquiring the necessary land and managing it.

When I was demobbed in 1957 it was arranged that I should work as a pupil in the Sherborne office under the tutelage of the partner (Major) Arthur Rawlence. A veteran of the first world war he had been demobbed at the railway station at Fovant on the A30.

I lodged for 3 years with the Whitmey family in South Street. Jon was in charge of property sales. This was recent activity added to the main land agency business. It had previously been considered too ungentlemanly for the likes of the partners to get involved with.

Jon and Sue had been brought up in Ringwood. Jon had been a pupil in R and S Fonthill Estate office. He loved the Nadder valley and shooting. Eventually, in his spare time, he managed the local Tisbury shoot which encompassed five adjoining farms including Wallmead. Sue came from a large family. They were not well off but two of her brothers built up substantial businesses. It was said that Raymond and John started with a horse and cart each. Their names became legendary in Ringwood. Raymond Brown is a very large concern in the construction business. John Brown's name is perpetuated in the garden centre he founded at Three Legged Cross.

In the 60s Parmiters, making chain harrows next to Tisbury station, built two new large factory buildings. The works had occupied the area of Tisbury gasworks and a quarry extending into Chantry field. The site had to be extended back into the bank. The ground work was entrusted to Raymond Brown. My father arranged with Raymond for the huge amount of stone to be dumped and levelled in the boggy meadow close to the railway bridge. A second scheme used the spoil to grade a bank at Hazeldon farm. I think it was Raymond's daughter who was driving a tipping lorry along Jobbers Lane when she heard a blast on a car horn behind her. A massive rock had fallen off the back of the lorry, landing just in front of a following Mini.

The Sherborne office was housed above the Digby Estate office at the top of Cheap Street; a quick walk uphill from my lodgings. We managed or advised on rural estates, mainly in Dorset, stretching down to the coast. I spent most of my time "helping" the building surveyor Ernie Milton and the land surveyor Jack Love. I was allowed to use their Christian names but "Mr Arthur" only used surnames. Later I can remember that Jack Love had occasion to write to Tom Dear in the Salisbury office. Their letters started Dear Dear and Dear Love!

Ernie was involved in providing water supplies in remote areas lacking main water. He used two pieces of bent wire to divine underground sources. One of our clients was Admiral Sir Victor Crutchley VC KCB DSC. He owned the Mappercombe estate near Bridport and was a grandson of Queen Victoria, hence his name. He had served in both world wars. He received his VC in the first war due to his gallantry in the failed operation to close the Bruges canal. He was chosen for the award as a result of his men balloting in his favour. He died in 1986 and is buried in Powerstock churchyard. Venerable and bewhiskered and guided by Ernie he tried the wire trick himself. I can still remember his surprise and naval oaths of triumph as the wires slowly swung together in his hands.

### **Martin Shallcross**

PS Why not visit Powerstock churchyard now that non-essential travel is allowed? It is in a beautiful seldom visited area of Dorset.

## TISBURY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Local knowledge of wildlife is a wonderful thing: one summer evening, as dusk fell, we were directed with accurate grid references to Holt Heath to see nightjars. Even as we left the car we could hear the eerie churring call and soon saw several of these hawk-like birds flying close by, displaying and hunting for insects.

On the way back to the car, we began to notice the green light of glow worms on either side of the track, probably twenty or more over a small distance. Seeing this spectacle was the highlight for me, as often the unexpected is.

There aren't many records of glow worms in Wiltshire, so if you are lucky enough to see any please record it. There are several options for the general public to record any flora or fauna, you can find more about this on our website.

Andrew Graham writes about a real hawk:

'There have recently been several sightings in the local area of an exciting falcon – the hobby. This is a migrant species that only visits us to breed in the summer months and is particularly seen near heathlands, wetlands, and woodland edges. These areas are rich in large insects such as dragonflies and damselflies. It chases and catches these on the wing; its long, pointed wings allow it to accelerate rapidly and manoeuvre acrobatically. It will pass smaller prey straight to the beak and feed in flight. It will also hunt small birds and is even speedy enough to catch swifts and house martins.

It is only slightly smaller than a kestrel and looks like a small peregrine falcon, with which it shares a dark hood and mask with a white cheek patch on its head. But the most distinctive feature to look out for is the brick-red feathers of the under-tail coverts which makes it look as if it is wearing red trousers.

The hobby nests in trees and open woodland, but rather than build its own nest, it often uses those built by other species such as crows. It is most frequently seen in southern England, although it is expanding its range. Some think that they may have benefited from an expansion in the number of dragonflies, because of all the flooded gravel pits in England. Langford Lakes, near Wylye, are

a good example of this, and hobbies can often be seen swooping above the lakes seeking prey, especially during migration. At the end of the summer, they will head south to Africa to overwinter, where there are more insects. For the present, it is worth keeping a lookout in the vicinity of Fonthill Lake, Wardour Lake along the Nadder or other places where there may be plenty of large insects flying.

The scientific name for the European hobby is *Falco subbuteo*. When Peter Adolph invented his tabletop football game, he made a patent application to call it "Hobby" but was refused. As he was an ornithologist, he chose the name *Subbuteo* instead. Thus, he rather cleverly retained the hobby name by an alternative route although, as a child I for one found the name rather mystifying, leading me to assume it came from Italy.'

For some cracking shots of a Hobby taken locally by Abby Eaton go to our Facebook or website.

We resumed our excursions when it was safe to do so, in July we visited Teffont Home Farm. The next one in our programme is to Brownsea Island on October 14th, so keep the date free in case it goes ahead. Also keep an eye on our website and Facebook news in case we can reschedule some of the missed excursions that had been planned in between April and June.

On Saturday 22 August we are holding a Big Butterfly Walk for young people interested in expanding their knowledge of the natural world. See page 27 for more details.

Visit our website [www.tisburynaturalhistory.weebly.com](http://www.tisburynaturalhistory.weebly.com) for more information on our society. If you have photos or comments, please contact Elizabeth Forbes

([tisnathist@gmail.com](mailto:tisnathist@gmail.com)). You can also follow us on Facebook

at [www.facebook.com/tisnathist](http://www.facebook.com/tisnathist). Membership for the year is just £10. You can become a member by contacting Dick Budden at [treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com)

**Peter Shallcross - Chair**



## OYSTERS COPPICE

We were allowed back in the wood on 5<sup>th</sup> July with a total of 6 volunteers and current 'social distancing' rules. We were very pleased to be back but without the usual barbecue. Picnics only.

The pond was cleared of excess pond weed and was looking very healthy with large dragonfly larvae about to hatch and plenty of other pond life. There was a beautiful Southern Hawker dragonfly patrolling the edge of the pond and it caught an unsuspecting Red Admiral butterfly which escaped looking a bit tatty. There were stunning metallic green mint beetles on the water mint. A few little froglets were spotted. We saw Comma, Green Veined White, Red Admiral and Holly Blue butterflies in the wood and an Essex Skipper on the green outside the reserve. The Firecrests were still near the picnic area and a couple of Chiff Chaffs and Blackcaps were still singing. Steps were repaired, encroaching brambles and bracken taken back off the path and bracken pulled in the newly coppiced area. A good session.

Today (10<sup>th</sup> July) I was checking the dormouse boxes but found no dormice. (One had a possible dormouse nest in it but we didn't take the box off to check inside). Several boxes had lively woodmice in them and we found two baby toads in another. They must have crawled up the tree to get in!

The next working day will be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August but we don't know yet whether we will be permitted more than 6 volunteers due to the Covid restrictions so emails will be sent to volunteers nearer the time. We will continue pulling bracken and working on drains in the muddy areas and as always, take excess pondweed off the pond.

For more information, or if you wish to join our volunteers, contact Andrew or Debbie on 01747 871311 or email [debcarter311@btinternet.com](mailto:debcarter311@btinternet.com)

Debbie Carter



## TISBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### A Year Like No Other

A horticultural society has existed in Tisbury since the early twentieth century, perhaps earlier, but the Society in its present form began in 1948.

So we are now 72 years old and as far as we know, there has never been a year since 1948 when all the Society's events from March to August were cancelled. Until this year.

So we look forward with fingers crossed to holding our autumn meetings. The first scheduled meeting is due to take place on September 16 and we plan to welcome the acclaimed nursery owner **Rosy Hardy** to talk about autumn flowering perennials.

If the meeting does take place it may be in a larger venue to be sure of social distancing. Full details will be given in September Focus and members will be contacted by email with up-to-date information.

Non-members are most welcome to attend but please check in September Focus to be sure that the meeting will take place.

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



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## TISBURY FOOTPATH CLUB

The Footpath Club's new website is now up and running, so please take a look at [www.tisburyfootpathclub.org](http://www.tisburyfootpathclub.org).

We are delighted with the re-design which provides a wealth of information about the club and its activities. This includes a schedule of our walks programme and a section on how we look after our footpaths. It also features the books of local walks published by the Club and where they can be purchased. And it would not be complete without a gallery of photographs showing local places, our countryside and our walkers.

With the ongoing relaxation of the lockdown rules, we are hopeful that we will be allowed to resume our group walks in the near future. As soon as we can resume a notification will be posted on our website.

The maintenance of our local footpaths by our volunteers is going well and a concerted effort over recent weeks has dealt with the backlog of Spring growth that established itself when we were in full lockdown. In July we cleared bridleway TISB31 with our strimmers and loppers, from just above Quarry Farm in Upper Chicks Grove, through to the Chilmark Road. We also cleared footpath TISB53 towards Old Wardour and near to Squalls Farm.

The Footpath Maintenance Team meet on the second Monday of each month and our next session will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 starting at 9.30am. If you would like to join this effort, please contact Roger Walker on 871105 for details. You do not have to be a member of the Footpath Club to join in!!

We hope our walkers can meet up again before too long. In the meantime keep safe and keep walking.



## TISBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

When Anne Martin took over as Chairman from Tina Richard following our AGM in January we had no idea that our planned year of talks and outings was to be so affected by the Pandemic of Covid 19. After only one successful talk in February by Sir John Stuttard, we could no longer get together for our monthly meetings in the Hinton Hall. Many of our Members had not even had the chance to renew their membership. We cannot know when it will be possible to resume our programme of talks and meet again in the Hinton Hall. We had also planned to open up our archives in the Nadder Centre to members of the public this year. Again we were disappointed as since lockdown our Archivists have not been able to visit the archive room due to closure of the Nadder Centre.

We do hope that everyone has kept well. The committee of the Tisbury History Society have met by Zoom and discussed how we can keep our members informed. We will continue to be in contact with our members and with the community through Focus to let you know what we plan. Please bear with us while we consider the best way forward.

### From the Tisbury History Society Archives

This month we show a photograph taken in happier times when people could meet and enjoy themselves. This photograph was taken at the launch of the TLHS Millennium Book in the Elizabeth Hall.



## FONTHILL PARK CRICKET CLUB

After a long wait, the Government eventually announced that recreational cricket could resume on 11 July though the detailed guidelines and regulations for cricket were delayed by another week. However we tried to be as ready as we could to respond when the time came and that is what we did. We had a trial re-opening of the bar to test out our control and safety measures to maximise distancing and minimise traffic in and of the building, so we were ready to have our first game of cricket under the new regime since last September – though it seemed longer!



Under the new regime, we can't use the changing rooms so players arrive already in kit and ready to play and there has to be frequent hand washing and sanitising of the ball. So our first game was on 11 July and we had a good turnout with two XIs playing in a great game. Ashley Major bowled the first ball of the season as Simon Prior's XI batted first and scored 141 off their 35 overs. This was then followed by a socially-distanced tea-break, where everyone had to bring their own food and drink. After the break, Jolyon Medlock's XI kept up with the required run-rate and won the game with an over to spare. We now have a new bell which will be rung before the start of each innings and when someone scores a fifty. Today Jon Sealy and Rupert Murray were the first to receive this accolade.

During the lockdown, our scorer Frieda Yeo decided it was time for her to retire from scoring and hang up her pencil. After doing the job for several years, Frieda has become a popular and much-loved member of the club and we are very grateful for her services. We hope she will continue to come and watch matches when she can. All of which means there is now a vacancy

for a new scorer, so if you are interested please do get in touch, you will be most welcome. Generally players take it in turns to do the scoring themselves but that can be messy! There would be no need to commit to every game, just now and then would be much appreciated.



As well as the bell we now have a new access ramp to the pavilion to enable wheelchair users to avoid having to navigate the steps. This was designed and constructed by Dave Roberts and the materials were provided by the Fonthill Estate. We also have a new clock which sits in the gable at the front of the building. We are still hoping that our annual charity match against The Boot XI will be able to go ahead on the August Bank holiday and we can raise some money for the charities we supported last year.

New members are always welcome, whatever their age, ability or experience. For further information about fixtures and contacts, please visit the website: <https://www.fonthillparkcricketclub.co.uk/> Spectators are also welcome provided you keep socially-distanced and spread out, which is not difficult as there is plenty of space!

**Mark Mikurenda,  
Club Secretary**

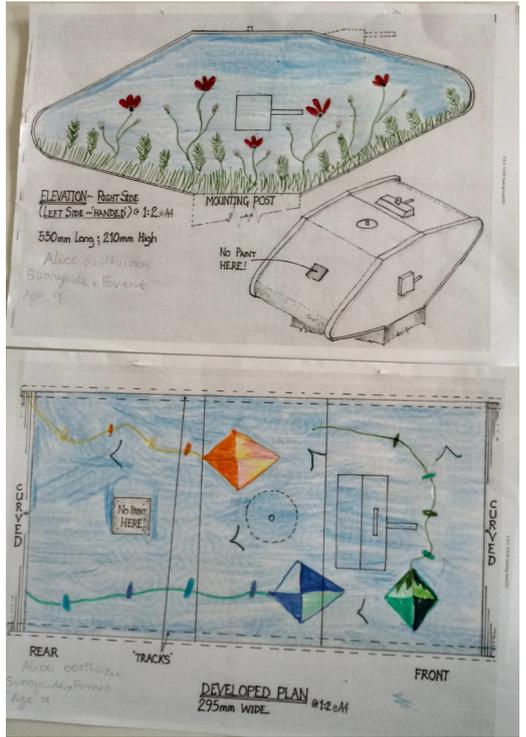


# FOVANT BADGES SOCIETY

## TANK REDECORATION at A30 Lay-by

The Fovant Badges Society's Coin-Drop at the A30 Lay-by was in need of a proper paint scheme after temporary paintwork applied in a rain storm at installation and a hard winter. So F.B.S., through their local magazine, ran a children's competition during 'lockdown' to find a suitable scheme for re-painting the Tank for this summer, before a winter coat at Armistice Day.

Alice Oosthuizen won the 'summer scheme' competition with her design shown here.



Alice, who is 9 years old and lives in Fovant, is seen here applying the final touches to her work, and with the finished article.

It does look splendid! Stop and have a look next time you're passing the A30 Lay-by.



**Leslie Brantingham**

**FOVANT BADGES TRUSTEES**

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## A PIXIE AMONGST THE FOVANT BADGES?

Mysteriously, the Fovant Badges have acquired an extra emblem this year. 'NHS' has been neatly strimmed into the grassy hillside, amongst the chalk regimental badges maintained by the Fovant Badges Society. Apparently, the best view is from the A30 lay-by just East of the Fovant village sign. For those unable to get there, A. Pixie has kindly sent in these photos!



## A WELL-DESERVED BREAK FOR TNR VOLUNTEERS

As many Focus readers will know, a group of local volunteers got together in March to form Tisbury Neighbourhood Response with the purpose of helping our community get through the Covid-19 lockdown – particularly our most vulnerable members.



Under the watch-words **“We’re all in this together”**, that group became a 302-strong force helping out with neighbourly tasks as varied as organising and collecting shopping, helping Boots the Chemist get to grips with the wave of prescription requests, calling and visiting to check on those shielding, and assisting in many other ways.

### Quick Response Team

The TNR Quick Response Team was also formed to handle 135 emergencies – saving a life on one occasion and even going to great heights to re-install a blown-off TV aerial on another.

As you can imagine, with one in four residents in Tisbury aged over 70 staying home, demand for TNR’s support services was high in the first six weeks of lockdown as government, healthcare providers, charitable organisations and other essential services scrambled to adapt to the crisis. During this time, 65 TNR ‘Angels’ were trained to man telephone helplines from their homes for nine or more hours daily, seven days a week, fielding a total of 1,156 incoming calls and making many more outgoing ones for a total of 102 hours, 10 minutes, 34 seconds. They also carried out 150 requests for shopping, pension collections and general assistance and delivered 748 prescription requests. More than 400 calls out were also made to remind people to submit their prescriptions for those unable to get out for themselves.

For more on how the TNR was received by those it helped see the Parish Council report on page 38.

### Last day 31 July

With the easing of lockdown and the country starting to return to normality (in whatever shape or form that may be) it is time to reduce the load on the volunteers. So Friday, 31 July was the last day on which the full spectrum of help was available.

Our local Boots staff have done very well, with the assistance of the TNR prescription chasing and collection team, to cope with the early wave of medication requests and are now offering a very robust delivery service which is free to those over 70 and other entitled people.

For people who first initiated their prescription with the GP surgeries, they should now call the pharmacy seven days before their medication is needed (tel: 870264) to cue Boots to deliver it. This service will operate for the time being. A few folks have been identified who will still need assistance with shopping and arrangements are in place to help them. Some of the more isolated members of the community have asked to continue to be phoned for reassurance and a chat and this has been handed over to TNR’s Phone-A-Friend team led by Carol Saye.

### On the ready

Rest assured, while taking a step back for the moment, TNR will be ready to ramp up again should, heaven forbid, there be a second Covid wave. Lessons learned have been recorded and there’s an opportunity now to review and revise procedures should Tisbury need a volunteer response team again.

Enormous thanks go out to all those who have helped in our community, in whatever capacity, there were many unsung heroes including Tisbury’s Miracle Makers, Alice Combes Trust, Arundell Trust and the many ‘good neighbours’ and samaritans who quietly got on with the business of helping those in need. In the words of one grateful Tisbury resident:

“The difference it has made to my emotional state just hearing a friendly voice. Knowing that people out there are giving up their valuable time to provide anything from a voice to practical support such as fetching groceries or medication and putting themselves at risk as far as I’m concerned, they are all heroes and heroines... Thank you Tisbury!”

## NADDER COMMUNITY ENERGY



With Lockdown still effecting things, NCE's development plans have been on hold but fortunately the sun has continued to shine despite covid and all our solar panels are performing well.

There is some good news from Community Energy Groups across the country.

Community Energy England says community-owned initiatives could generate 5,270MW by 2030, supporting 8,700 jobs, saving 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, and adding over £1.8 billion to the economy each year. There are community energy groups in Dorset, Salisbury, Bath, Bristol, Sturminster and Swindon to name just a few. Community owned schemes seem to be on the rise, with government not rising to the challenges of climate change and communities realising that pulling together for more resilience in the face of global issues such as pandemics is the way forward. Community owned Land Trusts, benefit societies and neighbourhood response groups are popping up everywhere with Tisbury having all three of these as well as community energy.

We are hopeful that together we can help the vulnerable people in our community and keep our neighbourhood as strong, fair, and supportive as possible.

NCE are currently investigating an electric car club, help and advice for people in fuel poverty and renewable heating for schools. If you would like to know more about our work or get involved, please email us on [admin@nadderce.org.uk](mailto:admin@nadderce.org.uk) or through our website at [nadderce.org.uk](http://nadderce.org.uk)

**Sue Reed**



### The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charity

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

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

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

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

Applications should be made in writing to the secretary

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

Or by email: [thearundelltrust@outlook.com](mailto:thearundelltrust@outlook.com)

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charity handles personal data in accordance with the requirements of GDPR. Anybody requiring further information on this matter should contact the Secretary.



## TREE TRAGEDY

Hopefully the reduction in the Covid-19 risk level from 4 to 3 is an indication of the pandemic's demise. However there is now another pandemic in our midst; it is already widespread and few if any of its victims are likely to escape although, unlike coronavirus, it seems the young have no chance while the odd senior might survive.

I refer of course to the disease known as ash dieback which, as its name implies, is attacking our ash trees, perhaps our most widespread hardwood tree. Believed to originate in Asia this disease arrived in this country via Europe and its presence was officially confirmed in 2012. It is an airborne fungus, *hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, and it is likely that virtually every ash tree will die.

Many people are somewhat disparaging about ash which grows almost anywhere like a weed, but I think they are a most wonderful tree. Tall and majestic but with the added bonus, unlike oak, beech, sycamore etc, that their relatively sparse leaves allow dappled light to reach the woodland floor, thereby encouraging a rich under storey of hazel, chestnut and a variety of wildflowers including drifts of bluebells.

The ash tree, especially more mature ones, take time to die. You start by seeing dead blackened sprigs at the top, later perhaps black streaks down the trunks. What you can't see is the rotting taking place inside the trunk. Sadly to leave them standing as they die is unwise; apart from the obvious danger of them falling, they become gradually more dangerous to fell, even for experienced foresters.

I desperately hope a few will survive - some people think that large solitary trees have a chance, or that they will throw resistant seed for the future, but I fear the odds are not good. We have started felling affected trees and it is a very depressing sight to see these 'war zones' where so many are having to be cut down.

So enjoy these magnificent trees while you can, and let us hope some will be strong enough, and lucky enough, to survive.

**Stephen Morant**



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## GUIDANCE FOR HOMEOWNERS AND THOSE WITH ASH TREES ON THEIR LAND

The Tree Council, Defra and the Forestry Commission have issued new guidance, "Ash Dieback: a Guide for Tree Owners" which is intended to help tree owners to address any safety risks posed by ash dieback, while helping to reduce the ecological impact of this damaging tree disease.

**Anyone with a tree on their land has a legal responsibility to ensure that risk posed by the tree is kept within appropriate limits, particularly if they are next to a busy road, public pathway or community grounds.**

The guidance provides simple steps to:

- help identify ash trees on private land
- assess their condition on a simple scale of 1 – 4
- consider tree management options if ash dieback disease is suspected

It also describes how tree owners can help the next generation of ash trees survive, through retaining trees where it is safe to do so.

To download the guidance visit <https://treecouncil.org.uk/science-and-research/ash-dieback/public-guidance/>



It was great to see so many children back in school before we broke up for the summer term; we had 60 children out of 128, which was wonderful. The rest of the children continued with their home learning and blogging.

We have made all of the necessary arrangements for the return in September and look forward to welcoming everyone back. I am sure there are many children who are feeling quite anxious about returning, so we have been carrying out training around this in preparation.

Luckily the DofE and the Local Authority have provided lots of clear guidance and recommendations. Using these documents I have been able to write a detailed Risk Assessment which is available on the website and can be reviewed and updated if and when required. The staff have already organised their classrooms and resources in preparation for September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and governors for their amazing resilience and hard work throughout a very difficult term and we all look forward to getting back to the new normal!

Most importantly, thank you to the parents who have worked so hard to juggle daily life along with home learning, your support has been very much appreciated.

Luckily all of our year 6 children were in for the last term. They were able to do their play on our outdoor stage and we celebrated their achievements during our presentation afternoon where the children received their trophies, Bibles and Leavers' hoodies! On behalf of everyone at St John's, I would like to wish them every success as they move onto their next adventures in education.

Have a wonderful summer and hopefully in time we can soon get out and about within the community again!

**Lisa Portch**

**Head Teacher**

## **SAVE THE DATE !!**

### **Children's Holiday Workshop**

**( Probably virtual – but just as much fun! )**

**We're still open and active**

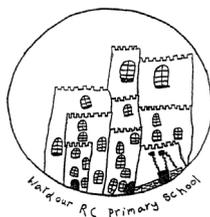
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## WARDOUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Year 6,

I have been thinking about why Year 6 is such an important year in primary school. At Wardour, it is because of the increased responsibilities, the hard work and expectations, being confident and ready to take the SATS tests, all the activities that happen after SATS including trips out, the much longed for residential, a school production, leavers' Mass in Bristol, the famous leavers' speeches and most importantly, making sure that you are ready and prepared for the next challenge in your lives – moving to secondary school.

Everything was on track until we heard that school was closing indefinitely in March due to something that we could never have envisaged at the beginning of the year. When we said goodbye to you all, we were not sure that we would see you back at Wardour again and if we did, how different school would be for you. Even though SATS were cancelled, you all continued to work hard and approached your studies at home with great maturity. The qualities and strength of character that you forged at home - empathy, resilience, self-discipline and patience- have been so apparent when you returned to us in June and these qualities will stand you in good stead in the next chapter of your lives. You may have missed out on some of the traditions of Year 6 but you have shown us all that you are now more than ready to move on.

We listened to Boris Johnson's speech to school leavers last week and he had these important words to say, "Jump on every opportunity that comes your way, rugby tackle that opportunity to the floor, bring enthusiasm, energy to everything you do. Be that friend, that team member, who is always there to lend someone else a helping hand. Take the time to ask others how they are doing. Be kind to all those around you."

You have had time and taken time and that is the most precious thing of all – make sure that you continue to take time as the following poem reminds us how important that is.

### Take Time

Take time to think; it is the source of power.  
Take time to read; it is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to play; it is the secret of staying young.  
Take time to be quiet; it is the opportunity to see God.  
Take time to be aware; it is the opportunity to help others.  
Take time to love and be loved; it is God's greatest gift.  
Take time to laugh; it is the music of the soul.  
Take time to be friendly; it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream; it is what the future is made of.  
Take time to pray; it is the greatest power on earth.

I wish you every success in your new schools – we are so proud of all that you have achieved at Wardour - rest assured that your year group will never be forgotten!

Mrs Dixon  
Head Teacher



**SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES ARE GO!  
LATEST INFORMATION FOR 5-12 YEAR  
OLDS IS NOW AVAILABLE**

Parents looking for summer activities for their 5 – 12 year olds can now find a wealth of opportunities all in one handy brochure - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/23245>.

Wiltshire Council has asked local providers to send details of activities including charges, venues and dates to help parents plot how to keep children busy over the summer holidays.

The document is online and people are encouraged to check in regularly as the information will be constantly updated as new providers finalise details of their activities.

Wiltshire Council has also asked all providers to ensure they have the necessary protocols and checks in place including procedures that enable them to adhere to the latest government guidance on social distancing. Parents are reminded to always thoroughly research any childcare provision themselves before booking places for their children.

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills said: "We know there are many families who will be looking for summer holiday activities for their children. This booklet is not an exhaustive list but it does provide a range of opportunities from across Wiltshire which we hope people will find useful."

Organisations who wish to be part of the booklet will need to contact [karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk) who will ask for a specific list of documents and information before it is uploaded.

You can find the school holiday activities booklet at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/23245>.



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## YOUNG NATURALIST

I first found out about the Tisbury Natural History Society a couple of months ago. Initially, I presumed that the group focused largely on local history, however, they explore nature locally in every form and, being a keen bird watcher and general lover of nature, I realised that it would be a fantastic opportunity to learn and also meet people with similar interest. Sadly, there are no teenage members of the group at present, but we are working on promoting it to attract the next generation of naturalists.

The society was founded in 1981 by the late Lt Col David Swift with the aim of giving members the opportunity to learn about many and diverse aspects of local natural history. With talks in the winter months, in the summer the society offers members the opportunity to visit the many reserves and areas where local flora and fauna can be observed and enjoyed.

There are many local young naturalists like myself and the Tisbury Natural History Society would love to provide a place for teenagers with similar interests to meet and share their knowledge. So, I am working with them to make the group more appealing for different ages - and specifically teenagers to continue the passion for nature which many have developed over the course of lockdown!

The society is currently thinking of new activities, aiming to encourage a regular meeting group of young naturalists ranging in ages from 12-18, to explore things such as: bird ringing, wildlife surveys, identification of butterflies and fungi, bat box building, nature photography and more.

As well as participants, the society is also looking for volunteers who can offer their expertise to run activities and learning sessions. Perhaps you can help?

This month, I will be joining a butterfly walk on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, run by the Tisbury Natural History Society and led by Peter Shallcross, the chair of the society. It will be a fantastic opportunity to expand my knowledge of local butterflies and learn to identify new species!

If you are a young naturalist and are interested in the butterfly walk or joining future events organized by the society, contact [youngTNHS@gmail.com](mailto:youngTNHS@gmail.com) for more information.

On the right I include some of my photographs from July's moth identification session where we were able to identify and study many different species of moth and see them up close.



Privet Hawk Moth



Small Magpie Moth

Izzy Fry (Aged 14)

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LIMITED SPACES  
YOUNG PEOPLE

BIG BUTTERFLY WALK

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 10:30 - 12:30



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EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL BUTTERFLIES AND LEARN TO IDENTIFY NEW SPECIES!



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AND VISIT THE TISBURY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY FACEBOOK

# PUZZLES AND QUIZZES

## Whatever do you mean?

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

- Famelicose**
  - The feeling of constantly falling asleep around family
  - The feeling of constantly wanting a hug
  - The feeling of constantly being hungry
- Zafty**
  - A term meaning a pushover or a bit of a 'doormat'
  - A term meaning a cunning or sly person
  - A term meaning a silly or foolish person
- Rum Peeper**
  - a 17<sup>th</sup> century term for a looking glass / mirror
  - an 18<sup>th</sup> century term for someone who waits in a tavern hoping someone will buy them a drink
  - a 19<sup>th</sup> century term for a device used for measuring alcohol content in a drink
- Obambulate**
  - To chew incredibly loudly when in the company of others
  - To wander around aimlessly with no direction or purpose
  - To hum or whistle whenever you are nervous
- Woofits (the)**
  - A slang term for having a hangover
  - A slang term for having a bad case of flatulence
  - A slang term for having hiccups
- Ergophobia**
  - The morbid fear of hearing your own thoughts inside your head
  - The morbid fear of seeing your own reflection
  - The morbid fear of returning to work after a short break or holiday

## Summer is here!

**S** – Which Asian ‘S’ is an island, a city and also a country?

**U** – Which ‘U’ is the official in charge of a cricket match?

**M** – Which ‘M’ is often marketed as ‘The lighter way to enjoy chocolate’?

**M** – Which ‘M’ is an Italian renaissance diplomat who has leant his name to unscrupulous, underhand political methods?

**E** – What ‘E’ is the study of the origin of words and the way their meanings have changed through history?

**R** – Which two ‘R’s were the legendary founders of Rome?

## Untangled

Now that the countryside is in full bloom, can you untangle these summery flowers?

(Each answer is a 1-word name)

1. Moral digs
2. Casino rant
3. Sepia nut
4. Fowl nurses
5. Red navel

## Summer Sunshine

Although you wouldn’t quite know it from the weather, apparently Summer is here! Can you answer these ‘Summer-styled’ questions?

1. Whose summer villa is at Castel Gandolfo?
2. What is combined with bread to make the filling of a Summer Pudding?
3. In ‘Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland’, what was done all on a summer’s day?
4. Which institution, introduced by Harold Wilson, consists of TV & Radio lectures, Distance-learning and summer schools?
5. Elvis Presley was ‘The King’, Bruce Springsteen is ‘The Boss’ but what nickname was given to Donna Summer?
6. In which capital city in the Northern Hemisphere has over 19 hours of daylight during the summer solstice?

## Quizmaster Ben Furness

Solutions are on page 30

## TISBURY SURGERY

As we write this article, the Coronavirus statistics relating to this area are very encouraging. Naturally we need to continue to be vigilant and our plans for delivering GP services in Tisbury – which are subject to constant revision – need to be made to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

We would like to reassure patients that the surgery is open – as indeed it has been throughout the pandemic. We encourage patients to get in touch for any health concerns that you cannot deal with yourself, or through help from family or friends or with advice from the local Pharmacy.

If you think you need to see a doctor please call the practice to make an appointment to speak to a clinician or email us on [reception.tisbury@nhs.net](mailto:reception.tisbury@nhs.net). If the clinician thinks you need to be seen face-to-face then you will be given an appointment to come to the practice and will be asked to wear a face covering.

Please only visit the surgery in person if you have an appointment. We want to discourage people from queuing outside the surgery and sitting in the waiting area to reduce the spread of infection.

By coming in for a booked appointment you should be seen promptly and staff will be able to clean down areas before your arrival to keep you safe. **If you have coronavirus symptoms DO NOT come into the practice – self isolate and seek help via your practice or NHS 111/111.nhs.uk**

We are well advanced in planning our flu clinics which, of necessity will be very different this year. We have acquired gazebos and will be vaccinating patients at four clinical stations in the car park on a strict appointment system. Further details and dates will be provided very soon on our website [www.tisbury-surgery.nhs.uk](http://www.tisbury-surgery.nhs.uk) and Facebook page.

We would continue to advise you to have your flu vaccination at the surgery as the clinicians will have full access to your medical record and can give you any other clinically appropriate vaccine at the same time.

We want to thank all our patients for your co-operation and consideration over the past few weeks and to reassure you that we are working as hard as we can to deliver the best care we can.

**Dr. Laurence Carter**

**Dr. Adam Smith**

## Quiz Answers

Whatever do you mean?

1. C, 2. A, 3. A, 4.B, 5. A, 6. C

### Summer is here!

Singapore

Umpire

Malteasers

Machiavelli

Etymology

Romulus and Remus

### Untangled

1. Marigolds
2. Carnations
3. Petunias
4. Sunflowers
5. Lavender

### Summer Sunshine

1. The Pope
2. Soft Summer fruits (Raspberries, Blackcurrants etc.)
3. The Queen of Hearts made some tarts
4. The Open University
5. The Queen of Disco
6. Helsinki (Finland)

## **HINDON SURGERY - 'FLU CLINICS AND BLOOD PRESSURE**

We are making changes to the way we deliver our 'flu vaccinations this year, as due to Covid-19 infection control measures, it will not be possible to do them in the surgery. We have been asked to increase the uptake of 'flu vaccination this year. In Hindon this is already the highest in Wiltshire at around 90% for those aged 65 and over and above 75% for younger patients at increased risk. These are the people most at risk from Covid-19 and the NHS doesn't want anyone to have to cope with having both at the same time. Fortunately 'flu vaccination is safe and effective and last year we had no emergency admissions with 'flu and in the past 15 years have had few admissions and no deaths.

Some of our patients have already experienced having a vaccine whilst sat in their car in the surgery car park, or having a Covid 19 swab test in a drive through testing centre. So we are combining the learning from both to deliver our seasonal 'flu campaign as a drive-through service at Berwick Farms on the Fonthill Estate.

We are working out the details, but we plan to do this on some weekends in September and October. Our staff will be in PPE and patients will be asked to come at a specific time and directed to drive to the vaccination spot, lower the car window and present an exposed upper arm for the jab. This will be complicated and we will need the help of all our patients to ensure it goes well as we will not have our usual flexibility to deliver the service.

We hope that everyone who can use the drive-through service does, but we will still do jabs at home or in the surgery car park for those who need this.

We have over 450 patients on regular treatment for high blood pressure and many more with other long term conditions that need regular blood tests and monitoring of weight and blood pressure. Thank you to all our patients who have started doing this using their own scales and BP monitors and please can everyone start doing this – it will be the standard management in the future. Many patients will need a blood test just once a year with a check on weight and blood pressure (done by you and reported to us) every six months. We will have a remote consultation after we have the readings and results. Most patients will have been sent an email about this already.

Judy Anderson is retiring soon and we are expanding the surgery staff to have two receptionists working every morning – not only to greet patients at the front door and ensure they are safe but also to cope with the huge increase in telephone calls, emails, messages put on the website and help with all the changes we have made. The surgery may have few patients inside the building but we are busier than usual.

Whilst Covid-19 has accelerated many changes that we were starting to implement, like the self-monitoring of blood pressure and weight as above, others like progress on building a new surgery had been paused. This is now starting up again and we hope to give updates over the next few months.

Our thanks to all our patients for adapting to our new ways and to all the volunteers who are supplying medicines to over five hundred patients with barely a hitch. Keep safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Patrick Craig-McFeely and Sally Hayes**



### **GOT SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED!**

Residents in Wiltshire are being urged to get tested for coronavirus as soon as they experience symptoms. The nearest testing site, which is open 7 days a week, is at the Beehive park & ride in Salisbury.

Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, and/or a loss of or change in their normal sense of smell or taste, can book a test online at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.

## FACE MASKS AND COVERINGS NOW COMPULSORY IN SHOPS

Since 24 July wearing a face covering in shops and supermarkets in England is now mandatory.

Shops and supermarkets will be expected to encourage compliance with the law and can refuse entry. Those who fail to comply with the new rules could face a fine of up to £100.

Children under 11 and those with certain disabilities are exempt.

### Where can you get one?

Tisbury Miracle Makers are still making masks for the community and remember all proceeds go to the Stars Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital. So far they have raised over £5,000.

The masks are available to purchase at the following locations in Tisbury:

- Tisbury Delicatessen
- 43 Weaveland Road fence
- Cherry cottage court street
- Coco Hair and Beauty
- Odettes Salon
- Tisbury Surgery

For more information please see our Facebook page, phone Liz Jones on 870705 or email [valerieridout40@icloud.com](mailto:valerieridout40@icloud.com).

Get fit but stay safe!



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## DISPOSING OF FACE COVERINGS AND PPE

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs recently published guidance for the public and businesses on how to dispose of personal or business waste, including face coverings and PPE, during the coronavirus pandemic.

If you need to throw away used face coverings or PPE, such as gloves **you should**:

- dispose of them in the 'black bag' waste bin at home or at work, or a litter bin if outside
- **not** put them in a recycling bin as they cannot be recycled through conventional recycling facilities
- take them home if there is no litter bin – do not drop them as litter

You do **not** need to:

- put them in an extra bag
- store them for a time before throwing them away



## LOCAL HOSPITALS URGE PATIENTS TO ATTEND OUTPATIENT APPOINTMENTS

Local hospitals are calling for all patients to attend appointments following reports by Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group of a rise in the number of missed appointments and a warning that doing so could have serious implications for long-term health.

If you're asked to come to an outpatient appointment, it's really important that you attend because healthcare staff need to see you face-to-face. Please be reassured that there are hygiene and social distancing measures in place to keep you and our staff safe.

### Self-isolating before elective surgery

If you're going to hospital for elective surgery, please remember that all patients, and their households, must isolate for 14 days prior to the date of surgery. You should also attend for coronavirus testing when invited. These measures are in place to ensure patients and staff are kept safe.

Your safety is a priority. Our local hospitals want to perform your operation at the best time for you, without any unnecessary delay and with the best possible outcome. Therefore it is very important you do not have coronavirus when your operation is performed. In addition, it is equally important you do not bring coronavirus into the hospital.

### 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](mailto: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.

## TISBURY WRITING COMPETITION

The Tisbury Writing Competition, which started in early April and closed at the end of May, had the topic of Life during the lockdown in most of the submissions. At the beginning of July, the judging committee pronounced their vote, with the following outcome:

### Adult category:

Winner: **Bullet Shelby** (pseudonym), “fresh, funny, witty and slightly irreverent. Bullet Shelby is a natural storyteller.”

Runner-up: **Beth Delaney** (pseudonym), “the collation of stories was an excellent idea and something of real value for the records and it was nicely brought together.”

Received votes: **Gay James** (pseudonym), “a powerful piece about a dying dog.”

Also received votes: **Leon Elliot** (pseudonym), “lyrical writing, a walking route so familiar to many of us, **wonderfully observant, consciously poetical, and very well put together.**”

### Senior category:

Winner: **Jane Ayres** (pseudonym), “a fun-filled poem that captured the secret life and going-ons of pre-covid Tisbury seniors and how much fun they were missing in lockdown, with a message of faith and hope at the end.”

Runner-up: **Argus** (pseudonym), “concise little piece covering both history and natural history of small bit of Tisbury – observant and knowledgeable.”

Received votes: **Violet Woodville** (pseudonym), “a funny, perceptive poem about life under lockdown, neat, concise, descriptive.”

Also received votes: **Hazel** (pseudonym), “an interesting telling of the author’s experiences under several lockdown situations. There is a sense that whatever our age we shouldn’t forget listening to those of older generations in order to retain a semblance of perspective and calm.”

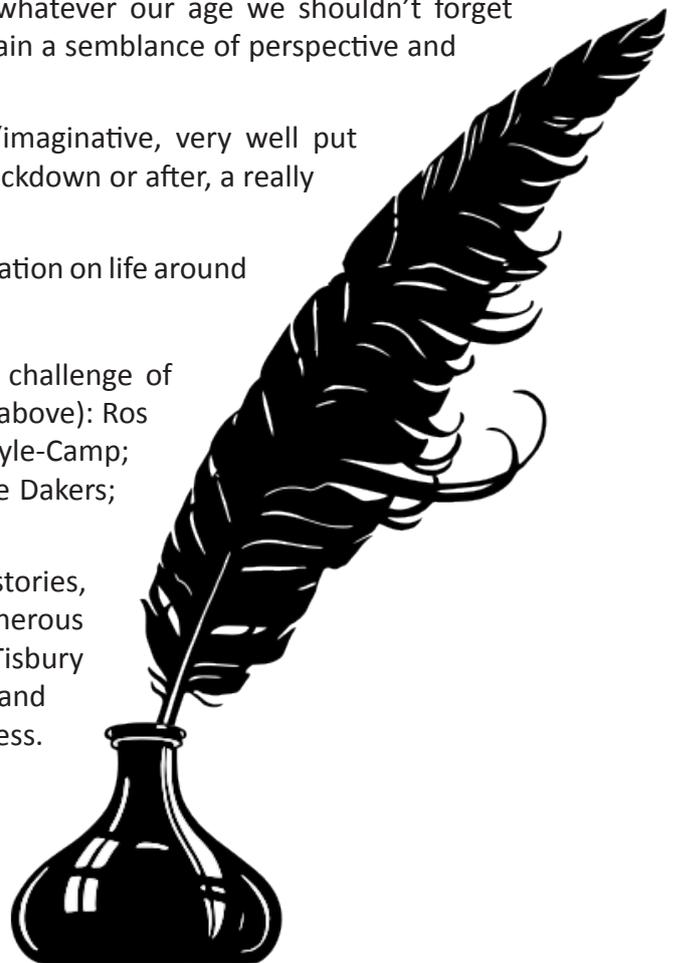
Also received votes: **Wise Old Owl** (pseudonym), “imaginative, very well put together, thoughtful, funny, sad. A different view of lockdown or after, a really good piece of writing.”

Also received votes: **Luna** (pseudonym), “a nice observation on life around Tisbury and a twist at the end.”

A series of talented Tisbury residents accepted the challenge of judging the entries in the competition (some quoted above): Ros Russell; Mike Whitaker; David Garnett; Jo Frost; Liz Coyle-Camp; Gordon Sorensen; Julie Phillips; Sean Moran; Caroline Dakers; Christina Richard and Martin Shallcross.

Thanking again all the participants for their fantastic stories, the judges for their insightful votes and the generous sponsors, we will be sharing the stories with the Tisbury community soon! Watch this space for more news and also the website at [tisburywritingcompetition.wordpress.com](http://tisburywritingcompetition.wordpress.com)

**Inés López-Dóriga (organiser and secretary).**



## NO MORE RHUBARB AND CUSTARD AT THE NEW VIC!

There's been a lot of exciting activity – including painting - going on behind closed doors at the New Vic@Tisbury which is set to open in late August / early September under the new health and safety and social distancing guidelines.



Thanks to the Co-op Community Fund and local people who have supported the Victoria Hall Management Committee's fundraising by shopping at the Co-op, and a grant from South West Wilts Area Board, the building's upgrade programme is well under way. While the hall has been in lockdown, its ancient electrics were upgraded in June so we now have a system that's fit for a digital world. This month the main interior and balcony area are being repainted in a toned-down version of the current rhubarb and custard colours but still in historic keeping with the era.

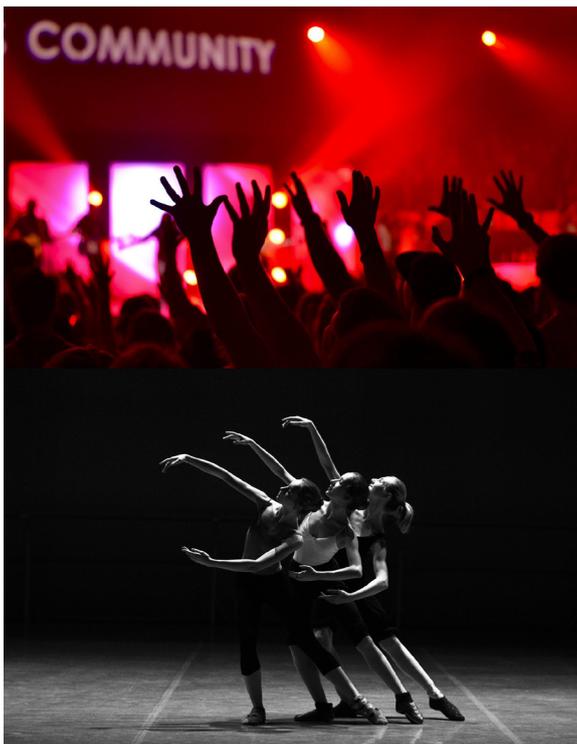
### Live streaming arts and cultural events

It also couldn't have been a better time to be getting on with our Live Streaming Project. In a post-Covid world where many members of our community may not want to travel to city centres, streaming will bring a broad mix of diverse world-class theatre, opera, ballet, arts, film and cultural events from around the world to Tisbury. Live streaming will be an 'inclusive' initiative for the whole community and there will be concessions to ensure that streamed events are accessible to everyone. We are particularly keen to deliver content which also supports learning in the school curriculum.

The New Vic management team and trustees have completed a financial feasibility study (accounting for social distancing at events) for the New Vic's Live Streaming Project and drafted an investors prospectus which aims to raise £32,000 in donations with a funding drive being led by local star volunteers Sebastian Kent and Angus Gibson. In just two weeks of starting, they have already raised a quarter of the target sum – a BIG THANK YOU to our generous donors.

Applications have also been submitted for a National Lottery Emergency Futures' grant to help finance the live streaming project and we have applied again for the Co-op Community Fund.

### Liz Coyle-Camp



Images from pixabay.com

**Online@theSpaceUK Presents...**

**So, this Virus walks Into a Bar!**  
By Jacob Hulland

"A Performer Of Great Energy"  
- North West End

★★★★★

"Gaffs, Jokes And Foibles Of The Lockdown Experience"

**Live On theSpaceUK  
Youtube Channel From 9am  
Saturday 15th August**

"Very Funny" - Blackmore Vale

"Not Only Very Funny But Intelligently Varied" - Bernard McKenna  
(Producer of Monty Python)

## Ansty Rainbow Maize Maze 2020



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 5pm

Tickets: £6

3 – 4 year olds £3      2 and under free

£1 for every standard daytime ticket

and 50p for every standard daytime 3 – 4 year old ticket

will be donated to The Stars Appeal.

(Not including run/walk your Thank You maze goers, other  
Charity fundraising days or private party bookings).



Please phone to book your entry slot: 01747 829072

The field is bumpy. The paths are wide enough for push  
chairs and wheelchairs, but the ground is uneven. No dogs, except  
guidance dogs.

## ANSTY RAINBOW MAIZE MAZE 2020 IS SUPPORTING THE STARS APPEAL

The team at Ansty Farm Shop have been making maize mazes for many years. During lockdown, K and her husband Jim, decided to show their appreciation for the NHS in a unique way. So, K put pencil to square paper and designed the Rainbow Maze! “We wanted to show all our wonderful key workers that their hard work was hugely appreciated by us and our visitors. We also decided to donate some of the ticket sales to Salisbury District Hospital’s Stars Appeal.”

### How long did it take to make the Rainbow Maze?

Over three weeks! In the first week, K drew the outline, then Jim plotted it on the computer. Next came the hard work of marking the maze pattern’s pathways onto the field with spray paint and clearing them. This took 8 back-breaking days, often ending only when it was too dark to see! The final week was spent setting up a bridge within the maze, plus games and competitions.

### How big is the maze and how does it work?

The maze is about 8 acres with 3 miles of paths from start to finish. To ensure social distancing, this year the maze is without its usual dead ends, twists and hidden paths. Instead, it is designed in one continuous looping pathway. People are given a 15-minute time slot to enter, before the next group starts, so there is plenty of space to walk without meeting other maze goers. Normally it is possible to miss out big chunks of the maize maze as you make your way to the middle, but this year you have to walk the entire 3 miles!

### What else is there to do in the maze?

There are various visual quizzes and fun ‘socially distant’ activities, many with a Stars Appeal / NHS theme. When you reach the end, why not record yourself giving a little ‘thank you clap’ and upload it to the Facebook page, to show the NHS we love them!

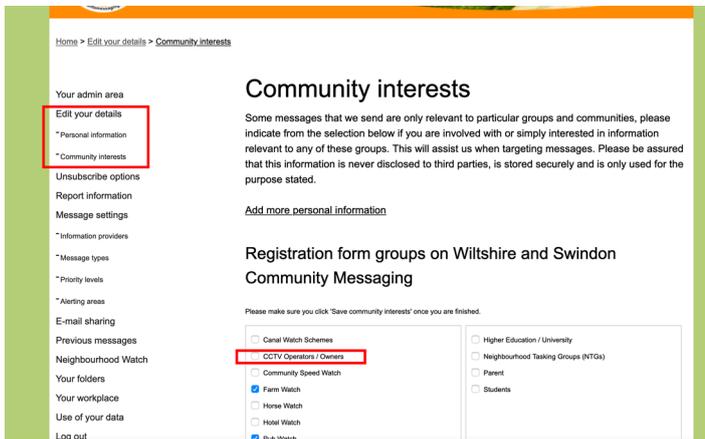
### Run a Thank You!

Jim and K are keen runners so are opening the maze from 8am – 10am and after 6pm for people who wish to Run a Thank You. Cost £5 with £2.50 going to The Stars Appeal. Come with your running / walking app to record all the pathways you follow and create a great picture! If you are interested in bringing a group and taking the challenge, please call 01747 829072.

## DO YOU HAVE CCTV AT YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS?

Your CCTV could help police fight crime where you live or work.

You may have a doorbell video camera, or CCTV that covers your garden or garage at home; possibly you are one of the many businesses that has CCTV inside or outside your premises? If so, Wiltshire Police are asking you to create an account for [wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://wiltsmessaging.co.uk) and add your CCTV ownership to your account profile. If you have an account already, just check that your contact details are still current and update your 'community interests'.



It is easy to do. Just sign in to your account at [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk) and open the 'Edit your details' section. Here, on the left-hand side, you will find the 'Community Interests' link that will open the window shown here. There are a number of tick boxes including one for CCTV Operators/Owners. Please tick that box and save the change.

And that's it. By letting Wiltshire Police know you have CCTV it could help them to fight crime in your area.

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## PRIVATE VEHICLE SELLERS BEWARE

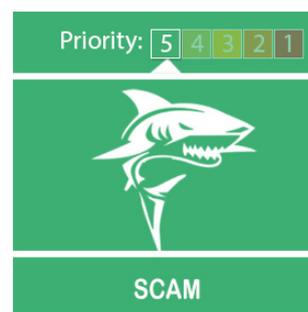
Are you selling your motor? Wiltshire Police is warning would be car sellers to be aware of a scam that appears to be happening at the moment. Five incidents have been reported in Wiltshire over the past few months, where a group made up of men or men and women arrive to view a car that has been advertised for sale.

As the owner is showing them around the car, one member of the group looks under the bonnet and while the owner is distracted, they pour oil into the radiator/coolant tank. They then go for a test drive where the vehicle starts emitting smoke.

The would-be buyer then asks the seller for a large discount on the car's original selling price because they say the engine needs repairing. In each case the seller has refused but the buyers then get aggressive before leaving.

Det Sgt Joanne Webber said: "Unfortunately, everyone targeted by these rogue would-be buyers has had to pay for repairs to their cars afterwards. If you are selling a vehicle please be mindful of this scam. If you suspect someone of doing this, try to take down as many details as possible about them including their description along with the make, model and registration of the vehicle they may arrive in and then call us on 101. Also, if possible, have someone with you when buyers arrive so they can keep an eye on anyone trying to tamper with the vehicle."

Further crime prevention advice can be found on the Wiltshire Police website: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)



## TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL – JULY 2020 NEWS UPDATE

### Tisbury Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Wiltshire Police has now given Community Speed Watch groups the go-ahead to resume duty!

But some of the volunteers involved with the group in Tisbury will no longer be 'on watch' and the Parish Council would like to thank them for their past support and dedication, particularly on some very cold days on Hindon Lane.

Our biggest loss is due to the resignation of Elizabeth Forbes – a lady who has dedicated more than a year to the cause, in what must have seemed a never ending quagmire of red tape and process! Fortunately for Tisbury residents, Elizabeth is not one to be deterred and did a brilliant job of getting CSW up and running and in the hard work of keeping it going, with many obstacles and difficulties, not least Covid-19. Even more than that, Elizabeth kept the 20 mph speed limit and road safety in general, firmly on the agenda – raising people's awareness and understanding.

So this is a big '**THANK YOU Elizabeth**' from everyone at the parish council and also the residents of Tisbury. Tisbury is definitely a safer place because of YOU!

### Tisbury Neighbourhood Response Team (TNR)

Another big 'thank you' is due to our wonderful Neighbourhood Response Team who have been there for anyone with a need. The team are winding down a little over the summer, but will still be available to help if required.

Probably the best way to give thanks is by way of this personal 'take' on the TNRT from a 75+ year old advised to self-isolate for at least 12 weeks.

*'With no relatives close at hand and many friends also self-isolating, how was I going to live in these circumstances during the lockdown?*

*With the formation of the TNR I found all the answers - with their help for almost 15 weeks, help was there for shopping, prescriptions, getting my pension. I was like many others, being able to slowly build a new life from my home. I could contact the TNR and get advice at any time.*

*However, it was not just that, it was the attitude of the volunteers who were so kind, with always a smile on their faces when delivering goods or whose gentle voices paid attention to my voice on the other end of the 'phone. I only heard or saw a small number of volunteers, but other friends made similar comments and found a new community around them too, a community that had come together for those living around them.*

*As I write, to thank all who have been volunteers for the TNR, I also thank all who have been behind those who founded it and ensured that all, whether children or adults, can now be sure that they have helped to create a new and better community spirit in Tisbury.*

*THANK YOU each and every one of you – Tisbury is proud of you.'*

For more information on TNR see page 20

### Potential Move for the High Street Co-op Store

The parish council has been approached by Co-op Stores Ltd about a potential move from the current High Street site to the former South Western Hotel. We have been able to ask questions and get answers about various concerns from nearby residents, parish councillors and the Tisbury Business Association. The Co-op are still looking at the site and if still interested will probably submit a planning application in the autumn. Take a look at the Tisbury PC website (link below) if you'd like to see the information that the parish council has received.

## Tisbury Skate Park

Yippee! – good progress is being made and it will hopefully be ready before school starts!

## Council Meetings

The parish council will only meet to discuss urgent business on August 4th and 18th 2020. If a meeting is taking place, it will be advertised on the website - [www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk) - where details of how to join the virtual meeting will also be given.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL has 3 vacancies for Councillors.

Why not consider standing for co-option?

Please contact Sandra for more information: [tisburyipc@gmail.com](mailto:tisburyipc@gmail.com)

[www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk](http://www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk)



## ANNUAL CANVASS TO GET UNDERWAY

Each year Wiltshire Council asks all residents to complete the annual canvass to check who is eligible to register to vote, and this year it's being done a little differently.

It's part of the Electoral Registration Officer's (ERO) legal requirement to conduct an annual canvass to ensure the electoral register is accurate and complete.

Some residents will soon be contacted via email and asked to confirm the details for their household are correct if we hold an email address for them.

The email, from Wiltshire Council electoral services, will ask people to confirm their details at the Household Response website and includes their security codes and steps on how to access their household details. The council may email more than one person in the same household, but only one person from each house needs to respond.

Wiltshire Council encourage all residents to respond to the annual canvass electronically if they can. It's more convenient for the resident and saves the council money and time.

Wiltshire Council or the Electoral Commission will never ask people for their bank details.

For those properties where we think there may be a change to the household, they will be sent out a form in the post later this month.

More details, including FAQs can be found on our elections webpage.



**TERMS AND CONDITIONS – Jan 2019**  
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\* **Only available for November issue**

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

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

**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 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

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