

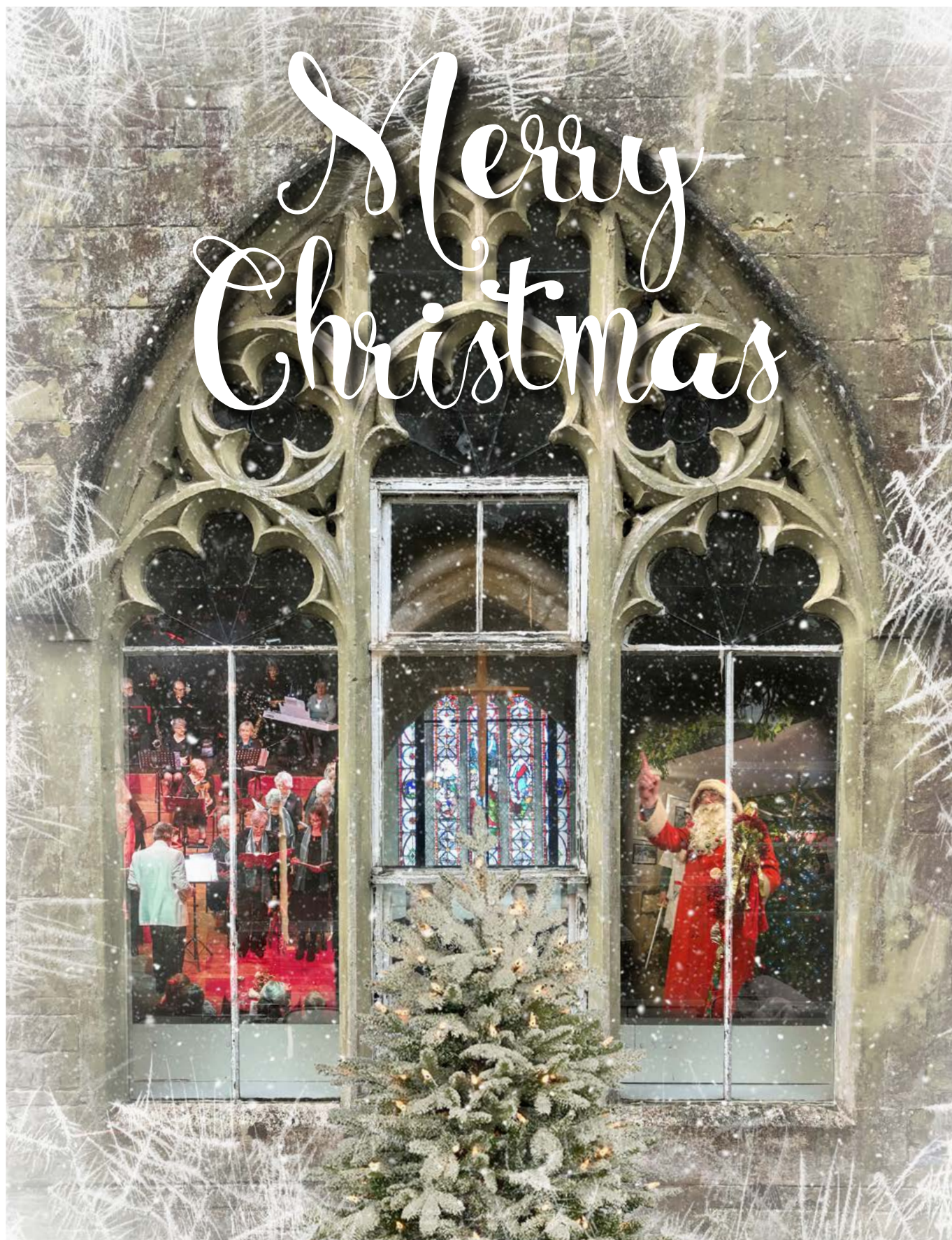
FOCUS

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ON THE COMMUNITY - What's On In Tisbury

DECEMBER 2020

Merry Christmas



WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 2020 ISSUE OF FOCUS

It's the Christmas issue, already! That must mean it is December, although I can hardly believe it. Time has a funny way of both trickling and zipping past, simultaneously. It feels both no time at all and a lifetime ago that Focus went online and then happily was brought back into print. As to what next, in the August issue I wrote 'with much around us still in flux, the Focus team is taking time to carefully evaluate the options... and we look forward to sharing the outcomes.' Well, the flux remains and the update is overdue!

With a little technical wizardry, we can tell that the number of folk reading Focus online each month has dropped since April, unsurprisingly, and has settled to a core few. What is clear now and good to know is that being online does not appear to jeopardise the beloved printed version of Focus magazine. Since July, our retail outlets have been selling out each month - however we have been printing fewer copies than pre-COVID, so we really would like to be printing more.

The challenge is the cost. We have deliberately kept the sale price of Focus as low as we can, at 70p since April 2019, but this only covers about half of the cost per magazine. We use advertising income to cover the rest of the print cost, to pay for our relatively small admin costs (in the team we are all unpaid volunteers) and to build a small surplus towards the unexpected – which has been rather useful this year, as you might imagine!

Understandably, in the pandemic we have lost a number of advertisers and our reduced income means that printing more magazines would come at a (small) loss each month. While we expect to see our advertising income increasing again as coronavirus eases, in the meantime we have been looking for grants. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **thank you** to the Tisbury Neighbourhood Response who have just given Focus a modest grant that will enable us to print those extra copies for December and the next six months or so. Our hope is that this makes a copy available for everyone in our local community who would like to buy one.

So, having purchased your Focus magazine this month, what will you find inside? An abundance of good wishes, puzzles, quizzes, local heroes and stories and plenty of opportunities to give to worthy causes, both local and further afield. Hope you agree this is perfect for Christmas!

Monica



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

Front Cover: A composite of Christmases past in the Hinton Hall window - carol singing in the Victoria Hall, in St John's Church and the Mummers performing on Christmas Eve at The Boot. Photos and editing by Ros Russell.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Thu 3 rd	2-3pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire - Virtual Café
Sat 5 th	9.30am	Book: jillps17@googlemail.com/870361	Tisbury Footpath Club Walk
	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market
Sun 6 th		871311 or debcarter311@btinternet.com	Oysters Coppice Workday
Mon 7 th	7pm	Email tisburyipc@gmail.com for google meet link	Tisbury Parish Council Meeting
Tue 8 th	11am-12pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire - Virtual Support Group
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER LAST DAY FOR JANUARY COPY			
Thu 10 th	2-3pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire – Virtual Café
Mon 14 th	9.30am	Call 871105 for details	Tisbury Footpath Maintenance Team
	19:00	tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com or 873142 to book	St John's Church Carol Concert with Readings
Wed 16 th	11am-12pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire (parent carers) – Virtual Café
Thu 17 th	7.30pm	treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com to book	Tisbury Natural History Society
Sat 19 th	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market
	5pm	Messums (book at messumswiltshire.com)	Lift Up your Voice
Sun 20 th	10.30am	Methodist Church	Carol Service
Mon 21 st	6pm	The Bake Barn, Fonthill Estate, Chicklade	Drive-in Carol Service
Tue 22 nd	11am-12pm	Call 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk	Carer Support Wiltshire - Virtual Support Group
Wed 23 rd	5pm	Book: tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com/870228	Sacred Heart Family Crib Service
Thu 24 th	4pm	Book: tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com/873142	St John's Church Crib Service
	9pm	Book: tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com/870228	Sacred Heart Mass of the Night
Fri 25 th	8am	Book: tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com/873142	St John's Church Holy Communion
	9am	Book: tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com/870228	Sacred Heart Parish Mass
	9.30am	Book: tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com/873142	St John's Church Parish Communion
	11am	Book: tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com/870228	All Saints' Wardour Mass

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 th Jan	9.30am	anneandtimmartin@gmail.com or 870888 to book	Tisbury Footpath Club Walk
SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY LAST DAY FOR FEBRUARY COPY			
16 th Jan	10-11am	Victoria Hall	Tisbury Country Market
20 th Jan	7.30pm	rosaleenhandley@yahoo.co.uk to book	Tisbury Horticultural Society
30 th Jan	8.30am	Hinton Hall	Gentlemen's Breakfast

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updated August 2019

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Weekdays For weekday Masses and Confessions see porch notices

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SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.30 am

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

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

NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE

Churchwardens can be contacted for help as follows

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NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE – CHURCH SERVICES – DECEMBER 2020									
Date	6 th	13 th	20 th	Midweek Carol Services		24 th	25 th	27 th	PLEASE NOTE
SUNDAY	Advent 2	Advent 3	Advent 4			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Christmas 1	This Service rota may need to be suspended or modified in accordance with prevailing Government regulations, which may require the ticketing of services.
<i>South Area</i>									
ANSTY	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	1115 HC _{BCP}	GS	19 th 1630 Carols	GS	1115 FC	GS	
COMPTON	0930 PC _T	GS	1115 SoW	JA	21 st 1800 Drive-in Carols at Bake Barn	GS	2200 PC _T	GS	
FOVANT	0800 HC _{02T}	GS	1800 Carols	JN	–	–	0930 PC	GS	
SUTTON	1800 E _{BCP}	GS	–	–	–	GS	1800 Carols	–	
SWALLOW -CLIFFE	1115 PC _T	JN	1800 Carols	GS	–	JN	1115 SoW	JA	
<i>North Area</i>									
BARFORD	1115 FC	TF	0930 PC _{BCP}	EB	–	TF	2200 HC	–	
BAVER-STOCK	–	–	1530 Christingle	EB	–	–	0930 FC	EB	
CHILMARK	1115 PC _T	EB	1800 Carols	JA	–	EB	1115 FC	JN	1115 MP _r
DINTON	0930 HC _{02C}	TF	1800 Carols	EB	–	EB	0930 FC	MG	
T. EVIAS	0930 FS	EB	–	–	–	–	–	–	
T. MAGNA	–	–	1800 Carols	TF	–	–	1115 FC	EB	
<i>West Area</i>									
CHICKLADE	–	–	–	–	21 st 1800 Drive-in Carols at Bake Barn	MH	1800 PC _{BCP}	–	
HINDON	0930 PC	MH	1800 E _{BCP}	JMH	17 th 1800 Carols	MH	0930 FC	MH	0930 HC _T
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	JN	0930 M _{BCP}	JA	17 th 1800 Carol Concert	–	0930 PC _{BCP}	JN	–
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	0800 HC _{BCP}	TF	–	–	1115 PC _{BCP}	JMH	–
TISBURY	0930 FC	JMH	0930 PC	JMH	14 th 1930 Carol Concert	JMH	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	0930 PC
					16 th 1930 Carol Concert	JMH	0930 PC	JMH	

BCP – Book of Common Prayer CW – Common Worship HC – Holy Communion (said) PC – Order 1 Communion (with hymns) PC_T – Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
 CbE – Communion by Extension PC 02T Holy Communion Order 2 traditional language (with hymns) FC – All Age Family Communion FS – All Age Family Service SoW – All Age Service of the Word
 HC 02T / C – Order 2 Communion traditional / contemporary M – Mattins or Morning Prayer MP_r – Morning Praise E – Evensong or Evening Prayer RS – Reflective Service
 +AR – The Bishop of Ramsbury EB – Elaine Brightwell GS – Graham Southgate JA – Judy Anderson JMH – Juliette Hulme JN – Jo Naish MH – Mark Hayter TF – Tina Fox

Focus Point

“Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,” grumbled Jo, lying on the rug. So begins Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel Little Women.

I wonder how you might complete that same sentence - *Christmas won't be Christmas without any*

One of the many things that I shall miss this year is the sound of the Salvation Army Band playing Christmas Carols as I finish my Christmas shopping. I enjoy pausing in the rush as I listen to the familiar carols and remember the reason for the season.

As I write we are in lockdown and some feel we will be until after Christmas while others think we will be able to celebrate with our family and friends as we always have. By the time you read this hopefully we will have clarity. But maybe not.

Uncertainty seems to have robbed us of so much this year and perhaps left many of us with feelings of loss and grief.

As we continue to face the uncertainty that Covid-19 has brought into our lives, Christmas 2020 will be different. We may struggle and try to re-create Christmas’s past or we may seize the opportunity to create new traditions and memories.

I wonder what it was like that first Christmas. Was it also full of uncertainty? A young unmarried girl finding herself pregnant in such strange circumstances. Travelling over 60 miles on foot to Bethlehem and being unsure of where they would stay. The one certainty was Mary knowing that the birth of her child was imminent. There must have been times when uncertainty threatened to overwhelm them. Yet they carried on.

This year our Carol services will be different. But we will once again tell the story of God becoming like us in order that we might become like Him. We will be reminded from the Gospel of St John that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overwhelm it.

The promise of that light is not just for Christmas Day – it doesn’t go out on Boxing Day, but continues to shine leading us through uncertainty and times of feeling overwhelmed.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas.

Rev. Elaine Brightwell

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 OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2020

We commend to God's love

Sonia Priscilla Wardle 30th October – Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium
6th November – Interment of Ashes at St John's, Tisbury

Maureen Stack 10th November – Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium

Tisbury Methodist Church (TMC)

When we can, we will continue to meet in the church building
on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and Bible Study at 2:30pm.
During lockdowns, and for those unable to attend, we continue to offer the
opportunity to worship online.

ZOOM CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship	10am for 10.30am
Sunday Evening Worship	5.30pm for 6pm
Monday Afternoon (Bible Course)	2:30pm for 2:45pm
Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (Exodus)	2pm for 2.15pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Hebrews)	7:15pm for 7:30pm

You are very welcome to join us - please contact Revd Denise Binks
denise.binks@gmail.com 01747 854631
for log on details.



CAROL SERVICE

Join us for our Carol Service
on Sunday, 20th December 2020
At 10:30am

PRAYER PHONE

We would very much like to pray for you and
with you – especially during these difficult
times.

Please contact Denise
or text us on **07376 648272**



Christmas services at St John's

Advance booking is essential for all services because of limited capacity due to social distancing.
Please email tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com stating which service(s) you would like to attend
and how many seats you need for your household/bubble.
If you do not have email, you can phone the Parish Administrator on 01747 873142.

Carol Concert with Readings

Monday 14 December at 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 December at 7.00pm
*(It is unlikely that we shall be allowed to sing as a congregation,
but current regulations allow for a small choir)*

Christmas Eve

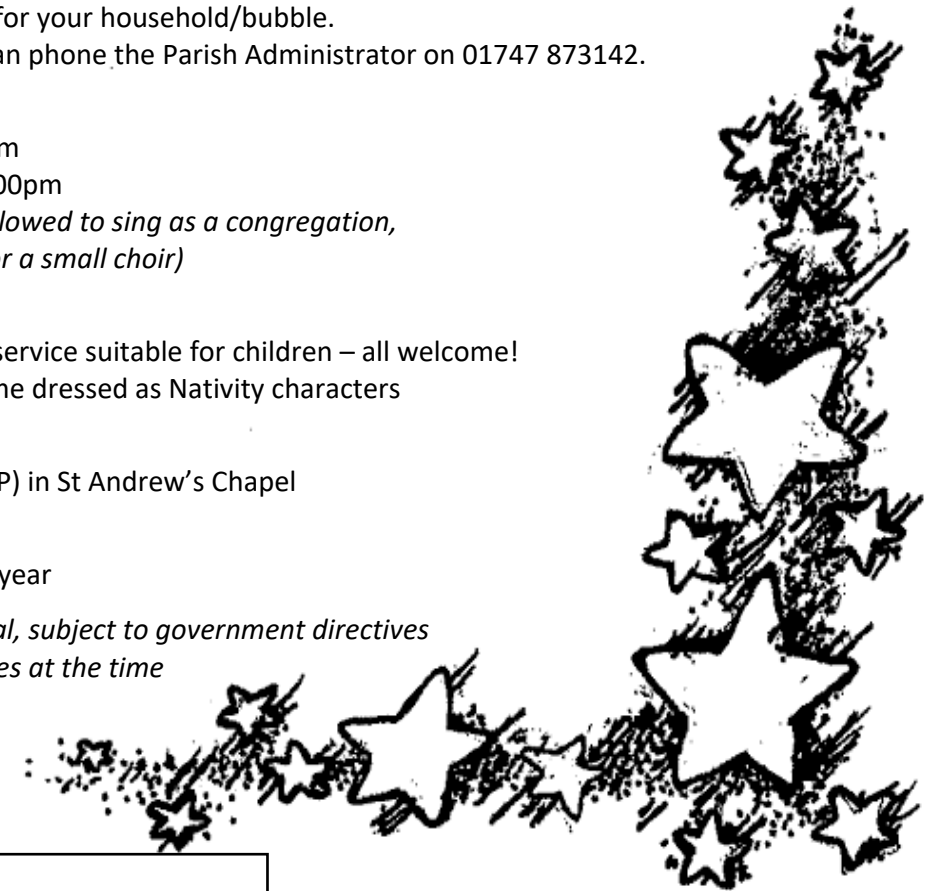
4.00pm Crib service – a short service suitable for children – all welcome!
Children are encouraged to come dressed as Nativity characters

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) in St Andrew's Chapel
9.30am Parish Communion

There is no Midnight Mass this year

*All arrangements are provisional, subject to government directives
and Church of England guidelines at the time*



Watch this space!

The Nadder valley team are planning a Drive-in Carol Service

The planned venue
The Bake Barn, Fonthill Estate, Chicklade. SP3 5SY

Planned Date
Monday 21st December, at 6.00 pm
Provided Lockdown has been lifted.

All Covid specific measures will be in place, which means
Staying in your cars, windows closed! Music beamed to you...

But, Sing to your hearts content
Loud or soft, in tune or not.
But just enjoy yourselves



The venue has ample hard standing space for some 100+ cars,
most being able to see those who are leading the service.

Watch out for further news
and the first date for booking your place



Crib Service Christmas Eve at 4pm St John's Church

Come and hear again
the familiar story of the birth of Jesus
Children are encouraged to come dressed as
Nativity characters

Advance booking essential:
tisburyparishchurch@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints' Wardour Castle

Trellis House, Station Road, Tisbury SP3 6JR

Father Robert Miller 01747 870228 tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com

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

While lockdown continues, Sacred Heart Church will be open for private prayer whenever it is possible. Look out for the 'Church Open' sign and the notice in Parish Room Window.

*The fruit of prayer is faith
The fruit of faith is love
The fruit of love is service
The fruit of service is peace.
St Teresa of Calcutta*

The Holy Father's December prayer intention –

For a life of prayer. That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ may be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer



We hope and pray that Holy Mass will be resumed from Wednesday 2nd December. Times for Sacred Heart, Tisbury and All Saints', Wardour will be as before.

Do check notice in Parish Window

A booking system is in place for each day. Please book your place with Father Robert by telephone or email, giving your contact details

Sunday 20th December 9 a.m. Mass: Father will be blessing the woolly hats going to Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris for seafarers

Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus)

You may remember the Christmas stall in Salisbury run by these sisters from Belarus. They are unable to participate in annual Christmas markets this year due to travel restrictions. Nevertheless they have found a great way to spread the Christmas joy, love and deeds of mercy. **They have launched their very first Online Christmas Market, so that people from all over the world can purchase Christmas presents and souvenirs made with love and continuous prayer** <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>

They say: *Through purchasing beautiful Christmas gifts each one of us will be able to serve the poor, sick, homeless and lonely people.*



CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

subject to national situation and please book as usual

Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 23 rd December	Family Crib Service 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve	Mass of the Night, 9.00 p.m.
Christmas Day	Parish Mass, 9.00 a.m.

All Saints' Wardour

Christmas Day	Mass 11.00 a.m.
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Father Robert and the Parishioners wish you all a happy, holy and joyous Christmas

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE - Christmas Carols at Messums on **Saturday 19th December from 5pm.** Free entry, refreshments will be served. More details and how to book at messumswiltshire.com. Prevailing Covid-19 guidelines will be observed.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion would like to thank all those who managed to make a contribution to the Poppy Appeal during November. It was not easy to do so as Covid rules curtailed so many of the usual arrangements. Many thanks to Bob Hill and his team at the Historic Building Advisory Service who kindly allowed our volunteers to set up shop in their office; that shelter saved us a soaking on the Saturday.

A heartfelt thanks to the clergy, administrators, church wardens, flower arrangers and choir who, at very short notice organised a most poignant outside Remembrance Sunday service and to Matthew Hind who sounded out Last Post and Reveille at the war memorial.

And above all many, many thanks to Louise Downton and husband Andrew who worked so hard, yet again, to make the best of the appeal in such difficult circumstances.

If there are readers who wished to but were unable to make a donation, this can still be done online at www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal.

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



A REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY TO REMEMBER

Tisbury did not forget its war dead on Sunday, 8 November 2020. Despite the restrictions from the coronavirus pandemic and 'Lockdown 2', we gathered under a grey and gloomy sky for what truly was a Remembrance Sunday to remember in an extraordinary year.

The service began with a short Act of Remembrance delivered to a slimline gathering in St John's Churchyard. We came to listen and pay our respects to Tisbury's own fallen heroes – many of them just youngsters who died for King and country in two devastating world wars. Each was remembered by name, printed on a list at the back of the order of service.

From the North Porch of the church, our team vicar, Revd Juliette Hulme, herself, a field hospital chaplain during the Iraq War, led the service with 58 socially-distanced parishioners, some sheltering under the ancient yew tree and others scattered or seated between weathered old graves. But the dim pall of this sombre November day was quickly lifted by the beautiful and comforting voices of St John's Choir singing 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', a heartfelt rendition of God Save the Queen and then a poem written by former Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, reminding us to embrace life while we can and pointing out the simple pleasures the thousands who died would no longer enjoy:

"You lean against a wall, your several million lives still possible and crammed with love, work, children, talent, English beer, good food."

After The Last Post was sounded, a two minutes' silence brimming with joyous birdsong, provided a fitting background for reflection on lives loved and lost. I remembered my father, Peter Camp, a Royal Engineer and Burma Star, and imagined him just for a moment, standing tall and proud beside me. But those few minutes of solace soon broke with the jolt of the bugler's Reveille and the London to Exeter diesel train slowly rumbling out of the station. (Editor's note: You can see a video of the Last Post being played here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/DKfLYZ3rG9RwSePW7>)



Later, at the eleventh hour (as he has done so reverently for many years), local retired Royal Navy Commander, David Childs CBE, ably assisted by Royal British Legion Standard Bearer, Louise Downton, officiated a necessarily small-scale wreath-laying ceremony at the Tisbury Cenotaph in The Square. He recited by heart, Laurence Binyon's haunting Great War poem For the Fallen, his words clear, measured and meaningful:

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Wreaths were laid by representatives from the Royal Legion, Armed Forces, Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils, The Ancient Order of Foresters, the Choir, and a few other local organisations. But the last one to step forward was a smartly dressed old soldier. We watched in silence as he placed a small wooden cross with a bright red poppy gently against the memorial. He saluted it, stepped back, and gave a reverent bow.

It was a poignant moment that brought home the fear and anxiety we are all experiencing as the world wages war on the coronavirus, a deadly and invisible killer which has taken more than 1.3 million lives this year. So in remembering our fallen, let us not forget and thank our courageous frontline workers fighting this pandemic, who will be putting their lives on the line today to give us our tomorrows.

Liz Coyle-Camp



A MONTH TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

A strange December this may well be so two very different poems to try and capture or guess the mood of most of us. Whatever that is and whatever the rules, let there be joy on earth.

Don't ever come, O, December

Look December
Don't ever come now!
Look, December
Deserts unnumbered have expanded in me.
All my rivers
Are silted with the sands of loneliness.
Now only I
And the weight of my loneliness
Remain together.

Look, December
In your frozen nights
In your sleepless nights
Who will knit dreamlike sweaters?
Who will pick snowflakes falling in the soul?

Look, December
Don't ever come now!
And even if you do come
Don't go to the abodes of the sun
Wearing the snows of your woes.
Don't ever go to my loved ones!

Look, December
Don't ever come now!

Naseer Ahmed Nasir

Apart from the wonder, hope and magic of 25th December, the month contains a strange mix of anniversaries. One hundred years ago British troops burned and looted Cork in revenge for an IRA ambush during the Irish War of Independence but then, a few days later, Woodrow Wilson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to create the League of Nations. While, 250 years ago Ludwig van Beethoven was born. Further back, after a journey of 56 days from Plymouth the Mayflower, arrived at New Plymouth on 21st December 1620.

For the gourmets 6th December is Microwave Day, into which on 14th one could place, Bouillabaisse. The 17th is Maple Syrup Day and 20th December Sangria Day. After that one might not need an extra helping of Christmas Pudding.

David Childs

CHRISTMAS MASKS FOR PRESENTS, WITH SAFETY IN MIND

I have lots of different designs: reindeers and holly, snowmen and stockings or really different plain black with some sparkle sewn on! It really makes sense to wear a mask so let's have some fun with them too. By the way the disposable ones may be fine BUT they will take over 400 years to decompose. So let's stay green and clean. £5 each, plus 90p postage and packing if needed. All profits to Albany House and Tisbury Pre-school. Contact elizabeth.jones18@btopenworld.com or call 870705 to order. Have a safe healthy Christmas everyone.

Liz Jones

EMERGENCY FOOD AND FUEL ASSISTANCE

If you are struggling to pay a food or heating bill due to Covid-19 / lockdown hardship, **Tisbury Neighbourhood Response (TNR)** may be able to help through our **Covid-19 Emergency Food & Fuel Relief Fund**. To qualify, you must be living locally and be able to provide evidence of financial hardship (e.g. bank statements, heating / utility bills). Priority will be given to self-employed people who have lost their income and are in immediate financial crisis. TNR one-off emergency relief payments are up to £200 and made directly to a local food or fuel supplier on your behalf.

To apply, please either complete our online application form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhXxWwiJxSczuY3ibWVfFKI60oZRcVAX7-ub65BC9eB_qmwg/viewform, go to our website at www.neighbourhoodresponse.co.uk, or email: info@neighbourhoodresponse.co.uk



PROTOCOL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CRIBS FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

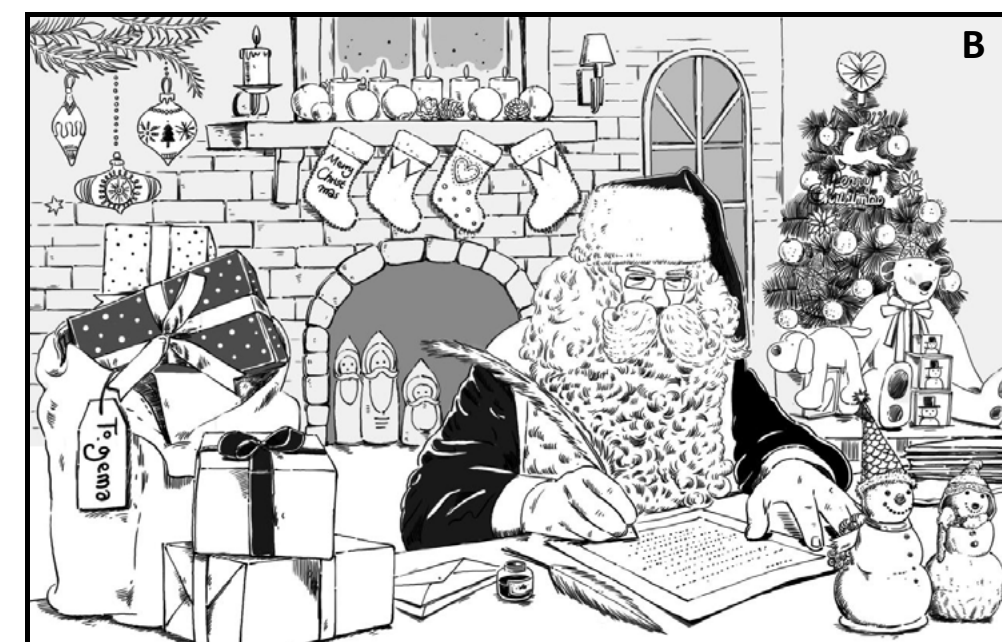
1. A maximum of 4 shepherds will be permitted in the Crib.
2. All will have to wear a mask and observe social distancing
3. Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus will be able to stay together as they form part of a family bubble
4. The donkey and the ox will have to obtain a declaration of non contamination certified by the Department of Agriculture
5. The Three Wise Men will be subject to a 15 day quarantine, regardless of whether or not they have tested negative for Covid as they come from a non Schengen Area
6. The straw, moss, palm branches and other decorations must be disinfected with alcohol
7. The angel flying over the Crib will not be allowed due to the aerosol effect produced by the batting of his wings
8. The choir will be restricted to one person because of the risk of contamination
9. No shepherd shall be more than 65 yrs old or in a vulnerable category
10. All non essential participants (Romans, sinners...) are forbidden
11. Pilate will explain to all authorised participants how to wash their hands.

Originally posted on Catholic Answers Forum <https://forums.catholic.com/t/protocol-for-the-establishment-of-cribs-for-christmas-2020/633660>

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are 7 differences between the pictures.

Answers on page 43



LINK DRIVERS NEEDED

A quick reminder about Tisbury and District Link.

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At the moment we are concentrating on driving to medical appointments. If people contact the Link phone the coordinator will take their details and try to find a driver for them. It is important to give as much notice as possible.

This is the correct Link number 07484 284670 as we are no longer using the landline.

Sally Naish

TISBURY COUNTRY MARKET

Following the second period of lockdown during November, which saw the Country Market only selling home produced food as per Government guidelines, we will hopefully be back with a vengeance on the 5th and 19th December, offering Beef & Pork, Eggs, Cakes, Savouries, Preserves and some Indulgent Christmas treats.



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

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

We are always looking for new members.

Do you Cook? Do you Craft? Do you Grow? Show us what you can do. Cook, Craft, Grow at home sell with us.

For further information e-mail Dawn@HardingsFarm.co.uk or telephone 07720345950.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

BUILDING IN THE COMMUNITY

We took over Wallmead Farm over 60 years ago. Ever since we have been milking dairy cows on a sloping site. As we are close to the River Nadder this has always been difficult.

The buildings have been modified and expanded in a rather haphazard way over the decades. Some have deteriorated.

Peter recently made a big decision to create a large flat platform and build on it two large buildings. One, 120 ft long, to house cattle and one to store straw bales. He engaged Brian Russell as project manager. Planning permission was obtained. Paul Millard was appointed as the groundwork contractors to prepare the new site. The old buildings were sold for scrap.

Site levelling began in September. The work was done under the direction of John Saxton who lives near Tisbury. Sam Sanger, another local, expertly stripped the topsoil from the adjacent 2 acre paddock. They excavated 5000 tons of subsoil from the new site and spread it over the paddock. Sam and his bulldozer carefully spread the topsoil over the top and we reseeded it back to grass. The change in levels is imperceptible. John dug a pit and quarried about two thousand tons of stone from the field above the buildings. It was spread and rolled in three 6 inch layers over the site. Nothing, apart from scrap metal, left the site and only a few tons of Mendip chippings were brought in.

The buildings were fabricated in Devon to the exact sizes. The steel supports were galvanized at Crediton by dipping them into a bath of molten zinc at a temperature of 450 degrees C. They will never need to be painted. James and his men drove up from Tiverton and in about 14 days everything was erected. The concrete wall panels were made in North Yorkshire, some weighed over 2 tons. Eventually the buildings were ready for use by the end of November.

Geology was on our side due to the presence of at least three soil types in a small area. The paddock was found to be of fairly rare well-draining Portland Sand. The hill is formed of Portland Stone and the base of the new buildings is on Kimmeridge clay. The excavations yielded some fossils, especially a superb ammonite. There is a natural spring line where the stone meets the clay. It was already tapped to provide water for the cattle through the winter.

We found an ancient land drain which ran diagonally through the site. Its top was at the exact level of the excavated surface. Our contractors used a laser to set their levels. The old drain builders achieved the same accuracy. I excavated a length of the drain finding that the inside is 9 inches square. Local stones at the sides support larger flat stones on top. It had long ago silted up. Wessex Archeology said it could be Roman or medieval or post-medieval!



When the work started we were locked down because two cows had registered as doubtful TB reactors. Indoor space was very limited. By the time we were clear after a retest there was a backlog of 70 calves to sell. They were sold locally in a week and we breathed again!

We have recently given up the tenancies of two farms and are consolidating our farming at Wallmead based on the milking cows. It should now be possible to increase the herd from 220 cows to 230.

Martin Shallcross



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TISBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

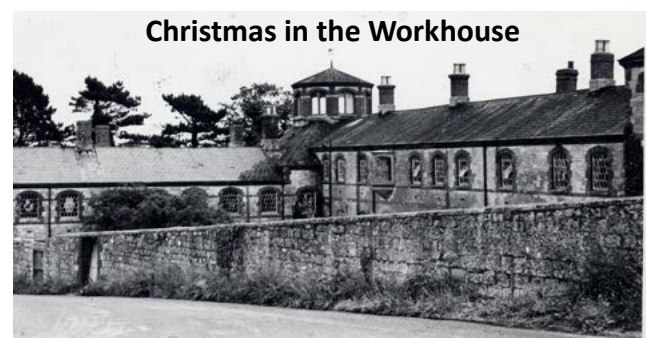
The Committee has taken the decision not to hold meetings until next year when we hope that we can safely meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month in the Hinton Hall.

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

We do hope that all readers of Focus are able to have a peaceful Christmas with some hope of restrictions lessening in 2021.

From the Tisbury History Society Archives

Recalling a time when sometimes people with misfortune had nowhere to go but the workhouse.



An image of the old workhouse on Union Hill demolished in the early 1960s leaving the stone wall.

December 25th 1896 WORKHOUSE ENTERTAINMENT

A tea and Christmas tree were given to the inmates on Monday by Lady Queensbury, Lady Edith Douglas, Mrs Walter Groves and Mr and Mrs Benett-Stanford. The inmates assembled in the dining hall at half past three and were provided with an excellent tea. Provisions for tea will also be distributed to the outdoor poor. The inmates then repaired to the Board-room, where a Christmas tree had been lit up. Suitable presents were given to the children, the men were each supplied with a quarter pound of tobacco, and the women with a pound of tea and two pounds of sugar each. The comfort of those in the sick wards was also looked after. Having spent a pleasant time the Master (Mr. Isaac), on behalf of the inmates, thanked the entertainers for their kindness, and on leaving they were accorded hearty cheers.

This newspaper article is from Raymond Simpson's a newspaper History of Tisbury 1737-1899

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

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

TISBURY HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - COMING SOON

Since March, the Tisbury History Society has had to cancel its speaker programme. But to keep our members in touch, we've a new plan for a twice-yearly newsletter with short pieces written by members and local historians about their local history interests. In addition we welcome book and exhibition reviews, historical places visited and images of local history that will be of interest to members. So, if you are a member - or prospective member - please consider sending in something for the first edition, with the **deadline of 14th January**. If you find the prospect daunting please get in touch via the email below to discuss your topic and help with writing style and content and we'll provide editorial assistance to get things into shape. As a guide, we suggest up to 800 words for an article and 200-400 words for a review.

Tony Kent, Editor

kent92@btinternet.com



TAG

Here we are back in lockdown again which is a real shame as we were beginning to see things moving forward. We still hope to do something in December but that will very much depend on the current restrictions changing. We are still looking for ideas/scripts for a Christmas show. It's unlikely that we will have a date by the time FOCUS is published so keep an eye on the TAG website, www.tisburyartsgroup.co.uk and the Victoria Hall website www.newvictisbury.com.

A scripted version of Oliver Twist is being written which hopefully can be performed in one format or other. But who knows when. It may be a "radio" style version or done as short monologues or even both. If you would like to be involved then let us know and we will email more details.

TAG Chair Dave Milas

tisburyartsgroup@gmail.com

DINTON WI

All is quiet at Dinton WI like all other Clubs and Societies, but we live in hope. We have not been entirely quiet and although we didn't get an October get together, due not to COVID but the weather, we have been busy in our own way. We had hoped for an Indian Summer but it was not to be on the day we chose. However our Members have achieved a lot during lockdown, such varied tasks. These have covered reading all the accumulated paperbacks, putting the garden to bed for the winter, making masks, knitting blankets, nurse dolls, baby items, being a member of the Tisbury Neighbourhood Response team and making raspberry and blackcurrant gin which, surprisingly, were exactly the same colour so care with labelling was a must.

We have all kept in touch by regular 'phone calls, emails and newsletters, but because some members live in a broadband blackspot we felt it was not fair on others to have Zoom meetings.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel speakers until the spring by which time we hope that rules and regulations will be relaxed.

Take care everyone out there and make sure you don't become a statistic.



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TISBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Better Times To Come

The Committee of the Horticultural Society would like to wish all our members, supporters and readers of Focus a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year. We have missed meeting you, missed holding our shows and plant sales and missed visiting beautiful gardens this year. We are keeping everything crossed for [nearly] normal service to be resumed in 2021.

On the subject of the committee, our present treasurer who joined us when he came to Tisbury in 2014, now finds that he needs to step down as there are many demands on his time and long periods of the year when he will be abroad. The Society has online banking and our financial procedures are very straightforward. If you would like to step into our present treasurer's shoes, we'd love to hear from you on rosaleenhandley@yahoo.co.uk. You don't need to be a gardener!

All being well, we'll be holding a talk on evergreens and hedges on 20th January and our AGM on 17th February 2021 but we don't want to make any firm announcements about times and venues until we are sure that they can take place. Watch out for announcements in January Focus and on our website. If we are able to hold regular meetings next year, we'll have a great programme of events including, we hope, some which we had to cancel this year.

Meanwhile, look on the website gallery at the fine display of fruit and vegetables grown by one of our members stuck at home in lockdown. We trust that members have been busy with their autumn planting and that this will lead to some glorious exhibits at next year's three shows.

www.tisburyhorticulturalsociety.weebly.co.uk

Rosaleen Handley



FONTHILL PARK CRICKET CLUB

There is not a great deal to report as we enter the dark months of the year, except that the grass has continued to grow following the renovations on the square and outfield reported last month. However there has been some sport, with the annual FPCC Golf tournament taking place in late October. Seven players took to the links at Rushmore and enjoyed a good day out with Jon Sealy emerging as the winner, after parring on the eighteenth hole to beat Nick Jennings by two points and take the trophy.

To amuse you during the month of December, here is another cricket quiz. The answers will be available on the Club website from 20th December :

1. Australian born cricket all-rounder, who started off as a welterweight boxer. Played for Somerset, Wisden Cricketer of the Year 1962, and finished his career as a Test umpire in 1981.
2. Home ground and HQ of Leicestershire County Cricket Club.
3. England Captain that might be mistaken for a French highway?
4. South African test cricketer considered by many to be the greatest fielder ever.
5. Yorkshire all-rounder, the youngest man ever to play for England, who played his final test 27 years later.
6. Combine a West Indian fast bowler and a classic front-foot attacking shot to find your way to the Ageas Rose Bowl in Southampton.
7. FPCC Captain 2014.
8. The northern end of Headingley County Cricket ground.
9. Picturesque county ground periodically flooded when the River Severn bursts its banks.
10. What's the missing word from the poem? "There's a breathless hush in the ?????????? to-night, Ten to make and the match to win. A bumping pitch and a blinding light, An hour to play and the last man in."
11. The first England player to complete the double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in Test matches.
12. Cricket pitch slang combining a golf ball supporter and a mechanical instrument of torture or place to hang your ties.

13. There is a theme linking the answers to questions 1- 12. What is it?
14. Lancastrian bowler who took his 600th Test wicket this year.



15. MOTM after scoring his maiden Test century v Australia at The Oval in 2005 beating Ian Botham's record of the most sixes in one innings by an England player.
16. Yorkshire and England fast bowler who famously started the 2006 Ashes Test at The Gabba with a wide, sending it straight to second slip.
17. Australia's quickest quickie of the 70's and 80's with his slingshot action that kept the ball hidden from the batsman till the last nano-second.
18. Australian Test captain, and later National coach, who played 62 Tests between 1957 and 1978 as an all-rounder.
19. According to Sachin Tendulkar and wicket-keeper Jeffrey Dujon, the fastest quick bowler of all. He took 93 wickets in 28 Tests between 1986 and 1993.
20. Stylish batsman who scored 16 hundreds in 86 Tests, later a member of "Big Dad Dread and the Baldhead" alongside fellow Antiguan Curtley Ambrose on bass.
21. 21st century T20I all-rounder, with 3731 runs and 75 wickets in Tests.
22. Fast bowler named Man of the Series for his role in defeating England 5-0 in the 2013-4 Ashes tour.
23. Northants fast bowler, faster than his rival Fred Trueman, and nicknamed the "Typhoon".
24. Aussie fast bowler, who went on to coach Pakistan in 2007.
25. There is a theme linking the answers to questions 14-24. What is it?

It still remains to be seen whether our planned indoor nets will be possible in February and March at the Nadder Centre, but we remain hopeful that we will be able to enjoy a full season next year. New members are always welcome, whatever their age, ability or experience. For further information about fixtures and contacts, please visit the website: <https://www.fonthillparkcricketclub.co.uk/> and get in touch.

Mark Mikurenda
Club Secretary

OYSTERS COPPICE

On 1st November we had our workday in the wood and had the maximum turnout of volunteers which allowed us to start coppicing compartment 3, just beyond the pond. The chainsaw operators arrived early to avoid the risk of trees and branches landing on people's heads. They were closely followed by our other volunteers to pile up the brash.

A new drain was made for a very muddy part of the path and the 53 dormouse boxes were checked for nests and occupants. Hooray we found a torpid Dormouse in a nest and 2 new unoccupied dormouse nests making 5 in all this year. We also found the twitching nose of a tiny Pygmy Shrew peeping out of its nest and a lively Woodmouse which leapt out in disgust at being disturbed.

The new 4 week lockdown has now begun when we are not permitted to have volunteers but, hopefully, this will end on 2nd December and **our next scheduled workday is 6th December** so we should be alright to go ahead. We will carry on the coppicing and check the dormouse boxes for the final time this year as the dormice should be going into hibernation soon.

Emails will be sent out to our regular volunteers before the end of lockdown but phone Andrew or Debbie on 01747 871311 with any queries or email debcarter311@btinternet.com

Keep well and enjoy our wonderful wildlife and countryside.

Deb Carter



TISBURY FLOWER GROUP

As, like many other clubs in the village, we have not had a Flower Group meeting since last February, we have decided to have a Zoom meeting (hopefully) in February 2021 as we have not all met for such a long time.

I shall post further details in the February edition of Focus.

In the meantime, the Committee would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. It is our sincere hope that 2021 will see our lives returning to something like normality.

Cindy Ritson

TISBURY FOOTPATH CLUB

Our November walk to White Sheet Hill and Berwick St John was cancelled due to the second lockdown and we will reschedule this walk into the 2021 programme. We have plans in place for a December weekend walk and we remain optimistic it will be able to go ahead. Details of this walk are below, together with details for January 2021. It is necessary to book a place on these walks in advance as numbers are limited to 24.



Saturday 5 December 2020 – East Knoyle – A 5.5 mile circular walk starting from the village hall car park, adjacent to the church in East Knoyle. GR: ST880305. This walk goes via Ruddlemoor Farm, Cools Farm and Upper Leigh Farm. We will be walking in groups of six starting at ten minute intervals around 9.30am. The walk organiser is Jill Sutton who is taking bookings to reserve places. Either email jillps17@googlemail.com or telephone 870361.

Saturday 9 January 2021 – Broad Chalke – A circular walk of 5.0 miles starting from the car park adjacent to Broad Chalke church, GR:SU041253. The outward route is up the beautiful valley of Church Bottom and the return goes over Knighton Hill. We will be walking in groups of six, assuming the rules for activities remain unchanged, starting at ten minute intervals around 9.30am. The walk organiser is Tim Martin who is taking bookings to reserve places. Either email anneandtimmartin@gmail.com or telephone 870888.

Our next footpath clearing and maintenance session is on the morning of **Monday 14th December**, meeting at 9.30am. We welcome volunteers, whether occasional or more regular who want to get involved. If you would like to join us in December, then please contact Roger Walker on 871105 who will let you have details of our plans for this session. You do not have to be a member of the Footpath Club to join in.

Tim Martin



TISBURY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Even in the depths of December it's amazing that some birds sing, brightening short winter days and bringing the promise of spring still months away. Robins, wrens and song thrushes are the easiest to hear but by the end of the day they will be joined by dunnocks and blackbirds.

The NASA is working out how humans could possibly be put into hibernation on the long voyage to Mars, but Andrew Graham has discovered how other mammals spend the winter:

'Winter approaches and nature makes its preparations. While birds can migrate to warmer climes, other animals cannot, so need to hibernate. In the UK, bats, hedgehogs, and dormice hibernate. This allows them to get through the cold winter weather, when it would be impossible for them to find enough food to supply their energy needs. During the late summer months they need to feed up to increase their fat reserves and find, or create a sheltered spot in which to hibernate. Then, as day length shortens and the temperature drops, their metabolism slows. In a state of torpor or full hibernation, the metabolism may be only 5% of the normal rate, the body temperature much reduced and breathing almost stopped. This will slow the rate at which the fat reserves are expended.

Hedgehogs look for suitable places to create their nests – or hibernacula – under hedges, in piles of brushwood or under sheds. A hibernaculum is made of old dry leaves and grass and is densely constructed to wrap the animal in a protective layer to keep out the cold and hide it from predators.

In caves, the low temperature will never plunge to the depths outside on frosty nights. They can provide a place free from predation and so are a safe place for bats to hibernate. The caves in the old quarries at Chilmark provide a winter roost for at least six bat species and are so important that they have been protected as Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Hazel dormice make a nest in a ball of tightly woven dead leaves on the woodland floor, often under old, coppiced trees or hazel stools. These locations provide the dampness they need to ensure they do not dehydrate during hibernation. Badgers do not hibernate but will be much less active in winter, spending much more time underground. Other mammals keep busy throughout the year and in so doing provide food

for the animals and birds that prey upon them. At this time of year evidence of mole activity – molehills – can be particularly noticeable. This is because the wet weather drives the worms and grubs on which they feed closer to the surface. The mole's permanent burrows are deeper down with excavated soil compacted into the tunnel walls. But when they follow their food upwards by creating new temporary tunnels closer to the surface, they push the spoil above ground to create the molehills.

Amphibians also hibernate. Frogs and newts will spend the winter months at the bottom of ponds, which makes them vulnerable if they are small and freeze up. Toads like to find somewhere sheltered and damp such as tree stumps, piles of brushwood and logs. It is therefore important not to disturb these piles during winter.'

We have successfully organised activities in summer and autumn (including re-schedules of some missed because of the first lockdown) and our winter indoor programme is continuing (online in November). The meeting on **December 17th at 7.30 pm** will likely be online (Zoom) too, unless there is a real improvement in Covid. Contact Dick Budden (treasurer.tisnathist@gmail.com) for bookings, updates and instructions.

Similarly, our **Young Nature Watch** branch is having activities curtailed and liable to last minute change (for more info and bookings, email youngtnhs@gmail.com).

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

Peter Shallcross
Chair



YOUNG NATURALIST FUNGI FORAY

A few weeks ago, I went on a brilliant fungi foray! We learnt lots about how to identify different species and also lots about their different properties - like which are edible and poisonous. Here is what I discovered:



Lilac Rosy Bonnet

LILAC/ROSY BONNET (*Mycena Pura*) – This is a common species in both deciduous and coniferous woodland, but it also occurs in some grassland sites. These beauties have a radiant sort of smell that I think is like a radish and contain a bit of poison and so should not be eaten.

WOOD BLEWIT (*Clitocybe nuda*) – These lovely coloured mushrooms have to be one of my favourites. They have a blue/violet cap and are edible – I took some home for my dinner!



Wood Blewit

CANDLE SNUFF (*Xylaria hypoxylon*) – Very common fungi in the UK, these grow in groups on dead wood, especially on rotting stumps of broadleaved trees. Often found growing through moss, this fungus has medicinal properties; it is both anti-viral and active against some tumours.

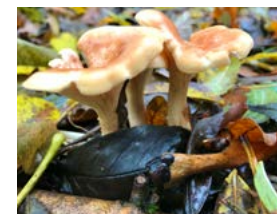
COMMON PUFFBALL (*Lycoperdon perlatum*) – Always found growing in soil, this fungus is edible (as well as all of the other species of puffball if the inside is white) – I also had some of these for my dinner!



Stump Puffball

STUMP PUFFBALL (*Apioperdon pyriforme*) – When young and fresh, Stump Puffballs are a whitish colour, whereas those pictured have darker outer surfaces and the spore masses inside them will be maturing. At this stage these fungi will have become inedible.

PEDESTAL PUFFBALL – this puffball can be easily confused with earthballs which look similar on the outside but are black on the inside and are poisonous!



COMMON FUNNEL (*Clitocybe gibba*) – This beautifully coloured fungus grows in leaf litter in deciduous woodland and rough grass or heaths. The dark cream or pale brown cap can be 10cm diameter at maturity.

Common Funnel

GREEN ELF CUP (*Chlorociboria aeruginascens*) – They are such a beautiful turquoise colour and are found in decomposing wood. You'll be lucky to spot the actual fruit bodies as these are infrequently seen, but you will probably come across the green staining they cause in the wood.

Did you know there are over 14,000 species of fungi in the UK? With so many different species, different shapes, colours and sizes, there is much to explore, so get out into nature and find some for yourself!

But please be careful if you are foraging for fungi for eating purposes as different species can be easily confused and some are very poisonous and deadly!



Fungi Foray

Izzy Fry (aged 15)

<https://mynatureandphotographyblog.wordpress.com/blog/>

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TALKING NEWSPAPER

I have the dubious role of Supplement Editor for the Shaftesbury Area Talking Newspaper.

This charity provides recorded extracts of local newspapers to registered blind and partially sighted recipients, all edited and produced by volunteers. My role requires me to select, from local monthly Parish and Community Magazines, articles suitable for inclusion in the weekly recordings of the Talking Newspaper.

Clearly, this is only possible with the agreement of the Editors of the local magazines and it has been to our Listeners' delight (and mine!) that, over the years, the Talking Newspaper has had the support of successive Editors of 'Focus on the community'.

For a period of some seven months, however, we have been unable to record our weekly Edition, as our studio in Father's House, Shaftesbury has been closed because of Covid-19 restrictions and other difficulties.

Rather than wither completely on the vine, we have now decided to revive the Talking Newspaper in a modified format.

For the next few months, therefore, in a large room in the Shaftesbury Arts Centre that allows us to follow all the correct guidance for social distancing, we shall record monthly rather than weekly and, at the same time, widen the scope of our content by including items of interest from sources other than the local weekly and monthly ones.

In January we shall review the situation to decide what we shall do thereafter.

Meanwhile, we shall also be exploring other ways in which Listeners can enjoy our news perhaps employing new technology as and when it becomes available.

So, while we try to revive the Talking Newspaper, and equipped with newly minted articles from Focus, for example those by Mrs Dixon Head Teacher at Wardour Catholic Primary School, Jeremy Saye on The Battle of Britain, and Martin Shallcross on Southampton Port and Our Community, may I thank you once again for your support, and for that of your contributors on whom we all depend. Thank you.

Mike Neal

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- **Education and Training:** Grants may be made for the provision of tools, books, etc. so as to earn a living.

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

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

Applications should be made in writing to the secretary

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

Or by email: thearundelltrust@outlook.com

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

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.

TISBUS: A BUS NAMED AMY

TISBUS has named its 16-seater Renault minibus 'AMY' to acknowledge a generous donation from the family of Amy Taylor of Tisbury who sadly passed away in September last year.

The TISBUS trustees were thrilled to learn that Amy wanted to support the work of TISBUS in this way. Trustee and driver Don McLaren says 'Amy was a truly lovely lady. Always polite, a regular on shopping trips and unfailingly cheerful. She was a classic member who used TISBUS for convenience and for social contact.'

Amy's daughter Lesley Simm of Ansty says 'This is a fitting tribute to my mother, and I would like to thank the TISBUS team for giving her 10 years of companionship and fun.'

TISBUS transport manager Keith Walters (pictured) says 'We rely on funding from a variety of sources to provide affordable door-to-door, wheelchair accessible, transport for the Tisbury and Nadder Valley area and all donations go a long way for TISBUS, literally and figuratively!'

Gordon Sorenson

TISBUS



SALISBURY HOSPICE CHARITY - TISBURY FUND RAISING BRANCH UPDATE

We would like to thank you all for your loyal support over the years and apologise for not having been able to hold any fundraising events since the quiz night in February. Due to the Corona Virus and Lockdowns, we were particularly disappointed at having to cancel the annual Hatch House Open Garden. We are however, delighted to report that a letter from Lady Rumbold our Patron, to those who normally attend, generated an enormous response for which we and the Hospice are hugely grateful.

As with our cancelled events this year, the fundraising team have also had to cancel many planned events. We are however, delighted to report that the 5th annual Christmas Tree Collection is still going ahead. In return for a donation, the wonderful volunteers will collect and recycle your real tree from postcode areas SP1 to SP6. Last year they collected more than 1000 trees and raised almost £13,000; to have your tree collected please visit www.charityxmastreecollection.com by January 4th.

The Corona Virus has challenged us all and the Hospice is no exception. However, despite all the challenges it has shone a light on the core aspects of the incredible service and the people within it. The Virus has tested the service and its resilience. Patients, families, staff and the team and volunteers have all had to adapt to the ever-changing situation and the team have continued to provide outstanding care for patients and their families in their homes, the hospice, care homes and the hospital.

Looking to the future, next year will be 40 years since the palliative care service began, with just two specialist community nurses. The Hospice will start their 40th birthday celebrations on New Year's Day, with the launch of an exciting Virtual Balloon Race. To purchase a virtual balloon or find out more about their exciting plans for 2021 please visit www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk

Sir Henry and Lady Rumbold and the Tisbury Group are also planning to open Hatch House Gardens on Sunday June 6th 2021 with the usual stalls, and already have a good selection of clothes for the clothes tent! We are also planning a couple more events, postponed from this year but have no dates for these yet.

Once again so many thanks to you all for supporting Salisbury Hospice and we all look forward to a return to more normal times in the New Year.

Tamsin Lee



NADDER COMMUNITY ENERGY

WRAP UP WARM!

Just because our winters are getting warmer doesn't mean cold snaps are a thing of the past. All it takes is a flip of the jet-stream and suddenly a polar vortex extends its icy grip across the Nadder Valley.

Time therefore to make sure your home is ready to cope. Is the loft insulated to the industry standard? Do you have double-glazing? Is it time to replace your old boiler? Can you get a cheaper electricity tariff? How can you get advice about grants and loans?

Not all of the advice on the internet is impartial. One of the best and safest places to start is the Government-sponsored website, Simple Energy Advice (www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk) - plenty of sound advice including guidance on the new Green Homes Grant and the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive, saving you thousands.

Another really useful website is Wiltshire Council's Warm and Safe Wiltshire (www.warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk) This will give you impartial advice on switching energy supplier, free home visits to advise on energy saving measures, how to deal with condensation, damp and mould, how to apply for grants, and a list of accredited installers. Wiltshire Council also offer an affordable loan scheme to help you spread the cost over a number of years.

Lockdown rules come and go, and chop and change, but often mean we can't travel. But many of us can at least get walking. We are so lucky to have so many beautiful footpaths throughout the Nadder Valley. And if you can't get out, curling up at home with a good book, a movie or a game can be just as good as a holiday. Think of the carbon you are not producing by not travelling as much.

You could think about buying your loved ones environmentally friendly Christmas presents such as 'promise vouchers' to spend quality time together, locally produced gifts from your high street or home-made or home-grown things made with your own hands. The time and effort spent on things made especially for someone you love are always much appreciated.

As the Tisbury Electric Car Club launch in January gets nearer, work is underway to install TECC's two charging points – one beside the Nadder Centre and the other down at the Nadder Close car park off The Avenue. This lower charge-point will have two connectors – one for the TECC car and the other for general public use.

TECC is Nadder Community Energy's latest venture – a very exciting development funded by the Government-sponsored Power to Change programme. Thanks to close collaboration between Tisbury Parish Council, Wiltshire Council and NCE, the new charging points will provide a step-change in the infrastructure for electric vehicles in the village and a new clean, green and cost-effective transport option for Tisbury residents.

If you're interested in making use of an electric car, either regularly or every now and then, or even just to try one out, you'll be able to hire one at very competitive rates. To find out more, please drop a line to Julie at community@nadderce.org.uk.

Alan Maryon-Davis, Sue Reed and Julie Phillips



TISBURY CO-OP MEMBERS RAISE £2K+ FOR NEW VIC

A big THANK YOU to Tisbury Co-op members and our local Co-op who have raised a whopping **£2,377.99** through the Co-op's Local Community Fund to upgrade the electrics and improve the facilities at the New Vic@Tisbury.

The Hall is the only theatre venue in the local area with a purpose-built raised proscenium stage, an enviable balconied spectator and orchestra gallery, and dedicated multi-functional arts and performance spaces. These important community facilities are used extensively by a wide range of local clubs, societies, seniors and youth groups. They include amateur dramatics, other local performing/visual arts groups, choirs, bands, the Tisbury Country Market, and youth organisations including the Army Cadets, children's musical theatre and creative dance.



HELP US FUND A CAMP SITE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Many people will have lasting memories of time spent as a Cub or Scout.

For two years now Salisbury and South Wiltshire Scout District has been raising funds for the Camp Site Quest. We need to raise £150,000 and purchase a piece of land within a reasonable distance of Salisbury for our young people to use at any time of the year.

So far we have raised a magnificent £50,000 and that is all down to the hard work of the leaders, the young people and the generosity of the general public.

Now we have a chance to raise a lot more. Aviva the Insurance company has a Community Fund which runs a crowd funding site for charities and this year they have accepted our project. Individuals can make donations directly to our Camp Site Quest over the next month or so. Aviva employees decide how much of a £275,000 pot to donate to charities with projects from the fund. Other charity groups can offer match funding.

The more donations we receive the greater the chance of receiving donations from Aviva and match funding.

This is where we need all of you to help out. You can, if you wish, make a donation for yourself or your family and we will be truly grateful. You may also help spread the word by letting every parent of the 1250 young people we have in the District along with all your friends and work colleagues know about the Camp Site quest and encourage them to visit the Salisbury Camp Site Quest page on the Aviva Community Fund web site.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/camp-site-quest>

We only get one chance at this so please do not be shy, send out the link and let's see if we can get much closer to our dream of our own Camp Site so that we get our youngsters out doing what they always are asking for: CAMPING. Donations can also be sent c/o D. Waspe, 28 Wilman Way, Salisbury SP2 8QS.



I am delighted to say that at the time of writing both staff and children continue to enjoy being back at school. The children are settled and enjoying being in a 'normal' environment where they can learn and play with their friends. Everyone has become used to the procedures and they now feel part of the daily routine.

This is a very important time of year as parents start to choose schools for their children in September. If you have a child due to start school in September and you would like to come and visit our school, please do contact Mrs Beavis in the office to arrange a meeting. We can show people around at a mutually convenient time, or meet via zoom or telephone.

Usually this time of year, I would be able to share all of the exciting things that we would take part in this time of year, however it seems that many of them we will be unable to do! One of the events that the children really enjoy is going to the residential homes in Tisbury and singing Christmas carols but this year, due to the pandemic we are unable to go this Christmas - which is very sad for the residents and us!

The Reception and year 1 children are currently working on a nativity and we aim to present this to the parents outside or in the church with a socially distanced audience! The children will still have their Christmas lunch but the older children will have their lunch one day and the younger children the following. Christmas parties will also still take place in their class bubbles.

I think it is fair to say that this year has been difficult for so many families in lots of different ways and it seems that many people are looking forward to welcoming 2021! Many families have had many changes to deal with, especially financial worries. In Tisbury there are so many charities and organisations willing to help to ensure that families are supported and that no families go hungry! The Co-op have continued to support the local community and now we have linked with them as part of their food share scheme. At the end of each day, a member of staff collects food from their store that is going out of date and we can pass this on to families. So please do go up to the school and collect the food from a table outside the school round by the staff car park.

We are also very fortunate as we are once again one of the chosen Co-op community fundraising causes. We are raising funds to improve our playground which is currently a blank canvas of just tarmac. Our school council is actively discussing and making decisions about what games we can have on the playground. Please choose us as your local cause by logging into your Co-op account!

On behalf of St John's Primary School, Tisbury, we would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year!

Lisa Portch, Head Teacher

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Service provision will be disrupted by Covid-19

Transport Contact Numbers

TISBUS 07500 802525

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

Tisbury and District Link 07484 284670

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

Tisburylink@gmail.com

WARDOUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them."

We can all recall special times and experiences. We all have both sad and happy memories. Remembering helps us to learn from the past and to plan for the future. The sharing of memories is an important part of our family, school and community life.

November is the time of year when we remember all those who sacrificed their lives for us during different wars. This year, on the 11th November at 11 o'clock, the entire school downed tools and fell silent to remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country.

The children interviewed relatives and friends and wrote about their memories. They learnt poems from both World Wars and produced some poppy inspired art work. In spite of a national lockdown and churches closed for Remembrance services, we felt it was important for the whole school community to mark this special day.

Emma Dixon, Head Teacher



A CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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FLAVOURS OF FOCUS FROM FORTY YEARS AGO

Right now, and given all the uncertainties of the moment, I guess each of us is wondering what Christmas 2020 will be like when it arrives. More certain, perhaps, is what the season was like forty years ago in December 1980; here is one view based on the perspective from the Focus published in that month.

The Rector, the Reverend Robert Willis, was reminding readers of a poem by John Betjeman the then Poet Laureate; the poem was written in 1954 and was entitled “Christmas”. According to the Rector, it presented a cynical but affectionate take on the festivities but “left no doubt about the supreme importance” of the moment.

From one poem to another, the second written by Roy MacGrath. Roy’s was celebrating the Ansty Band and its attempt to “cheer the folks a bit” by playing carols around the villages. Lost in the dark and perhaps merry with “a drop more cider here and there”, the Band ended up serenading the Old Wardour Castle. ***We could do with some of that today.***

Following the poems were pieces of delightful prose from “two younger authors”, one from Kevin Hunt and the second from Neil Dicker who captured most beautifully what it was like to glide “above the clouds and fly with the birds.”

Two letters were featured from abroad, one expressing appreciation for donation to the Mundri Project in Sudan and the other from Richard Hurford, past Rector, congratulating the Church and Community on the sequence of events celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the Church.

An article from West Tisbury Parish Council entitled, “Loads and Roads” drew comfort from the “absence of much traffic from the narrowest of our roads providing a tranquillity of exceptional quality” but noted that the longer and larger vehicles that were beginning to arrive might encounter difficulties and that drivers of such vehicles should be warned in advance. The article added that delivery by helicopter might be worth a try. ***Today we would suggest drones.***

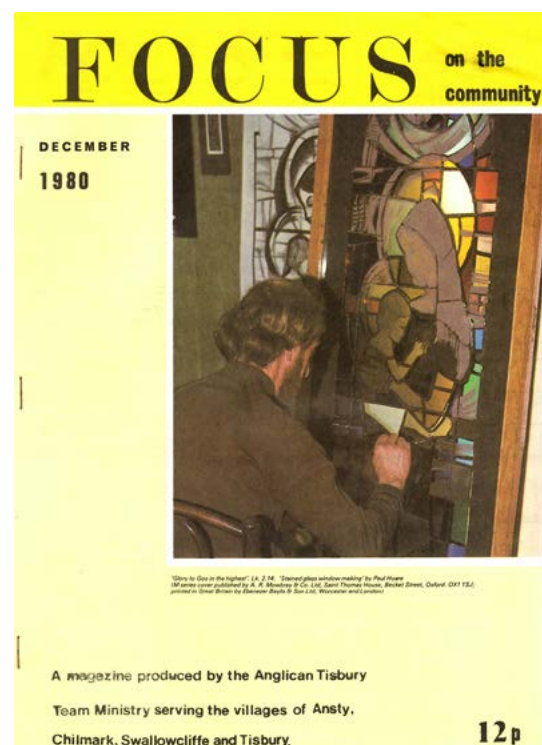
Reports from Local Organisations included Tisbury Youth Club; Tisbury Local History Society; Tisbury Women’s Institute; Tisbury Parish Council; Tisbury Mothers’ Union; Chilmark Women’s Institute; Women’s Branch of the Royal British Legion; Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme; Tisbury Swimming Club; the Tisbury Day Centre; Tisbury Primary School; and Wardour School

Primulas were the feature of Mollie Thorne’s December article on Gardening.

“What’s on” included a ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ Pantomime at Dunworth School; Pantomime and Camp Fire singing at Victoria Hall from Tisbury’s Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies; Craftsmen and Designers’ Sale at Hinton Hall; Christmas Ball at Wardour Castle - ***the new one***; a performance of Handel’s Messiah by the Chorus and Orchestra of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta at Wardour Chapel; The Choir of St John’s Church, and friends, singing in the village; and numerous Christmas Services.

In a colourful article from Gerald F. Wencki entitled “Once a Jolly Tagman (Swagman)”, he described a visit to Australia during which he was accidentally locked into the nocturnal house at a zoo. Shouting in a rich Wiltshire accent he sought to be let out. Rescued by The Aussie keeper he was told afterwards by the keeper that ‘If I had known you were a Pommie, I’d have kept you in!’ ***Such is life.***

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



SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL: AN OPEN LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Salisbury District Hospital’s response to lockdown

It is right we take action now to reduce further spread of COVID-19, which is increasing in our local community. While cases here at the hospital remain relatively low we sadly continue to report new deaths of patients who had tested positive for COVID-19.

The hospital is fully prepared to deal with the predicted increase in hospitalisations as we have maintained our state of preparedness following the first wave. Throughout our response to the pandemic the hospital has continued to provide urgent care to everyone who needed it - with or without COVID-19, our A&E department was open 24/7, our maternity team continued to deliver babies and across the hospital staff acted with compassion to care for the sick.

We have learned a lot since the start of the pandemic and have used the summer to prepare further while also restarting services that were disrupted by the first wave. In the coming months we will do all we can to keep elective surgery and non-urgent services open for as long as possible and to continue cancer treatment and diagnostic procedures.

We remain here if you need us. If you are asked to attend an appointment at the hospital, please do. The hospital’s priority is always patient safety and we have put a number of measures in place to maintain a safe environment for patients and staff.

We are incredibly grateful to all the staff at the hospital who work tirelessly to provide safe and compassionate care to our patients and the continued support of our colleagues in other organisations and the local community.

We are braced for a tough winter. But there is only so much we can do in the hospital. We need everyone to once again act together and help stem the rising tide of infections. By following the guidance we will be able to protect ourselves, our family, our friends and our neighbours.

Stacey Hunter Chief Executive, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT ONLINE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT FOR THE MIND

Although Alzheimers Support’s community groups had to close again during the November lockdown, their music and movement for the mind events are still running online and the following events are scheduled for December:

- Every Monday at 2pm - Music
- 1 December at 2pm - Movement
- Every Wednesday at 2pm until 16 December - Music
- Every Thursday at 11am - Music
- Friday 18th December at 11am - Archive films and songs
- Tuesday 15th December at 4pm - Christmas Concert

If you normally attend an AS group and would like to attend these online events just email Sarahm@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk. They can help you get started with Zoom if you haven’t used it before.



TISBURY SURGERY

As we write this article on 10th November for the December Focus publication, there is heightened publicity and excitement regarding the promised Covid vaccine. There is still some way to go with safety and testing procedures before this is available and guidance from NHS England is received on a daily basis. Rest assured we will contact all our patients regarding the vaccination in due course.

Thank you for your understanding over recent months as we have had to alter our way of working. Although Covid19 prevalence is still low in our area compared with others, it is here, and we all need to continue with the precautions we have been taking over the past months.

We thought it might be useful to add a few reminders/tips to help make your contact with us easier:

All appointments with a clinician will initially be via telephone. If the clinician would like you to have a face to face appointment, they will make it for you at the time of your telephone conversation.

We do not routinely call to advise the results of blood tests which are satisfactory. You will be contacted if repeat tests are needed or if the clinician wishes to see you.

A special plea please to return any surgery equipment you might have – despite our usually faultless loan system, a couple of our blood pressure machines have not been returned. Prompt return is even more important currently as there are a finite number of machines – all of which have to be put into quarantine for 5 days and cleaned before being lent to another patient. We will be lending out more equipment in the weeks ahead – so please follow the guidelines given to you by the clinician and return the machines promptly after use.

Samples MUST be with us by 1030 in the morning (Monday to Friday), duly provided in a sterile pot and labelled with time and date. The hospital courier comes at 1100 every week day and it is essential that the HCAs and nursing staff have time to process them before they are collected.

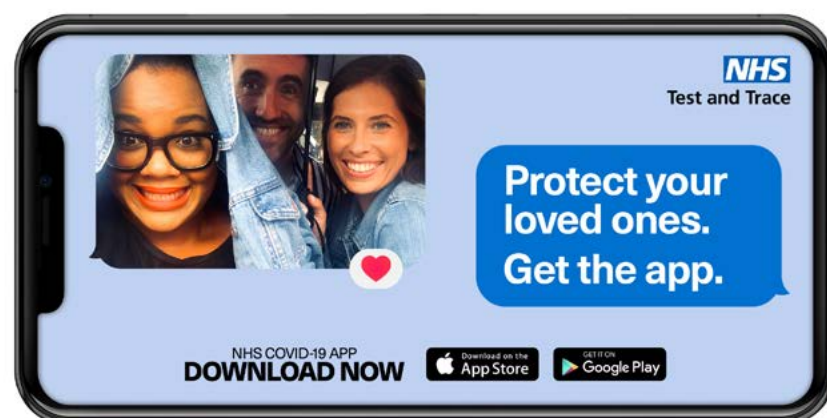
If you require reports, letters, etc. please request these in writing (via email, or via the contact form if you have on line patient access, or post).

We will continue to maintain the high standards of cleanliness in the surgery – so please don't be offended if a clinician wipes the chair after you have sat on it in the waiting room – it is for your own and subsequent patient's safety!

As we've probably all seen on the Government sponsored advice, don't delay in contacting us if you have new and persistent symptoms that concern you.

This will be the surgery's last communication in 2020, so we would like to wish all our patients a Happy Christmas.

Dr. Laurence Carter
Dr. Adam Smith



HINDON SURGERY

Now we are in a second 'lock-down' we want to remind all our patients that we and all general practices and hospitals are very much open for business. If you have concerns about your health please contact us.

We may see far fewer patients face to face at the moment - national Covid-19 safety instructions are that we should manage problems remotely if it is safe for them to be done in this way. So if you call us, you will be offered a telephone appointment first. Emails and messages on our website are also a good way to contact us for non-urgent issues, and possibly avoid engaged signals on the phone. Many of you who have been doing this often find we may respond in minutes, as opposed to the previous system of making an appointment, waiting for it to come around and then waiting in the waiting room to be seen.

Over the summer the surgery started doing more planned reviews of long-term conditions but again in ways to reduce infection risk. We only asked you to come to the surgery for things you could not do at home or with remote consultations (like blood tests and cervical smears), and we thank everyone for their help with this by sending in weights and blood pressure readings, filling out assessment questionnaires and sending photographs.

In March the number of appointments dropped by 5%. This continued until May with 32% fewer appointments. However this increased so that by September and October we had 25% more appointments than a year before. The annual total to the end of October 2020 was 19,096 which was just 1.3% below 19,350 in the twelve months to the end of October 2019. So we are maintaining our level of service even during the covid crisis. On average each patient continues to have eight clinical contacts a year. With the changes each of these takes longer than previously and this is why we have provided at least three extra remote GP and one remote nurse session a week so that our usual same day service can continue.

We also have fantastic help from the medicines home delivery service volunteers. This service will continue as it reduces visits to the surgery, especially important as you still have to wait outside. We are supported by an elderly care team including staff from Age UK and the Centre for Independent living and many of you may be contacted by one of the team to check you are OK and if there is anything they can do to help.

We had a huge uptake for the 'flu vaccines and have one more drive-through clinic for people aged 50 to 64 without high risk long term conditions on Saturday 28 November at Berwick Farms. We are also helping plan with local practices the staged delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine when it is available. There are other ways to help reduce your risk of a severe illness should you catch Covid-19. NHS Chief Executive Sir Simon Stevens said: "The evidence is now in: severe obesity can double your chance of dying from Covid-19. So this pandemic is a call to arms to adopt medically-proven changes in what we eat and how we exercise. That's why the NHS is going to accelerate its offer to help, including through wide uptake of our Diabetes Prevention programme which helps people shift the pounds, avoid Type 2 diabetes, and also slash the risk of severe Covid-19."

A third of people who died in hospital from COVID-19 had diabetes. You can use an online tool, hosted by Diabetes UK, to calculate your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by answering a series of basic questions including age, weight and ethnicity. <https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start>. If your score comes back as moderate or high, you will be able to refer yourself to a local "Healthier You" service for support remotely or online.

We will be contacting all our patients with known pre-diabetes with similar information as they are all eligible for this help. Patients have told us how very helpful it has been and it may be a useful and positive thing to do over the next few months.

Our thanks and best wishes to all our patients for Christmas and the New Year. Keep safe and keep going. There will be an end to this with an effective and safe vaccine coming fairly soon, meanwhile better hospital treatments if you become unwell plus the changes all of you have made to keep yourselves and others safe from this virus are helping in these difficult times.

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

SUPPORT FROM WILTSHIRE WELLBEING HUB

Following the introduction of new national COVID-19 restrictions, which came into effect in November, the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub remains in place for those people who may need additional support.

Anyone can access the hub who may be struggling during this difficult time, this may include people who are shielding or self-isolating and don't have a support network around them or know where to get help.

People can call the hub on 0300 003 4576 or email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. People should be aware the opening hours will be regularly reviewed throughout the coming weeks and months, and the council will notify people of any changes to these in a timely way.

People who require help with tasks such as picking up food and other essentials, should ask friends or family or order online. If they do not have family or friends that can help, they can contact the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub and request help.

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub

For people in need of support

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

#WiltshireTogether

Wiltshire Council

If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
you can get tested seven days a week

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Test

Look out for the symptoms of COVID-19

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High Temperature

Cough

Change or loss of smell or taste

How to use QR codes to check into a venue

User guide

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

2

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

3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Alice Combes Trusts

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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.

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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.

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PLANT SNIPPETS

It is a well known fact that plants make us feel better and what better way to get that feel-good vibe than with a pot of evergreen herbs. It’s hard to resist squeezing the leaves of a temptingly tactile Rosemary or Thyme as you pass by to release their heady fragrance and give a real hit to the senses.

Most evergreen herbs originate from the Mediterranean and thrive in sunny, well drained conditions. A mix of fine leaved textures and colours make these plants wonderful ornamental additions and provide year-long structure and interest. Bay and Rosemary can be trained as small standard trees whereas Sage, Lavender, Santolina and Teucrium can be grown as low growing hedges. Another plus point is that their small bright flowers attract pollinators throughout the year; Rosemary often blooms through the winter with sprays of tiny pale blue flowers to nourish winter insects.

Not only do they look pretty, but these versatile plants have been used for centuries for cooking, cleaning the home and for their many medicinal properties. Their constant aid to comfort and support us has led them to also being connected with many symbolic meanings that go back as far as the Greeks and Romans.

Here are just a few of those:

- Bay:** glory, honour, reward and peace
- Thyme:** activity, bravery, courage and strength
- Sage:** wisdom, long life and esteem
- Rosemary:** remembrance, love, loyalty and fidelity
- Myrtle:** love, good luck and prosperity
- Violet:** humility, devotion, faithfulness and forgiveness

I think that in this year where we have all had to face many challenges, the meaning of these plants can be a real boost to our spirits and, if you are thinking of giving someone a gift, then a pot of herbs is perfect- you’ll be saying so much more!

Jobs for December

- Insulate pots and put them on feet to prevent waterlogging.
- Wrap up outside taps and keep an eye on ponds freezing over.
- Prune vines, acers and birches before Christmas to stop excessive bleeding
- Prune apple and pear trees (not those trained against walls or pleached) Look out for more about this next month.
- Reduce watering houseplants

Alex Graham
www.plantsandplace.co.uk



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PRIVATE FOSTERING

Do you care for somebody else’s child?

If someone else is looking after your child, or if you are looking after someone else’s child for 28 consecutive days or more this could be ‘private fostering’, the local council must be notified. Wiltshire Council provides advice, support and above all, makes sure the child is safe and well looked after.

If private fostering applies to you, please notify us by contacting the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 456 0108 or email mash@wiltshire.gov.uk

For general questions and consultation please call the Kinship and Fostering team on 01225 716510. For more information visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fostering-private-fostering

‘MILITARY MISREADINGS OF SHAKSPERE’ BY PAUL CORDLE (CHICKSGROVE)

Almost 50 years ago I bought a rare copy of an old book ‘Military Readings of Shakspeare’. Since then I have wanted to bring it to a wider audience and managed to achieve this during the Covid lockdown by writing a page by page commentary on its contents; the book was published in October. It is nothing serious, full of colour and perfect for dipping into; as General Sir Jack Deverell (Sutton Mandeville) says in his foreword ‘This book is fun’. It is, perhaps, an idea for Christmas!

The book, designed by Jan Kalinowski (Compton Chamberlayne) consists of thirty-two beautifully observed watercolour cartoons of characters and incidents in the late Victorian army by Thomas Seccombe (1840-1899); incidentally the delightful miss-spelling in the title is the artist’s deliberate mistake. The book’s chuckle-factor is enhanced by Seccombe’s choice for each cartoon of a quotation from the great Bard’s plays; so popular was the book at its first publication, it was reprinted six times in two years.

Although first published 140 years ago the cartoons and quotations are still relevant today and resonate with anyone interested in human and social predicaments and particularly with those who are or have been connected with the Armed Forces. I hope you will enjoy this 80 page book which is available direct from the publisher (see advert below).

Paul Cordle

Written and designed in the Nadder Valley, printed in India, published in London and ready for Christmas!

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COULD YOU SPOT A LOAN SHARK?

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

2.30pm – Tuesday 1st December
2.30pm – Thursday 3rd December
2.30pm – Tuesday 8th December
2.30pm – Thursday 10th December
2.30pm – Thursday 17th December



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

CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE - SUPPORT AND VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR UNPAID CARERS

We know that lockdown can be very stressful for those who are caring for someone else, as services, respite care and social opportunities are minimised. We urge all carers to make sure they don't become isolated, to try and prioritise some time to themselves each day and to reach out for help as soon as they feel they might be struggling to cope.



Carer Support Wiltshire can be reached during office hours on 0800 181 4118. Please call us with any queries or problems you might be facing. There are many services and organisations that can help you.

While face-to-face groups can't always take place at the moment, we are continuing to run a number of virtual meet-ups online, which many carers find helpful. They are opportunities to meet people in a similar situation to yours and are facilitated by friendly CSW staff and volunteers.

Online carer café for carers in Wiltshire: 3rd Dec - 2-3pm, 10th Dec – 2-3pm, 17th Dec - 2-3pm

Online carer café for parent carers in Wiltshire: 16th Dec – 11am-12pm

Virtual support group: 8th Dec - 11am-12pm, 22nd Dec - 11am-12pm

Carer Support Wiltshire are also running a 'Talk and Support' service, which partners carers with a volunteer who stays in regular contact by phone or video call. Volunteers are fully trained and many are former carers – they can provide a listening ear, support and just someone outside of your family to talk to. If you would like to sign up, please contact us using the same details given above.

You can find useful advice on our Coronavirus FAQ page <https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/news/coronavirus-faq-for-carers/>. But if you need any information that isn't here or you just want to talk to someone, please call us on 0800 181 4118.

You are not alone and we will understand and support you with whatever you are going through.

CHRISTMAS BOOK CLUB FOR CARERS

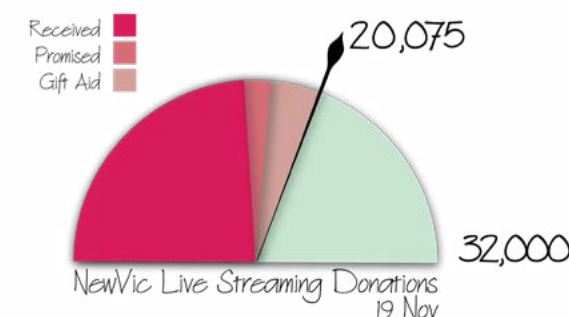
Carer Support Wiltshire is running a special series of festive book clubs for unpaid carers this December, hosted by Zurich Community Trust.

The groups will discuss a festive story that will transport you to another world – the ideal way to while away the time during the long, dark winter days!

You will be sent a package which will include the festive story, as well as a few other goodies to 'sweeten' your day. You will have time to read it before the activity which will take place online sometime in December.

The book club is open to all unpaid carers – just email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or call 0800 181 4118 to register your interest and you will be sent all the details.

THE NEW VIC@TISBURY FUNDING APPEAL UPDATE



A big THANK YOU to all our donors who so far have raised over £20,000 towards our target of £32,000 to upgrade the audio visual equipment in the Victoria Hall.

Our only source of income is through hiring out the facilities, grant funding and donations. To make a real success of the New Vic, we need new exciting and dynamic events and activities. Profits from these new events will enable us to do so much more to the halls.

We are planning to offer an exclusive, varied and engaging programme of monthly events featuring:

- Victoria Hall Film Club - Film screenings, evening and matinee showings.
- Live music performances – local artists
- Live opera, ballet or theatre from the Royal Opera House, Royal Ballet, West End, RSC or National Theatre, and other top venues
- Top-selling concerts from Ariana Grande's pop and Bruce Springsteen's rock to the classical Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
- Virtual tours of world-famous art galleries'/museums' most prized collections and exhibitions
- Crown-jewel events from the Chelsea Flower Show to Paris Fashion Week, as opportunity offers.

But to do all this we need a final push to reach our target.

All donations of £50 and above per sponsor will be ring-fenced for this project. If we cannot raise enough money, or other factors make the project unfeasible, donations will be returned. Donations less than £50 would then be transferred to other projects that include the upgrades to the toilets, kitchen, exterior and Elizabeth Hall.

In a post-Covid world where many will be reluctant to travel to city centres, live streaming will bring the best of live British and international theatre, film, dance, art and music to Tisbury at an affordable price.

We really hope that you will support this pioneering project which promises to move our hearts, revive our souls, delight our senses and inspire us all!

The Management Team, The New Vic@Tisbury

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- By BACS – see website for details or call 0300 302 3090.
- Online at www.newvictisbury.com, using Debit/Credit Card or PayPal.
- By cheque payable to 'Victoria Hall Management Committee', and posted to:
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We would be grateful if you could boost your donation by 25% through a Gift Aid declaration. The online payments system includes a Gift Aid form. If you donate by BACS or cheque, an online Gift Aid form is available at [<https://www.newvictisbury.com/live-stream-donate>]. For those who prefer it, a paper Gift Aid form can be sent and then should be filled in and returned to the Treasurer at the above address.

THANK YOU

TISBURY WRITING COMPETITION

This month we are sharing two of our pieces written during the (first!) lockdown.

The Loop

Written by Leon Elliot (David Boulting)

It’s early evening and the locked-down day fades into something both softer and more sombre. We straggle out of the house for an evening walk that, following the same favoured route so many times, is becoming indistinguishable, like the days themselves, from those before and those to come. We walk away from home through too-quiet streets. Everything is familiar, everything is strange.

Under the silent railway line, through the kissing gate and up a narrow ribbon of path almost closed over by wildflower and weed. Nodding spindles of meadow foxtail pierce the crowding banks of nettle. Details draw the eye, too long starved of stimulation. An unruly spray of cow parsley reveals, under more patient scrutiny, a supple architecture supporting a firework display of white blooms.

We pass beneath a pale, dead bough, entering by this arch of bone the near-dark tree-tunnel of badger hollow – these places may have ancient names, long lost; we have our own nomenclature. In any case, our own maps and signs and readings of this landscape seem suddenly more important than those imposed by distant others.

In the bosky hollow, rods of beech streak up towards the light, each tree a fortress behind a fan of arrows. Freshly-dug earth marks the entrance of a sett, a reminder of the unseen world beneath us, another dimension of this rich landscape: the unknowable pitch-dark chambers and root-snared passageways.

We emerge quietly onto a grassy slope, sometimes deer browse here close to the sheltering screen of the treeline. Across the path and just beyond the gate is a shellburst of feathers. A ragged instant of raucous violence forms in the finder’s imagination and its physical trace seems less the aftermath or residue of an action irrevocably completed than a capturing of the moment itself, a kind of three- dimensional photography, a halting of time in that moment when the one creature died so that the other would live.

The overpowering sense that time has frozen is one that recurs on this walk (*these walks*): it suddenly gathers and halts, holds and then releases, shuttles on until the next freeze-frame. Locking and unlocking, condensing, running free. We reverently skirt the feather-strewn site and move up to the stile. It’s just at the moment that you top the stile that the country opens up in front of you and the village properly drops away behind you; crouches, waits.

Our cares are untethered now, at least for a space. The open field-land above the valley where the young crop is still close to the ground is fringed with ancient woodland, over-watched by the site of the Roman fort, away to our right. We know this as the dominion of hares. Looking back the way we have come, we see one of them skylined against a distant blue-flanked hill. It seems not so much alert as regal, surveying.

Through a band of trees and into a lower field, also recently ploughed. Rabbits sometimes explore the field edge, close to cover. Another evening reveals a fox, patrolling down the field edge, its coat is many shades of red in the late, low sun. It takes its time to turn and cede the field to us, respectfully halted, admiring its looks, its moves, the sure and practised lope of the predator.

Down the track towards the level crossing, turning past some quiet houses we enter that strip of damp, green underland that follows the railway line. Its swamp-like pools and strange enchanted undergrowth seem a thousand miles from the high fields we have not long left.

Sometimes we chatter incontinently, sometimes we become introspective in this more enclosed environment, our minds flowing away from each other, sometimes haunted by the great and essentially unspeakable anxieties that stalk this new world we have stumbled into.

Somebody makes a quick signal and we freeze, eyes locked. Fifty yards away a young roe deer stands in a tiny clearing. Its muzzle is dipped towards the earth. It holds so still I think at first that it’s a trick of the light, something conspired out of the net of shadows and branches in which it stands framed. The moment fills, expands. These few seconds, like those spent watching the hare on the skyline, are more substantial, more loaded than entire days of lockdown – trackless days destined to dissolve from memory.

Without realising it I am holding my breath. Something is changing. There is a swelling sound from the railway embankment behind and above us. The moment distends and finally bursts, the small shadow form in the forest glints a moment and bolts up the bank, its hind flashing. We swivel to watch the train above us, turning from one wraith to another. It streams past and we see into each carriage, every one of them empty. I think of ghost commuters, a trace, an echo of the people who would... should... be hurtling home, tingling tired, aching for home.

And then silence again and just us. We walk on, slowly closing the loop.



Life in lockdown Tisbury.

Written by Violet Woodville (Jacqueline Longley)

No more skiing	Making a
No more skating	Delicious plate
No more fun	Just for me
Self isolating.	And my soulmate.
No more kisses	But I find it
No more hugs.	Hard to bear
Long queue for	I can’t ask
Prescription drugs.	My friends to share.
Losing muscle	I live
Losing sinew	Opposite the shop
How long will	Watch them queue
This siege continue.	For the Coop.
Lacking lots	Then a glass
Of exercise	of wine I proffer
Avoiding biscuits	And some of them
And french fries.	Take up the offer.
What shall I do?	Patiently
Sit on the settee	By my garden gate
Eating Heinz beans	Apart 2 metres
And tins of spaghetti.	Is their fate.
Nothing to buy,	I thought lockdown
So I’m wealthy	Would drive me mad
Better cook us	But to live in Tisbury
Something healthy.	‘Aint too bad.

PUZZLES AND QUIZZES

CHRISTMAS FOOD & DRINK

It wouldn't be Christmas unless we ate our body weight in turkey and chocolate (though not necessarily at the same time).

Can you answer these festive food questions?

1. In which country does the traditional festive fruit cake Stollen originate?
2. The traditional red and white outfit worn by Father Christmas was allegedly introduced by which drinks manufacturer?
3. According to Clement Clarke Moore's poem "'Twas the Night before Christmas", which food 'danced in children's heads as they slept'?
4. What is a 'Bûche de Noël', commonly eaten in France at Christmas?
5. Which type of sweet bread loaf, which originated in Milan, is traditionally eaten at Christmas in Italy and many other European countries?
6. What would you be drinking if you had a warming glass of 'Glühwein'?
7. According to the carol 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas', what type of dessert do we all want?
8. In Germany, they're often wrapped in dough and called Würstchen im Schlafrock (a sausage in a dressing gown). What do we typically call them in England?

Untangled

Now that the festive season is upon us, can you untangle these 5 jumbled Christmas carols?

1. Away grain amen (4 words)
2. Shingle Tint (2 words)
3. Whiten drinkable item (4 words)
4. Throne is felt (3 words)
5. Evidently hath holy (5 words)

Lyrical puzzlement

If you successfully untangled those carols, now cast your mind to the lyrics therein. Can you answer these festive musical questions?

In the song 'Jingle Bells', what kind of sleigh is specifically mentioned?

On the tenth day of Christmas, what did my true love give to me?

Which carol's second verse begins with "The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes..."?

Which famous Christmas animal was invented for a 1949 song, sung by Gene Autry?

Which Bing Crosby song, originally recorded in 1942, has become the biggest selling Christmas song of all time?

In the 1945 hit 'Let it snow', how are the 'weather outside' and the 'fire' described?

In the carol 'We Three Kings', which direction is the 'star of wonder' leading them in?

In the 1952 hit, sung by Jimmy Boyd, what did he see mommy doing with Santa Claus?

A Christmas Carol

Be it Dickens or The Muppets, most of us are familiar with A Christmas Carol. But how well do you really know the story?

1. What was the first name of Scrooge's business partner, _____ Marley?
2. Scrooge is visited by 3 spirits. The Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present. What was the third ghost known as?
3. After being visited by the ghosts, Scrooge sent a huge 'what' to the Cratchit family?
4. Which character famously uttered the phrase "God Bless us, every one"?
5. Which phrase did Scrooge use throughout the book to dismiss things he did not like?
6. When was the novel originally published? 1812, 1843, 1876 or 1899?
7. What did the third ghost show to Scrooge that caused him to utter "I fear you more than any spectre I have seen"?
8. Which famous actor played the role of Scrooge in The Muppet Christmas Carol?

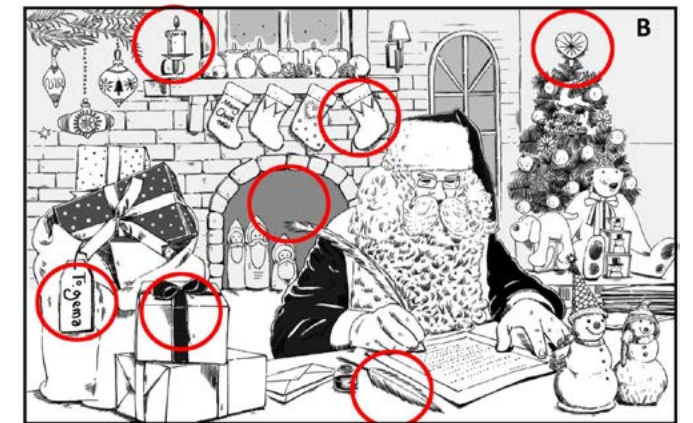
Tiebreaker!

If you're competing against others and there's a tie in the scores, can you answer this question? The nearest answer to the correct one takes the Christmas Crown!

During the festive period in the UK last year, how many turkeys were sold?

Quizmaster Ben Furness

Answers on page 47



TISBURY HALL HIRE

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

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HELPING ORPHANS IN KENYA

Local family starts international charity: Baraka Children's Centre

Last year, when Mary Myers was travelling for work in Kenya, she returned resolving to help an orphanage she came across on her travels. She saw first-hand the needs of the 28 orphans and vulnerable children at the Centre, where many are AIDS-orphans or former street-children. Friends of Baraka Children's Centre was born and is now a registered UK charity, run by Mary from her home in Wardour, helped by another local young woman, Lorna Hayne.

Baraka's Children Centre is located in the beautiful central highlands of Kenya, in Nyeri, not far from Mount Kenya. Despite being a tourist hotspot, there is a lot of poverty. Many children have been orphaned by AIDS, and/or made vulnerable through alcoholism and psychological problems. Also, many babies are abandoned by desperate teenage mothers, for lack of social care and family-planning provision. Baraka - which means 'blessings' in Swahili - was set up by Francis Kimaru, a local evangelical preacher, who, with his wife and two house-mothers, has created a genuine home for the 28 children in his care. Though run on broadly Christian lines, the Centre is for all local children in need in the Nyeri area, regardless of faith. Francis has also built a community school, which the Centre children all attend, and which brings in a little money, through modest school fees, to help keep the Centre running.

Approaching their first anniversary, Friends of Baraka have raised an impressive £10,000 so far, mainly from Mary's family and friends - many of whom are from Tisbury and surrounding villages. A year on, the centre has seen much improvement. Thanks to donations, Friends of Baraka have been able to send enough money for Francis and his team to electrify the centre, build a new kitchen, and construct a chow shed and chicken coop from which to get essential milk and eggs. The cow has recently given birth to a female calf which is great news for the children. Money has also been raised for Covid-19 health measures, such as soap, wash-stands and masks. COVID-19 has hit the Centre hard, not so much for health reasons (C-19 related deaths have been relatively low in Kenya) but because the school had to close for much of this year, which has deprived the orphanage of much of its income to cover essentials like food and firewood.

Everyone helping with Baraka Children's Centre works completely voluntarily and the money raised by Friends in the UK goes directly to Kenya, where Francis accounts for every last Kenyan shilling. The charity operates a strict safeguarding policy and is regularly inspected by the Kenyan government.



The Friends website was set up and is maintained by Mary's husband, Simon Davison (known to many as current Chair of Tisbury Parish Council) - see www.barakachildrenscentre.uk. Lorna Hayne keeps the Instagram and Facebook pages updated, as well as producing a lively monthly newsletter for supporters. The final Trustee is Treasurer, Nicola Harford (a colleague of Mary's whose family are from Chesterblade in Somerset).

Mary has high hopes for the future of the Centre and is very grateful for all donations from friends in Tisbury and the local community so far. This Christmas, they are making a special appeal to buy books for the children, as Christmas presents, and to finish building the boys' dormitory. £2,000 is the current target for books and to finish the building-work.



If you would like to donate there is an easy donate button on the website: <http://www.barakachildrenscentre.uk/> or you can go straight to the fundraising page here: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/barakachildrenscentre> One-off or regular donations of just £5 or 10 per month would be very appreciated and if you would be interested in setting up a standing order to do this please contact Mary Myers (Chair of Friends of Baraka) on 01747 871430 or marysophiamyers@gmail.com for the details.

See our Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/BarakaChildrensCentreNyeri/> and have a look at our short fundraising video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vZqnz6bnZg&feature=youtu.be

In October, Mary was interviewed on local Shaftesbury radio 'This is Alfred'. Click the audio picture to listen to the interview.



COVID-19 LOCAL RESTRICTIONS: SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME FOR BUSINESSES NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Wiltshire Council has launched its Local Restrictions Support Grant scheme after receiving over £7 million of Government funding to support local businesses.

This new scheme is aimed at those businesses required to close due to the national restrictions which started on 5 November 2020.

One-off grants will be awarded to eligible businesses to support them during the lockdown period and help them with the ongoing challenges presented by coronavirus. Eligible businesses include those with:

- properties with a rateable value of £15,000 or under will receive grants of £1,334
- properties with a rateable value of between £15,000 and £51,000 will receive grants of £2,000
- properties with a rateable value of £51,000 or over will receive grants of £3,000

Wiltshire Council has also been awarded a further £10 million for the Additional Restrictions Grant. This discretionary grant scheme will support those businesses required to close or that have been severely affected by the national restrictions, but which do not pay business rates.

Cllr Philip Whitehead, Leader of Wiltshire Council, said "We are working up the detail of how to award the money to businesses in Wiltshire who are most in need of financial support and will publish these details and launch this additional scheme shortly.

"We appreciate the enormous stress businesses are under and we will continue to play our part to ensure our businesses and local economy are supported long-term."

Full guidance for applications and the online application form for the Local Restrictions Support Grant scheme is available at: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support-covid19-grants>



TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 2020 NEWS UPDATE

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

20/09231/TCA **Market Cross Cottage, Hindon Lane, Tisbury, SP3 6PZ**

Conifer tree to fell to hedge height and Cherry tree to reduce crown by up to 3m

20/09233/TCA **Bowling Green South Of 40, Nadder Close, Tisbury**

Leylandii - T15 /T18 Fell

20/09227/TCA **Quince Cottage, Duck Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LJ**

Apple tree fell due to significant rot in stem making it unstable – on inspection, this tree was found to be an ancient cherry tree and the Tree Warden suggested that the main trunk be left at a height of 6-8 feet to provide a good habitat for birds and insects, perhaps with a clematis or honeysuckle allowed to grow up.

20/08971/FUL **The Knapp, Vicarage Road, Tisbury, SP3 6HZ**

Remove existing timber conservatory and construct replacement oak framed conservatory. Install solar PV array on existing outbuilding roof. However, Parish Councillors did suggest that the listed building element of the proposed works be decided by the Wiltshire Council Conservation Officer

Problems caused by Speeding Traffic and Agricultural Vehicles

Councillors were made aware of the Police request at the last South West Community Area Safety Partnership meeting that any complaints arising from speeding or inconsiderate road use should be directed to Police Officer Sgt Harmsworth via Sandra, the Parish Clerk.

Sandra has already been in contact with photographs of Church Street and Hindon Lane.

If there are any other ‘Hot Spots’ that residents feel should be highlighted, please email Sandra – see below – with photographs if possible.

The next Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 7th December using Google Meet.

Please contact Sandra – tisburyipc@gmail.com – for an agenda and link to the meeting.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH MONEY OR DEBT? NEW COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE SERVICE CAN HELP!

SWAN’s Community Money Advice South Wiltshire service offers free, confidential advice to help you resolve financial worries, learn to manage your budget and break free of debt.

Our professionally trained advisor will help you by:

- Working out a manageable budget to relieve immediate pressure
- Negotiating with creditors to plan affordable repayments
- Giving ongoing support to manage your money efficiently
- Helping you avoid getting into more debt

We will support you with regular in-depth counselling and advice sessions for as long as you need to become debt free, by providing free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and practical help.

Referrals accepted from Monday 2 November 2020.

Email: CMASouthWilts@swanadvocacy.org.uk

Let us know your contact details. Be assured we are responding to emails regularly. We will be in touch to advise you of the times of our regular advice sessions, and you can make an appointment at a time most suitable for you.



SCAM WARNING: FAKE PAYPAL EMAILS

Action Fraud is warning people selling items online to be on the lookout for criminals sending fake PayPal emails.

Between January 2020 and September 2020, **21,349 crime reports** were made to Action Fraud about fake PayPal emails – that’s a third of all reports of online shopping and auction fraud during this period. Victims reported losing a total of **£7,891,077.44**. Those targeted included people selling jewellery, furniture and electronics via online marketplaces.

How does it happen?

Criminals have been targeting people selling items online, by sending them emails purporting to be from PayPal. The emails trick victims into believing they have received payment for the items they’re selling on the platform. The victim then ships the item to the criminal, but never receives any payment.

How can you protect yourself?

- **Sellers beware:** If you’re selling items on an online marketplace, be aware of the warning signs that your buyer is a scammer. Scammers may have negative feedback history, or may have recently set up a new account to avoid getting poor feedback. Don’t be persuaded into sending anything until you can verify you’ve received the payment.
- **Scam messages:** Don’t click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.
- **How to spot the difference:** A PayPal email will address you by your first and last name, or your business name, and will never ask you for your full password, bank account, or credit card details in a message.

If you think you’ve been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



Quiz Answers

Christmas Food

1. Germany
2. Coco Cola
3. Sugar plums
4. Yule Log / Chocolate log
5. Panettone
6. Mulled Wine
7. Figgy Pudding
8. Pigs in Blankets

Untangled

1. Away in a manger
2. Silent Night
3. In the bleak midwinter

4. The first noel
5. The holly and the ivy

Lyrical puzzlement

1. A one-horse, open sleigh
2. 10 lords-a-leaping
3. Away in a manger
4. Rudolph the red nose reindeer
5. White Christmas
6. The weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful
7. Westward
8. He saw mommy kissing Santa Claus

A Christmas Carol

1. Jacob
2. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come (not ‘the future’)
3. Turkey
4. Tiny Tim
5. Bah, Humbug!
6. 1843
7. He showed Scrooge his own death; alone, unloved, and unmissed (as well as the death of Tiny Tim).
8. Michael Caine

Tiebreaker

Just over 10,500,000 (ten million, five hundred thousand)

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