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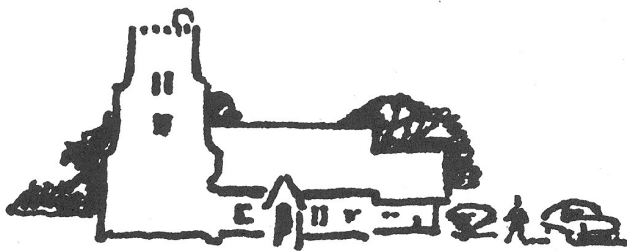
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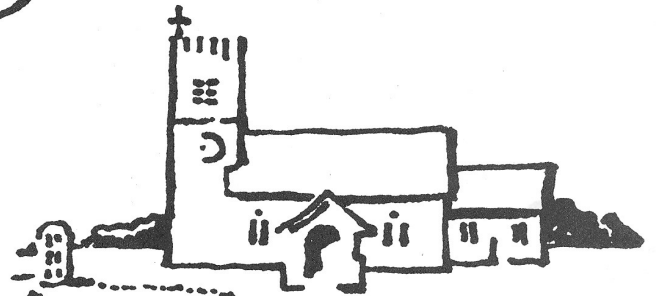


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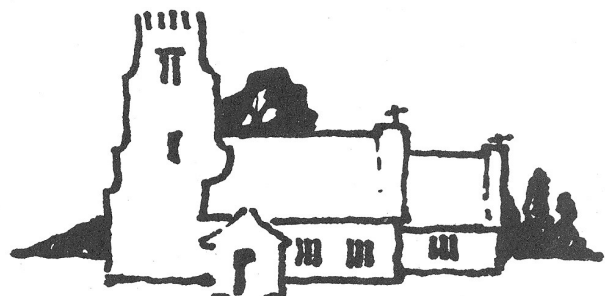
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Diana Willis '90
 DIANA WILLIS '90

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Church of England and The Diocese of Bath and Wells have, with great regret, taken the decision following government advice:

That all of our churches will be closed until further notice, except for funerals.

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbittle with Greenham

Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbittle, TA21 0LQ 01823 672365
David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbittle, TA21 0LE 01823 672436

Bathealton Pauline and Andrew Lyle,
Road Hill House, Bathealton, TA4 2AW 01984 629013

Kittisford Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham , TA21 0JW 01823 672627

Stawley Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT 01823 672183
Graham Henson, Court Place Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HP 01823 672496

Associate Priest Revd Martin Beaumont,
Hilltop, Buttsway, Milverton TA4 1JR 01823 400127

Lay Minister Elaine McNicholas, School House, Bathealton, TA4 2AN 01984 624428

Team Rector Revd Tim Treanor,
The Rectory, 72 High Street, Wellington 01823 662248

Missioner and Team Vicar Revd Selina Garner, The Vicarage,
2 Rockwell Green, Wellington. Email: selina@thegarner.me.uk 01823 662227

Thought for the Month

Challenges and Opportunities

In his poem "One foot in Eden", Edwin Muir contemplates the Garden of Eden and compares it with the reality of the world in which we live. The Biblical picture of a perfect world; free from sin, shame, fear, labour and hunger is very different from our world where misunderstanding, conflict and aggression are rife. But, says Muir, because Eden knew nothing of the pains and difficulties that we face to-day, it was also unaware of other realities of our world. Without conflict, there would be no opportunity for bravery. Without wrongdoing, there would be no place for forgiveness. Without sickness, there would be no recovery or healing.

He writes, *"Famished field and blackened tree
Bear flowers that Eden never known"*.

and later,

*"What had Eden ever to say
Of hope and faith and pity and love"*.

Covid-19 and the dangers of infection, have provided us with a considerable number of challenges. We need to ensure the safety and well-being of the community whilst also enabling food and other essential supplies to be delivered to homes. We need to stay apart whilst also assuring others that they are not alone. We need to be sensitive to the needs of others without threatening the personal dignity and autonomy of the vulnerable. In addition, there is a degree of uncertainty, anxiety and even fear. But these challenges also provide us with opportunities; to be more aware, more considerate, more conscious of the needs of others. These are opportunities that can strengthen our community. This is also true in the life of the Church.

With great regret, on the advice of government, the Church and our Diocese have taken the decision to close all churches, except for funerals. This is a regrettable but necessary decision, particularly at a time of spiritual as well as physical need.

There will be other ways of joining together, TV and Radio are increasing their output of broadcast services. Many homes are lighting a candle in their windows each evening at 7.00 p.m. in an act of prayerful solidarity.

As the Diocese of Exeter has expressed it,

*"It's business as unusual,
It is doing the normal abnormally"*

Please be assured of my prayers at this difficult

time and of the prayers of the whole church, as we pray together but apart.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a need where I might help - telephone (01823 400127).

With every good wish.

Martin Beaumont

Covid -19 and our community

The Coronavirus pandemic is an escalating situation and the advice being given to individuals and communities is constantly being revised and updated. To the best of our ability we have ensured that the information in this issue of the *Parish News* is current and correct as we go to press. That has meant a number of last minute changes following the Prime Minister's broadcast last night (Monday 23rd March). However, we are aware, as we all must be, of a rapidly changing scenario when it is the responsibility of us all to keep abreast of developments and advice to ensure that we comply.

We know that the elderly and those with ongoing health conditions are the most vulnerable and we already have action taking place within the community - see page 5 - to ensure that those in need have alternative means available to obtain essential supplies of food and medicine. It's great to know that we live in such a caring community.

Normally there are lots of activities taking place across the three parishes and all of those planned for the next month have been cancelled or postponed. Looking further ahead, where dates are still in place, organisers will need to review the situation nearer the time.

Many of us can still enjoy the countryside around us and if you need help to identify the walks available, leaflets are available at Stawley Village Shop, free of charge.

To brighten your day

For those who are confined to their homes we felt that we should try to do our bit. Many thanks to Alan Rose and John McIlwain who, at very short notice, have put together two quizzes, the first on general knowledge and the second on the recognition of faces.

These should give everyone some entertainment at home and the chance to take time away from the computer screen or TV.

Look after yourselves and your neighbours and do ask for help if you need it.

Maurice and Julia

Coronavirus in context

The present pandemic of coronavirus (Covid-19) is real. There can be little sensible doubt that a new species of virus is spreading through the human population. The raw facts are these; once Covid-19 was first identified in Britain at the end of January, there was what is called 'a lag-phase' in which numbers of infected people rose by single figures. After mid-March, numbers began to increase exponentially, each day's new infections being larger than the previous one. Globally, on 19th March 220,000 people had tested positive for the virus and 9,000 (4.0%) of them had died. Figures for UK were: 2,600 and 103 (also 4.0%).

News of Covid-19 caused chaos; stock exchanges throughout the world crashed, countries shut their borders, industries closed down, air travel practically ceased, mass gatherings of any sort, including major sporting fixtures cancelled, schools, colleges and other institutions closed, old people confined to their homes, and a host of other measures imposed or advised by governments in social disruption unseen in Europe since World War 2. Fear stalks the land - we stockpile provisions, accept the economic and social chaos described above and mentally go into the trenches.

Change of behaviour

Our vast change of behaviour was not caused directly by the biological virus but in response to what we were told by other people – mostly the communications media. We judge the importance and accuracy of what we hear by the number of people who say they too believe it. 'Who say' because many retain private doubts which they prefer to keep to themselves lest they offend public opinion. Doubt is, in my view, one of the most important human virtues but that is another longer story. Immediacy is another indication of truth, and modern communications are so efficient that, if they are broadcasting live, we can hear about events from all over the world as they happen. And we trust the reporters to get the information they tell us right, and we generally behave as if they do. Occasionally they get it wrong, are duped or, very rarely, are just plain evil.

The nature of the virus

Whatever we believe to be accurate, we try to find out more. There are many known viruses that have a halo (Latin: *corona*) of bristles towards one end. They are collectively called *coronaviruses* and were first discovered in domestic animals in 1937 and in humans in the 1960s. A new coronavirus was identified in 2019, and called 'Covid-19' to signal the year. It is a human parasite of the nose, throat and windpipe, and its symptoms are very like those of the common cold and mild flu.

Diseases caused by viruses are virtually untreatable because the virus is a parasite that lives inside the cells of a larger organism – the host. It takes over genetic control of the host's cells and uses their raw materials for its own reproduction. All doctors and nurses can do is to alleviate the symptoms and allow the body of a patient to make its own immune response.

Previous pandemics

There have been four other major flu-like pandemics during the past century: Spanish Flu 1918-1919, 50 million died; Asian Flu 1957-1958, 2 million died; Hong Kong Flu 1968-1969, one million died; Swine Flu 2009-2010, 500,000 died.

The SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) was not pandemic but an epidemic in southern China 2002-2003, 774 died. SARS has its place in history by being the stock from which the present coronavirus pandemic evolved.

The diminution of numbers of deaths in these pandemics: 50, 2, 1, ½ million probably reflects a combination of medical care and changing behaviour to reduce the rate of spread of the responsible virus. Certainly, current recommendations or orders by governments seem reasonable, if draconian.

What happens next?

All previous epidemic or pandemic diseases have eventually died out for one or both of two main reasons; the parasite becomes less harmful through natural selection, and/or the host becomes immune by its own responses. Also in all cases, our population quickly resumed its apparently inexorable increase. Perhaps we can turn the present Covid-19 crisis and the responses of governments to it to the longer-term advantage of everyone by treating it as a rehearsal for the far greater tragedy that is bearing down upon us in the form of the human population tsunami.

Martin Jacoby

Parish News Donations

Many thanks for a donation from:
Patricia Budgett

Donations may be left at the Village Shop
or sent directly to the treasurer:

**Wendy Spackman, Malthouse, Hill Farm,
Stawley, Wellington TA21 0HN**

Help in our Community

Keep on keeping on (an East African saying)

In these unprecedented times many are already looking after neighbours in our community, and we like to think that everyone is catered for. However, complacency must not set in and we need to prepare for changes to circumstances or loss of critical services.

The Village Shop, as the hub of our community, will be coordinating any response that is required in the parishes of Ashbrittle and Stawley so if you hear of someone that needs assistance or you need it yourself please either e-mail shop@stawleyshop.com or phone 01823 674361.

As things may change before the next edition of the Parish News any updates on local affairs will be posted on the **Stash website** at www.stash.org.uk.

Ashbrittle and Stawley Parish Councils

Stawley Village Shop

As this goes to print, we are open and have a number of volunteers who are fit, willing and able to staff the shop

We continue to receive regular supplies of milk, bread, eggs and daily newspapers

Many of you in the community have offered to deliver to anyone who can't get out - please let the shop know by phone or email if you have help to offer or if you need a delivery or collection, including prescriptions

We are still open for takeaway food and drinks

RING FIRST TO CHECK THE CURRENT SITUATION

**on
01823 674361 or e-mail shop@stawleyshop.com**

Help for Bathealton residents

If you find yourself isolated in any way at this time and want some help
please get in touch

Shopping, picking up prescriptions, odd jobs you can't manage
or just a phone call for a chat

Get in touch with George & Harriet Hills
on
01984 623320 or email hillsgeorge66@gmail.com

Country matters Home Thoughts from Abroad

*Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England – now!*

Early March: The Spring is underway after a very mild wet winter with a marked absence of cold weather, although many elements of the Spring are running late. The rookeries kicked off tardily, hindered by rain and gales. Also it has been a rather silent Spring – too windy for birdsong and few butterflies, bees and hoverflies have ventured forth, although bumblebees have come out of hibernation. The warmth has interrupted hibernation and dormancy, so energy is needlessly used up. Also losses to predation from drowning and damping off are increased.

Mid March: In winter long-tailed tits go about in flocks, but they move about as individuals, not in clustered groups. With their long tails they look like small-winged tea spoons. They are now pairing up to choose their nesting site. The nest is a beautiful domed structure of moss with an entrance hole in the side. It is camouflaged with lichen bound together with a network of spider's webs and lined with well over one thousand soft feathers. The clutches of eggs are large, eight or so, and the female bends her tail over her head to sit on the nest. If a pair lose their nest they help other parents bring up their brood.

The bumblebees which are appearing in the sunshine are females which were fertilized last summer, thereafter over-wintering in crevices ready to lay their eggs. The males died after fertilization. The females find a hole and build up a store of wax and pollen to make a nest to lay their eggs.

Late March: I heard the chiffchaff calling in the hedgerow, and the middle of April is the time to look out for swallows and house-martins.

Sally Merrett

Rainfall records

We are delighted that Val and Ian Coots, who live at Bathealton, have just set up a rain gauge and will

be providing us with information as from the beginning of March.

In the meantime Graham Henson, from Stawley, has kindly provided us with his records for January and February 2020, together with comparable figures for the previous five years.

Thank you both and here are the records to date:

Rainfall (inches) as recorded at Stawley

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	7.8	3.2	6.7	2.9	4.0
February	7.6	3.1	2.4	2.4	8.3

Note: we are all aware that we have had a very wet start to 2020 but 2014 was even wetter with 11.6 ins recorded at Stawley, not surprisingly, that was the year when the Somerset Levels suffered severe flooding.

Thank you Graham

For many years, Graham Henson has collected the copies of the Parish News from the printers and distributed the appropriate number of copies to our doorstep deliverers. He and Nancy have also made some of the doorstep deliveries in their immediate home area.

Graham has finally decided to 'hang up his boots' so we would like to say a big 'Thank you Graham' for your dedication and service.

Pat Sweet has kindly offered to take over those responsibilities, so, in future, you will be seeing a new face on the last Friday of the month.

Eds

What's to do?

Bathealton Plant Sale

Regretfully we have decided not to hold the Plant Sale at Hellings on 2nd May. Obviously seeds have already been sown and plants potted so we will look for other ways of making them available to buy.

At the moment what we plan to do is provide a rough list in next month's Parish News and possibly sell plants by phone, 'on line', or by individual appointment, unless a miracle happens.

Watch this space.

*Morag Berthon
01984 623563*



Cothay Manor



Due to the Covid -19 situation, the house and tearooms will be closed until further notice, but the gardens will be open to the public

The gardens are open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11am until 5pm.

Please note that we will be taking card payments, but not cash.

Please support your local business

Cothay Manor, Greenham, Near Wellington TA21 0JR
E mail: cothaymanor@btinternet.com
Telephone: 01823 672283
www.cothaymanor.co.uk

Footpaths and Bridleways

A reminder from Somerset County Council which is particularly relevant at this time of year when preparing to sow spring crops.

Landowners are reminded of their responsibility to maintain and keep rights of way on their property. They must:

- Reinstate within two weeks cross field public footpaths and bridleways that have been ploughed so that they have a safe and level surface;
- Prevent crops (other than grass) to grow along or overhang a public right of way. If crops do grow along or overhang a public right of way they should be sprayed off or cut so that the public right of way is apparent on the ground and easy to use and easy to follow; and
- Do not plough field edge public rights of way or cross field restricted byways or byways open to all traffic.

Have you downloaded your //what3words yet?

Information is available at <https://what3words.com/how-to-use-the-what3words-app/>

Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

VETS is a community-run system and upon dialling the number, all volunteers are contacted in an attempt to raise help locally. If no volunteers are available, the caller will be notified.

Alongside the recently installed defibrillators (defibs), we now have a group of community volunteers who can be contacted in emergencies on the following numbers:

Ashbrittle, and Stawley **01823 244104**

Bathealton **01984 322919**

Kittisford, Tracebridge and Appley **01823 245101**

A map defining the different areas is shown on parish notice boards, but precise boundaries do not matter. Take note of the numbers and, if needed, ring whichever one seems most appropriate for you. Your actual location is less important than the speed of action to get a defib to where it is needed. These numbers are not 'tied' to a particular defib; the volunteer will fetch their nearest one and bring it to you.

In the event that a defib seems necessary in your household, the VETS scheme offers you help and moral support by enabling you to contact local help and can increase the speed of a local response.

ALWAYS DIAL 999 FIRST IN AN EMERGENCY. IF A CHANCE ARISES THEN DIAL THE VETS NUMBER

Defibs are permanently located at these places and can be found using the What3words codes below:

Ashbrittle Village Hall, on outside wall
blurts.flats.crouching

Bathealton Village Hall, on outside wall
relatives.widgets.rolled

Kittisford New House Farm, on barn wall, opposite Church

bonkers.regime.lyracist

Stawley Shop, on outside wall
messaging.servers.quaking

These are accessible 24 hours a day and no access codes are required

Test your General Knowledge

1. What type of craft crossed the English Channel for the first time in 1966?
2. What is the largest planet in our solar system?
3. Which English walled city contains The Shambles, a minster and the National Railway Museum?
4. In what type of race do competitors not have to cross the finishing line?
5. Which animal supplies the milk to make mozzarella cheese?
6. What is the name given to the art of handwriting?
7. In what year did England win the Rugby Union World Cup?
8. Who is the only male actor to win three Oscars in the leading actor category?
9. Which metal comes from an ore called bauxite?
10. Name the knighted GB sailor who won medals in 5 consecutive Olympics from '96?
11. Which county contains Highclere Castle, the National Motor Museum and Marwell Zoo?
12. Who voiced Paddington in the two latest movies also starring Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins?
13. What word can be added to dream, steam and life to make a new word or phrase?
14. Who is the Bank of England's new governor, replacing Mark Carney?
15. What would you expect to find in a campanile, a type of tower?
16. Which classic story contains the characters Jim Hawkins, Squire Trelawney and Blind Pew?
17. Name the only mammal capable of powered or flapping flight?
18. Who played Florence Foster Jenkins in the 2016 film, also starring Hugh Grant?
19. Caracas is the capital of which South American country?
20. Which American competitor is the worlds most decorated Olympian with 28 medals in both individual and team events?
21. What is the most southerly point of mainland England?
22. What links Nancy Birtwhistle, John Waite, Candice Brown & Rahul Mandal?
23. A leveret is the young of which animal?
24. Which spirit is distilled from sugarcane residues or molasses?
25. If you're discombobulated, what are you?

And how did you do? but please no cheating by using Google !! Answers for the General Knowledge Quiz on page 10 and on p 14 for 'The Faces' teaser opposite.

Many thanks to Alan Rose and John McIlwain - Eds

Lunch Club

Our February meeting was well attended as our speakers were the ever popular Judy and Gerry Webb. They had recently returned from China, bubbling with enthusiasm and full of entertaining stories of amazing encounters and fascinating and out of the ordinary sites they had visited.

To continue the theme, Judy had arranged for Jackie White, our cook, to make us a Chinese meal which most people tried and enjoyed, although there was also an alternative traditional option. Thank you, Jackie, for the big effort.

As with almost everything in the present crisis, sadly our Lunch Club will not be meeting until further notice. We will start again as soon as we are able and will keep our regulars informed.

Although I have some speakers lined up and 'on hold', I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has ideas for future meetings. Most of us in isolation will have plenty of 'thinking time', so maybe between us we will come up with a brilliant programme for the later part of the year! Email me at deliaharling123@tiscali.co.uk or tel: 01823 672203

Delia Harling

Mobile Library

Service withdrawn until further notice

Another brain teaser - recognize the Faces. Who are they?



Open All Hours All strange, all change

Suddenly life has gone all odd, most peculiar! Everything is changing - all because of a nasty little thing called the Coronavirus. Apparently the figure 70 has become magical. Yesterday Jim was 69 – fit and healthy, out and about, doing lots for people. Now he's 70 and he is advised to stay indoors except for essentials – to protect both his own health and that of those he might meet.

Look, there's June staggering out of ASDA under piles of toilet rolls! Why?

Anyway, we can always go out to amuse ourselves (if under 70) – good film at the Wellesley, pint at the pub, nice meal for two. We can't. All closed in accordance with government advice.

The churches closed too, surely not? (*Remember Alan Rickman as Sheriff of Nottingham in "Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves"?* 'Oh and by the way, Christmas is cancelled')

The Easter story breathes hope and reassurance into us all, especially those fighting their battles with illness, including the Coronavirus.

By the way, if you are housebound during this crisis and need some supplies, we are happy to help at the shop – see the advert on page 5 in this Parish News.

HAPPY EASTER!

Martin at the Shop

Meadow Farm Wool

You may remember that a few years ago we raised Jacob sheep and took their fleeces up to have them spun in a traditional Yorkshire Mill. The result was lots of unbleached four ply and double knitting wool which we sold to make money for Headway (a brain injury charity) and Teenage Cancer Trust. We aimed to make £2000 from this project and succeeded in donating over £4000 before deciding that we would no longer keep the sheep.

As a consequence there is still some Meadow Farm wool for sale and I wondered if it might be of interest to those staying at home for the foreseeable future who would like a knitting project. I am very happy to deliver the wool to your door and will accept cash donations to Kittisford Church.

Most of the wool is off white, (sheep coloured) although there is a limited amount of a darker grey double knitting wool formed by mixing the dark and light wool from the Jacob sheep. If you would like to know more email me on amusgrove@cantab.net or ring on 01823 672627.

Annie Musgrove

How well did you do?

Answers to the General Knowledge Quiz on page 8.

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Hovercraft | 14) Andrew Bailey |
| 2) Jupiter | 15) A bell |
| 3) York | 16) Treasure island |
| 4) Swimming | 17) Bat |
| 5) Buffalo | 18) Meryl Strep |
| 6) Calligraphy | 19) Venezuela |
| 7) 2003 | 20) Michael Phelps |
| 8) Daniel Day Lewis | 21) The Lizard |
| 9) Aluminium | 22) Bake off winners |
| 10) Sir Ben Ainsley | 23) Hare |
| 11) Hampshire | 24) Rum |
| 12) Ben Whishaw | 25) Confused |
| 13) Boat | |

Temporary Road Closures

The following Notices have been served by

Somerset County Council

Bishops Hill from 60m east of the junction with Appley Road, eastwards for a distance of 100 metres to enable Somerset Highways to carry out drainage works.

This becomes effective on **06 April 2020**. The works are expected to last for **12 days**.

Short term pain for long term gain Eds

Gypsy Lane & Greenham Quarry Road to enable A-Plant Traffic Controls to access underground cabling on behalf of BT Openreach for a new customer connection.

The works are expected to commence on **5th April 2020** and last for **1 day (08:00-17:00hrs)**.

Diversions will be in place.

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Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council held at Appley Pavilion on Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Please note that the full statement of Minutes are available in the Information Booth (the old Telephone Box by The Globe). The following is a resume in a more easy to read format.

Land at Appley Cross

The Chairman informed the Council that a meeting had been held with the Chairmen of the Rural Community Initiative, Stawley Community Association, and a Councillor from Ashbrittle to determine what could be done to prepare a case for buying the land at Appley Cross which is coming up for auction on the 31st March. After that meeting Somerset West and Taunton District Council had been approached with a view to a combined bid for the land. The result of that approach had initially been positive but on the 3rd March had become less so because of the lack of time before the 31st March in which to prepare a case for the purchase. The discussion was then opened to the floor.

Reasons to buy the land were put forward including:

- Being able to eventually put through a footpath between the School and Pavilion
- Building a car park for the use of the School
- Providing land for affordable housing
- Other community use

After discussion the Councillors decided that:

- The risk of buying land at above its agricultural value and then not being able to do anything with the land because of planning and access constraints was too great to justify a bid higher than the £60,000 that had already been offered.
- A member of the Council will attend the auction to try and identify the purchaser.
- The purchaser, if any, will be approached to determine whether they would wish to sell or grant some land for the required footpath and possibly affordable housing site.

The Globe Inn

The Globe Inn has closed. It is known that the freeholder is wishing to sell the property. The Chairman briefed the meeting on the steps which would have to be taken by the Council should we wish to activate the "Community Right to Bid". After discussion with the floor the Councillors decided that it was unlikely that the local community would be able to support a bid for the pub because of the multitude of locations for community events that can be found in Stawley and adjoining parishes.

The Chairman was tasked to inform the freeholder of this position.

Appley Pavilion Support

The Pavilion Committee has approached the Council asking for financial support to repair the roof of the Cob Hut and maintain the car park. The Council agreed in principle that it would provide 50% of the cost of these items subject to a financial case being submitted at a future meeting when the grant is required.

VE Day – 8th May 2020

No further action will be taken by the Parish Council. It was agreed at the December 2019 meeting that the Council could support any event financially when more is known about Pavilion plans.

Broadband Offer

The Chairman briefed the meeting on the results of discussions with Technological and Openreach. The former is probably only going to provide a network as far as Bathealton but knows of our interest should they decide to come further south. Discussions with Openreach are ongoing but the initial estimate of cost for Stawley and Ashbrittle was about £280k for connection of 109 properties. Even if all these properties signed up for the connection this would result in a deficit of between £100k and £150k after taking up the available grants. As only 35% of the property owners had registered an interest in being connected to fibre this deficit could be much larger. The Council decided that it would continue to watch and wait for any further schemes to connect rural remote properties to fibre but would not pursue the Openreach offer unless there was considerably more sign up from property owners.

Brookbank

The Chairman informed the meeting that the police had visited Brookbank following a number of incidents in Kittisford over the past few months. Any further incidents should be reported to the police.

Employment Local Development Order (LDO) for small scale Industrial space

The Council considered the local implications of this LDO should it be accepted by the District Council. It decided that the advantages that might accrue to local people through providing small scale employment opportunities outweighed the risks of over development. The Chairman was asked to make a return to the District Council supporting the initiative.

Proposal for Unitary Authority within Somerset

After an initial flurry of media coverage and e-mails from the Councils, this possibility has receded. No action will be taken by the Parish Council at present.

Finance

The balance in the account is £8,877.75. A further VAT Refund of £95.91 has been received.

Some salt had been purchased by the Parish Council before the County Council had put out salt bags.

Paul Musgrove, Clerk to the Council

Village Oil Group

To place your order please email judy.milne@btopenworld.com or contact Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205.

Orders by the Sunday evening, before the next delivery day please, which will be **Wednesday 8th April**
New members always welcome

Beans - grow them at home

This spring I will have more time than usual to plant things in the garden and I am a little sad I have no children at home to help because growing beans is so worthwhile and pleasing. Runner beans in particular are very tolerant, so whatever the weather they always produce a harvest and the flowers are pretty, pink and white as well as red. The beans themselves are not only green, yellows and purples are available, and they are easier to spot when you pick, although the purple ones sadly lose their colour when cooked. I don't find borlotti beans so easy to grow but they are worth trying because the beans are such lovely colours.

Many people grow vegetables every year, but if you are new to it ring up a gardener you know and ask their advice. (You might find one who has not talked to anyone else today.)

Choose climbing varieties of runner beans, French beans and borlotti beans and grow them up canes or sticks. (I find the dwarf kinds produce beans too near the ground and they get dirty and eaten by slugs). Most seed suppliers offer mail and online orders and have useful tips too.

Start planting in April. Broad beans can go straight into the ground, runner, borlotti and french beans can go in pots inside (they take a week or two to germinate) or wait until May to plant them outside. Starting them in pots is more reliable because it gives them a better start in life and greatly reduces the risk of slug damage; slugs just love succulent young bean plants. Save some of the seeds to plant in June to extend the harvest. Children might like to grow some in a jam jar (*see: youtube, The Dad Lab, How to grow a bean plant in a jar?*)

Julia Swan

The Mary Michael Way

Earlier in the month I decided to get out and about to discover the lanes and footpaths around our lovely part of Somerset. We often end up knowing more about the places elsewhere in the UK and abroad that we visit, than our those on our doorstep. With this in mind, I checked out the website for the Mary Michael Way (www.marymichaelpilgrimsway.org) which practically runs past our front door in Greenham. How apt this plan is now that travel is so restricted and we are encouraged to isolate and take exercise outdoors.



The Mary Michael Way is a long distance route via lanes and footpaths from St Michael's Mount to Avebury. Using this as a guide I have set about walking for a day a week from Greenham to Wells with two Labradors, husband Paul (who is great at map reading) and a picnic. We have had some fantastic walks finding footpaths and by-ways we didn't know existed and have barely seen anyone on them. I had the vague idea of visiting the churches on route and also making a couple of sketches of memorable scenes as I went. Disappointingly some of the smaller churches have been locked and all will be closed now. We have discovered some real treasures in the churches when open, which have an amazingly long heritage. The guidebook is useful as it gives some historic details to places along the way but isn't essential as there is lots of information on the website.

Now that we have more time, I am planning to step up my pilgrim walking and fit in an extra day walking in the opposite direction towards St Michael's Mount. It is a bit of a bore having to sort out transport to get back, which may now be not available, but it is wonderful to get out and take some isolated exercise and enjoy the landscape.

I have made a few ink sketches along the way, including the one above of the ancient oaks on the path at Corfe, and one day I hope to have them exhibited in Wells.

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A reminder that, hopefully, the Stawley Flower and Produce Show will be on Sunday 13th September 2020. Please put this date in your diary and start planning your prize-winning entries!

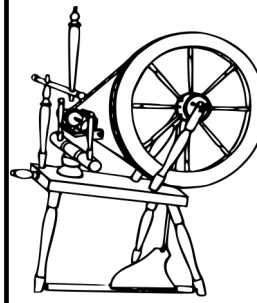
In the meantime, this could be a great opportunity to spend time in our gardens and enjoy the fresh air.

If you have any suggestions and new ideas, or any other inquiries, please contact Pauline on 01823 672222, email pjw200355@gmail.com, or Sue on 01823 674471.

And remember, new members are always welcome.

Hoping you all stay well.

Pauline Wood and Sue Jacoby



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2. Ben Stokes
3. Lewis Capaldi
4. Joaquin Phoenix
5. Billie Eilish
6. Dominic Cummings
7. Harvey Weinstein
8. Jeffrey Epstein
9. James McAvoy
10. R Kelly
11. Rebecca Long Bailey
12. Greta Thunberg
13. Gillian Anderson
14. Hailey Baldwin/Bieber
15. Samuel Pepys
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20. Jodie Comer
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26. Steve Coogan
27. Carlo Ancelotti
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29. Peter Fogg, Postman Pat
30. Herman Goering
31. Jim Parsons, Big Bang Theory
32. Phoebe Waller-Bridge
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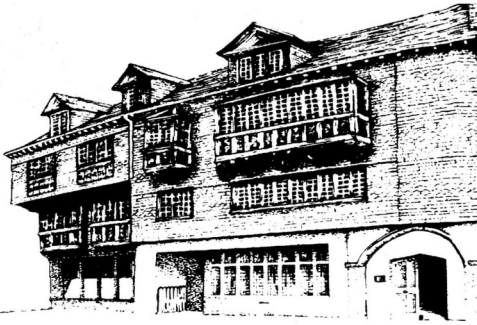


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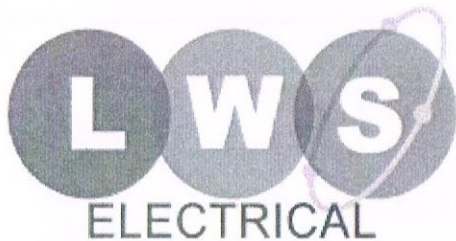
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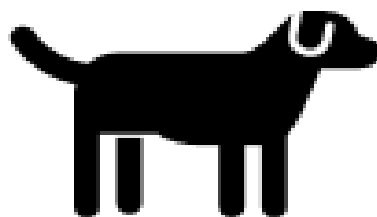
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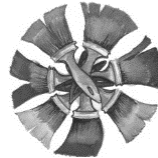
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<i>June</i> 6th		Stawley Fete and Garden Party at Stawley Mill
<i>September</i> 13th		Stawley Flower and Produce Show, Appley Pavilion

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