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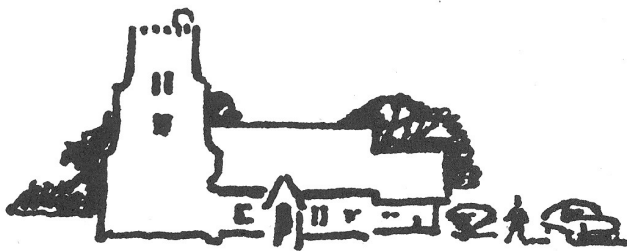
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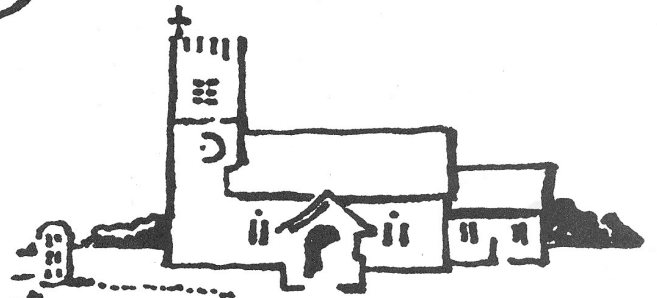


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# Parish news



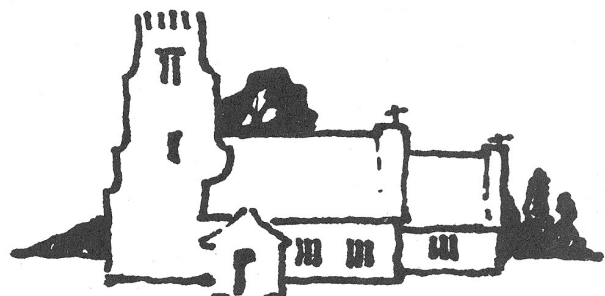
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*Diana Willis '90*  
 DIANA WILLIS '90

July 2020

## **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

As you will know, in accordance with the lifting of certain restrictions, we have been working towards opening our churches for private prayer and funerals.

We have received substantial guidance, both from central government and the national church, with which we have had to comply.

**Ashbrittle PCC have made the decision to open Ashbrittle church on Sunday mornings from 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon. This will begin on Sunday June 28th.**

The government has announced that from July 5th, our churches may be open once again for public worship. As we have not yet received any further instructions regarding these acts of worship, in the first instance I propose that I will be present in the churches on certain dates and at certain times.

If you would like to join me in prayer, you will be most welcome.

**Sunday July 5th. Trinity 4. 9.30 a.m. Stawley**

**Sunday July 12th Trinity 5. 9.30 a.m. Ashbrittle**

**Sunday July 19th Trinity 6. 9.30 a.m. Kittisford**

**Sunday July 26th Trinity 7. 9.30 a.m. Bathealton**

I look forward to being with you once again.

There will be more details of services in the August edition of The Parish News

*Martin Beaumont*

## **Churchwardens and Clergy**

### **Ashbrittle with Greenham**

Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ 01823 672365  
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**Bathealton** Pauline and Andrew Lyle,  
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**Kittisford** Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW 01823 672627

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

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

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## Thought for the Month

Most of us who have reached a certain stage in life will have become familiar with the dreaded medical "tests". These tend to fall within various different categories. Some are routine screenings; blood pressure, sugar, organ function, whilst others come round with less regularity but more dependence upon our age and sex. Most of these occur without any noticeable symptoms and are offered in line with preventative rather than restorative medicine.

However, from time to time we may come across an unexplained lump or bump and these will be patiently examined and removed before or after the recommended biopsy. We hope we won't have long to wait for the result and we take consolation from such helpful information as, "only one percent of those testing positive will require further treatment"!

It is both inevitable and human that we should feel somewhat anxious during these times of waiting. Whilst I am able to write about this with some personal experience, over the years I have spoken with a good number of friends, family and colleagues, some of whose times of waiting have been filled with dread.

Good news brings relief and celebration. Less good news is inevitably unwelcome but it does open doors that lead to treatment and cure. What most of us find difficult is the uncertainty of the waiting. Once we know what the future has in store we can move forward with relief or the assurance of hope.

I have the sense that this is where we find ourselves at present. We have spent the best part of three months in "lock-down", carefully and sensibly obeying the rules and avoiding other people. However, unlike an air-raid, the "all clear" has not sounded. We have not been released from our confinement, to gambol (if we still can gamble!) in the sunlit uplands. Instead, we have been told that the risk of infection remains and although we are now allowed to venture further afield, we must take certain preventative measures to reduce that risk.

The same is true of our church life. We are now permitted to open our churches for private prayer and "small" funerals. It may not be too long before the government allows us to extend that opening to meeting together for public worship and for that, much thanks. But the virus has not gone away, to return to the analogy, the "all clear" has not sounded. Some risks, albeit reduced, remain.

The Churchwardens and the PCCs of all our churches are now discussing how best to proceed

with this re-opening. We will have to consider which recommended precautions to adopt and how far we can worship together whilst remaining safe.

When we return to worship, we may have to accept that things may not be quite as they were and may have to remain so for some time. However, we are very hopeful that we will soon be worshipping together once again and that when we do, we will have taken steps to ensure the safety of us all.

With my very best wishes,

*Martin Beaumont*



**Quaker Meeting for Worship  
Spiceland Quaker Meeting  
Uffculme EX15 3AZ**

*As part of the  
The Quiet Garden Movement  
Spiceland Quakers are hoping to hold a  
Quiet Day at Spiceland Meeting House*

**15th August @ 10:30 am - 3:30 pm**

***The Quiet Garden Movement nurtures  
access to outdoor space for prayer  
and reflection in a variety of settings,  
such as private homes, churches,  
retreat centres, schools and hospitals  
– and creates opportunities for people  
to experience silence, restfulness and  
contemplative practices, with regular  
quiet days and retreats being offered  
in many Quiet Gardens.***

***There are over 300 Quiet Gardens  
worldwide.***

**Quiet Gardens provide hospitality and a  
safe, quiet space for coming home to  
oneself, for spiritual contemplation and  
reflection. <https://quietgarden.org/about/>**

***For more information phone John Bell on  
07580 958275 or use the "contact us" form  
on our website: [http://  
www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/](http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/)***

***The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)***

## Stawley Under Fives Preschool Re-opens!



Stawley Preschool was finally able to re-open its doors last week to a few of the children. At the moment, we are only able to offer places to children who are starting school in September (we also have a keyworker creche running five days a week at Sampford Arundel Primary School), but we really hope to extend our provision soon.

As you can imagine, after so many weeks of neglect, the garden needed a bit of a tidy! Two members of staff, Vicky and Nicky, did a great job of cutting the grass, strimming the edges and generally tidying it.

A parent kindly donated some top soil, so the children who came back last week worked hard to fill the new raised beds. If anyone is able to donate any plants to fill them, we would be very grateful, as our plans to grow from seed were somewhat scuppered by the pandemic!

Despite the uncertainty surrounding full opening, it is important that anyone interested in a place for their child at Stawley (Wednesday to Friday), or our other preschool Swallows at Sampford Arundel (Monday and Tuesday) gets in touch as soon as possible to register their interest. You can contact Becky, the manager on 01823 672342 Monday to Friday or speak to a team member on 07753552736 Wednesday to Friday.

*Becky Allder, Pre-school Manager*

## Gardening Club

As last month, there's not a lot to report on Gardening Club activities. Photographs from our gardens are still being shared, which do help to brighten the days. It certainly seems to be a year for roses. Please keep sending out pictures as your gardens progress towards and throughout the summer, it really lifts the spirits to see them.

The Bathealton plant stall is still going strong, offering a range of house plants and cut flowers as well as garden plants and vegetable seedlings. It is a bring and buy, so take along your surplus and treat yourself to something new. There are even a few little treasures which have lost touch with their labels so you could take pot luck and see what you get!

Just to keep you occupied on a rainy afternoon, we have included a Gardeners' 'Twenty Questions' in this issue. Hope you enjoy it!

We still hope that the Stawley Flower and Produce Show on Sunday 13th September can go ahead, but we'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, keep those gardens going.

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



And remember, new members are always welcome. If, during lockdown, you would like to be included in the Gardening Club group to receive the photographs of members' gardens etc. please let Pauline know by email, and she will add you to the circulation list.

*Pauline Wood and Sue Jacoby*

**Please note our change of email address:**

*[ashparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:ashparishnews@gmail.com)*

# Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room



July 2020 update

## Open for business!

Please continue to use your local shop  
as things return to normal!

We responded to the needs of our local  
communities during lockdown and now stock a  
wider range of goods than ever before!

Our fresh, seasonal **fruit and vegetables** are  
full of flavour.

They come from: Wagtail Farm at Stawley,  
Riverford in Devon, and  
Nynehead Fruit Farm

Now selling **Chinn's sausages** in a variety of flavours

Special offers on cases of **Taunton Cider**

**Opening Hours :** Monday to Friday 8.00 - 5.30  
Saturday 8.00 - 2.00  
Sunday 9.00 - 11.00

**Post Office services** available: Thursdays 11.30 - 1.30

Come and see us on the Ashbrittle road between  
Greenham and Tracebridge adjacent to Stawley School,  
or ring us on 01823 674361  
or email us at [shop@stawleyshop.com](mailto:shop@stawleyshop.com)

## Open All Hours

### Censor that word

How precious, how protective and how passionate some can become, whenever anyone in authority says: “You can’t go there, you mustn’t do that, you can’t say that, you can’t look at or read stuff like that.”

Censorship! How dare anyone stop me doing/saying/seeing what I like, it’s an insult to my freedom of choice.

Do you, Parish News peruser, ever wish you could censor something? Not necessarily something big, or famous, or popular – like “The Wizard of Oz” or “Love Island”, just the odd word here and there. Not get rid of it altogether – only where, when and how it’s used?

Here are a few words I would like to see removed or banned from being used, by certain people or in certain circumstances. Start with how politicians talk, then onto the BBC and its news bulletins. Those words “could”, “might”, “may” and other similar ones. I’m not really interested in what might or could happen.

“Tomorrow there may be rain over north Devon,” chirrups the weatherman. Mum and Dad want to take the kids to Ilfracombe, so, do they go with umbrellas, raincoats and hot water bottles or sun cream, bikinis, parasol and tuna sandwiches? Will it or won’t it? In something far more serious, like Covid-19, the words “could” and “might” have been used a lot when talking about the immediate future. And the mood and info being put across carry an air of threat, creating uncertainty, fear and subservience.

Not “could” or “might”, please. But will it, yes or no – and where are the facts that confirm it?

It’s become a common practice. It implies a cleverness that has little to back it up, especially when various authorities widely differ. Lots of “ifs” and “buts” (ban them too?). We see and hear it all the time when experts are talking about national policies, or some great event, or how Exeter City’s next game will go!

They are the words of hype and speculation. So don’t pussyfoot around with your “coulds” and “mights”, tell us how it is. And if you don’t know, say so.

And if you refuse, you never know, I might, even could, come and tell you off!

*Martin at the Shop*

## Patio Gardening

I have what is known in estate agents' jargon as a 'delightful patio garden'. In other words a small area of solid rock in front of my converted barn, surrounded by stone walls. Having persuaded the builders to add a paved front path, an enthusiastic friend hired a pneumatic drill to make holes in the rock to plant climbing clematis and jasmine. In due course they grew so big that there was hardly any space left in the middle of the patio.

Eventually after some massive pruning, by someone else, I was left with space for pots and troughs. These seem to have proliferated, although the contents have been far more reticent.

This year, after an entirely trouble free display of tulips, I took inspiration from local friends. They talked of burgeoning gardens full of wonderful flowers and vegetables and I thought this is the time to have a go.

Thanks to local generosity there have been numerous plant stalls with a variety of things to sample. I proudly planted six green beans, three lettuces, one tomato plant, one strawberry plant, parsley, basil, sweet william, sunflowers and lavender. As my patio can become a shadeless sun trap, I even watered them. Not a great deal has happened. Rogue violets, foxgloves and columbines have come and gone unbidden, feverfew grows feverishly, but the lovingly nurtured (in my view) plants have turned yellow and brown and are sulkily mulish and shrunken.

I will never have anything for the Stawley Flower and Produce Show. Maybe I should be scouring the small ads in this magazine for a gardener whose USP is 'no job too small'.

*Delia Harling*

### 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 12th August.**  
New members always welcome

## July Quiz

1. Which director's films include *The Aviator*, *Gangs of New York* and *Shutter Island*?
2. Which London thoroughfare is synonymous with private medicine?
3. Sara Davies, Theo Paphitis, James Caan and Hilary Devey have all appeared on which BBC programme first broadcast in 2005?
4. Ball Peen, Toffee and Claw are all types of what?
5. Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world, what is its capital?
6. The Bank of England was founded in 1694 and is known as The Old Lady of which street?
7. What is the science dealing with the motion of projectiles (shells, rockets etc) called?
8. Patrick Grant and Esme Young are judges on which current BBC competitive programme?
9. Three of Henry VIII's six wives had the same Christian name: What was it?
10. What are the names of the world's five oceans?
11. What does the acronym NATO stand for?
12. What is the process of removing minerals, chiefly salt, from sea water called?
13. Which author wrote the best selling book series ever, selling more than 500 million copies?
14. Which actors' films include *Philadelphia*, *Apollo 13*, *Castaway*, and *The Ladykillers*?
15. Which tennis ace won his eighth Australian Open title this year?
16. What is another name for the Chinese gooseberry?
17. Which fictional character circumnavigated the globe in 80 days in Jules Verne's 1872 novel?
18. Who was the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia in 1930?
19. Texas is the second largest US state; what is its capital?
20. Michael Caine, Ian McKellen, Christopher Plummer and Robert Downey Jr. have all portrayed which fictional super sleuth?
21. Which flamboyant pop group frontman, who died in 1991 aged 45, was born Farrokh Bulsara?
22. A human body core temperature below 35°C is defined as what?
23. Boris and Carrie Symonds son was born 29th April 2020. What did they name him?
24. Whose statue was toppled and dropped in Bristol harbour recently?
25. Comedian Tim Vine's award winning one liner: 'I decided to sell my Hoover, well it was....' what?

*Answers on page 14  
With thanks to Alan Rose - Eds*

## A View from the Veranda Pavilion News Summer 2020

After a very quiet, empty twelve weeks, the Pavilion has a little normality back with the return of Stawley Under 5's staff on the 3rd June and a 'bubble' of children on the 10th June.

Government legislation allowed the use of village halls for educational services from 1st June and Becky (the preschool manager) was quick off the mark in asking if they could make a return as soon as possible. We now have an insight into all of the extra work needed to prepare a building for use during the lockdown.

Many thanks to the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and Sally Sergeant for all of her advice and moral support and to Allied Westminster (our insurers) for giving clear guidance on how to set about the task and confirming we complied.

As ever, many thanks to the Cricket Club for keeping the ground looking superb during the last three months, it is really appreciated. Similarly to Under 5s for tackling the play area after it had been closed for three months.



For the time being, the Under 5s must be the sole users of the Pavilion and play area.

The Pavilion is a registered charity and we were eligible to apply for (and have now received) a Government Covid Grant to help offset the income lost during lockdown. This summer we would have welcomed three wedding parties and lots of events as well as our regular users.

We hope to be able to tackle a few jobs during the summer break, the priority being the car park. Quotes are being sought and the plan is to have it completed before the next wet season sets in.

Looking forward to a proper gathering before too long, fingers crossed for The Flower Show!

*Sally Scott, Pavilion Committee*

## Stalag Somerset Update

Following my incarceration in Somerset, which I described in the June edition of the Parish Mag, I have now got my release papers and I will be shortly heading north. Apparently I do not qualify for a demob suit but I do qualify for a free eye test to ensure I can drive safely within the lock down guidelines – that is providing I can get myself to Barnard Castle.

I am taking a bit of Somerset with me. Good friends John and Olga Dawer have given me a piece of ivy wood to make a musical instrument as ivy has some interesting acoustical characteristics. Also this was an inspired piece of occupational therapy to help me get through my porridge.

To get this musical project off to a flying start I consulted Michael Fairfax, our resident sculptor who is famed for making musical instruments from almost anything. After a long period of consultation at the required two metres distance we agreed that the way forward was to make a digeridoo out of the wood. This is an Australian instrument normally made from eucalyptus wood that has been reduced in volume by being eaten by termites. (Check it out on Google.) However progress on this approach was abruptly halted when we discovered that there was no clear evidence of termite activity in the wood and that ivy is toxic and harmful to skin. Because a digeridoo is a wind instrument we considered that the wood could have a deleterious effect on my mouth. Thus in public performances I would need to have a dermatologist on hand to counter the effect of the toxin between songs.

Michael and I then altered course and decided to make a stringed instrument from the wood. Michael screwed in some piano tuning pegs and attached some piano wire. Using a contact microphone attached to the end of the wood and an amplifier the effect was very encouraging. Sound came forth and cascaded all over Tracebridge. Well almost. But this led me to ask Michael to give a performance on his own instruments and the result was quite staggering. Slowly there was a buildup of sound from his instruments leading to an enormous cacophonous kaleidoscopic eruption that besieged my ears and was just wonderful.

Now I will take my ivy instrument to Warwickshire. It is to be known as an Ivyphone. Patents are pending. It is attracting enormous interest and I am hoping to enter the Young Musician of the Year Competition. The trouble is I may be a bit late (about 60 years) and I am not sure whether to put myself into the String Section or Percussion Section.

*Paul Jacques*

## Ups and Downs of Lockdown

This is our sign that we made to thank the NHS for their hard work, because we care. We made it with care and positivity. We made it by hand prints using colours of the rainbow. Unfortunately the rain soaked the picture so we had to take it down.



I have been having a book club online with my school friends from Australia. We read *Narwhal* (by Ben Clanton) to each other and really enjoyed it. I've been doing some school work but it has been difficult as my cousin from Latvia was here.



I have enjoyed going for walks and also looking after my two chicks.

*Gracie Oliver-Black, age 7*



# The Parish News Faces Quiz



*With thanks to Alan Rose. Answers on page 14*

## Do Accents (as well as grammar and spelling) Really Matter?

Firstly, may I express my thanks to Martin Jacoby, who for the last four years or more has informed, entertained and challenged us in the pages of the Parish News on a wide variety of thought-provoking topics.

In the last Parish News (June 2020) Martin amused us by asserting that 'Accents Matter', stressing - no pun intended - that this was about accentuation rather than dialect. In response I want to playfully challenge some of his comments and observations, look at them from a different perspective and suggest that neither accentuation, nor spelling and grammar, do really matter, but that communication and context does.

I must start by saying I agree with Martin and his examples that accentuation can help with differentiating between two uses of the same word as a noun and a verb (e.g. n. object and v. object). However, I believe that context is much more important in doing this. As an example, a surgeon's instruction with the incorrect accentuation to 'exercise a tumour' cannot be mistaken for imposing a tax on tumours! And in addition, many words have many meanings (polysemy). As an extreme example, in the Oxford English Dictionary the simple word 'set' has 58 uses as a noun, 126 as a verb and 10 as a participial adjective. No amount of accentuation can distinguish between all these, but context can; (e.g. to set a question, a set of tennis, social set, set jam, watch the sun or tide set, and many more)!

Martin describes the appreciation of being 'a native English speaker'. Even this collection of four words can be (mis)understood in a number of different ways: native and English can both be used as a noun or an adjective, and speaker is a noun with three possible meanings. The phrase 'a native English speaker' could be variously: a native who speaks English (an English speaking native); a native of England who speaks; a native of England who speaks English; a person brought up from birth to speak English (who could of course be, *inter alia*, a Scot, Welsh, Irish, American, Canadian, Australian, New Zealander etc, with their own words and idioms); and a native English (born) speaker (of the house of commons). It could even, in the context of say a Hi-Fi magazine, refer to 'a (loud)speaker made in England'! I would argue that we understand what Martin means because of the context in which he has said it, although there is still room for ambiguity, perhaps one of the delights of the English language?

Martin describes Samantha Cameron

conforming her English to the standards of the majority in order to make a message 'more accessible' as a deeply flawed argument, akin to suggesting that since most people drive badly, everyone ought to. But there can be a different interpretation of such an analogy. When living in Naples, my wife, Claire and I initially despaired of the Neapolitan apparent disregard for any rules of the road and terrifying driving, until we realised that whilst they drove badly (i.e. not according to the rules of the road) they were in fact very good drivers. If they had not been good drivers, then the excessive speeding, tailgating, under and over-taking and scant attention to any traffic signals would have led to a huge number of accidents, which it did not. Neapolitans did not abide by the rules, but still managed to travel by and have a love affair with the car, and most importantly completed their journeys. The same could, I contend, be applied to the use of English. In fact it is one of the great strengths of English that no matter how well or badly it is spoken or written, how bastardised it might be, we generally understand each other, even when travelling to New Delhi or to New Orleans or even to Newcastle! And surely if the purpose of language is to communicate, understanding of context and what is meant is what really matters, not changeable rules of grammar or spelling?

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Martin suggests in his conclusion that the *first purpose [of language] was to deceive, and that purpose is truly 'in our DNA'*. I disagree, and would go back to his earlier observations on primate grooming and agree that communication and language developed from, and are still intimately related to, social bonding. There are clear evidential examples that we modify and use language to fit in with the social groups to which we identify or aspire. This could explain why PR gurus encouraged Samantha Cameron to deliberately modify her language in order to appear in touch (more normal and less posh), in order to maintain a social bond with the majority. Equally you may recall Tony Blair and George Osborne dropping their aitches and being accused of going 'estuarine' to match so-called working-

class audiences; which is called ‘code-switching’ by professionals in linguistics. However, it is a bit like me trying to recount a Robbie Burns poem in a Scots accent on Burns Night; I sound and look ridiculous and often uncomfortable or insincere for pretending to be what I am not. There is also a very real danger that such parody transgresses into condescension, mockery or ridicule of individuals or groups – try using a camp voice in an LGBT gathering, or mimicking a racially stereotypical accent in Brixton to see how context matters!

Amongst the many books that Bill Bryson has written there is an often overlooked gem entitled *Mother Tongue*. Described as a ‘hymn to the mother tongue’, he examines ‘how a language treated for centuries as the inadequate and second-rate tongue of peasants’ has become the undisputed global language. Told with his customary wit, it has sections covering pronunciation, swearing, spelling, grammar, the old and new world etc. Although published thirty years ago, the arguments and observations remain valid, even if some of the examples now appear rather quaint. It also concludes by observing that the English no longer own their own language. A letter to *The Times* at the end of last month echoed this assertion, but highlighted that in comparison to French ‘it is the readiness of the English language to absorb words from other languages that gives it its extraordinary breadth and versatility with which to embrace the changes facing the world today’. We might no longer own and control it, but English is the global language, the *lingua franca* of the whole world!

*Jeremy Robbins*

**Dear Jeremy and editors,**

What a great delight to read such well thought-out criticism, and, if I may say as one severely unqualified, written in a way that there is no doubt about what you mean. It is very flattering to have someone take my views seriously enough to challenge them as you have done: great thanks because it is exactly why I write the pieces.

I agree with Jeremy that accentuation, spelling and grammar do not matter so much when the purpose is purely to convey meaning, but I disagree for one main reason. It is that solecisms cause the mind’s eye to stumble as one reads. Reading is a uniquely human activity that involves the whole brain. Briefly, as I understand it, our brains are divided into three integrated parts, each devoted to a different sensory input: fore-brain evolved to smell, mid-brain to see and hind-brain to hear. But reading is different – the

reader must relate the sight of letters and words, (mid-brain), to the sounds of spoken language (hind-brain). The process is so complex that converting the inputs into meaning takes place in the cortex of the fore-brain because that is where there is most spare computing capacity. When a person is reading with deep concentration, they are oblivious of minor distractions to a greater degree than in almost any other activity. But a bad misspelling, a breach of grammatical rules or an ambiguity can each disrupt the flow of ideas that contribute much to maintaining the shell that is concentration. The shape of the argument or description is irritatingly disrupted. Spoken language has no such complication, in that the listener usually tolerates, ignores or glosses over inaccuracy, exaggeration and hyperbole: “*everybody* says .....

” It is easier to subvert meaning in speech because it is transient, and one cannot go back and pick over a sentence or paragraph.

I accept all of Jeremy’s other points, and especially regret my contention that the first purpose of language was to deceive. Obviously, its first purpose was to make friends and allies, as Dunbar describes. Only later was it probably used to distort reality.

Many thanks, Jeremy, for your patience in dealing so effectively and humanely with a grump.

*Martin Jacoby*

**Dear Martin,**

Thank you so much for your response, although in neither piece can I see a grump!

I must admit I was torn in suggesting that spelling and grammar do not really matter, for exactly the reasons you lay out. For me, such mistakes also detract from the authority of a piece of writing; if the author can be slipshod with spelling and grammar, then so too surely with facts and argument? But then at other times I look at my own writing and realise I need to address the plank in my own eye before the speck in others, and that it is the message, not the medium, that matters!

I did not differentiate between the written and spoken word, which was also a mistake. In the latter I also worry that because we use language for social bonding, we also use it for social typecasting. Whilst I do not deny that competition and hierarchy are unavoidable parts of animal life, I worry that speech, dialect and the words we have been taught are no more valid a determinant of the ‘content of character’ than colour.

*Jeremy Robbins*

## Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council held online at 7:30 pm on the 2nd June

**Parish Councillors present:** Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM), Simon Buttars (SB), Pat Sweet (PS), Matt Vellacott (MV), Clive Wall (CW)

Others present: Dave Mansell (District councillor), 2 members of the parish.

### **Election of Chairman and Allocation of Responsibilities:**

CW proposed PM to continue as Chairman for the year. This was seconded by SB. PM was re-elected as Chairman and accepted the position.

The Portfolios were allocated as follows:

- PS – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
- SB – Highways
- CW – Planning
- MV – Footpaths

### **Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere**

It has been rumoured that the Appley Cross field has been sold. The Chairman will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had informed the owner of the Globe that there would not be a community bid to procure the pub.

**Finance Audit** The Council reviewed the requirements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and concluded that:

- There had been no change to the risks faced by the Council in the past year which justified a change to the Risk Assessment.

- The Council could sign to agree to the statements made in Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement.

*Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).* CW proposed and SB seconded that the section had been completed correctly and the meeting agreed that the section should be signed by the chairman and clerk.

It was agreed that the Responsible Finance Officer and chairman would fill out and sign Section 2 of the AGAR with the figures from the agreed accounts which were distributed to the councillors.

*Insurance* It was agreed that the premium should be paid for the insurance which was in the third year of a three year term.

*Payment of an invoice from Somerset West and Taunton Council (SWAT).* It was agreed that the invoice from SWAT for election services during 2019 should be paid.

*Donation to Pavilion for Cob Hut repairs.* It was agreed that the Council will pay 50% of the cost of the repairs being £362.50.

*Microsoft Invoice.* It was agreed that the annual licence fee for use of Microsoft Office 365 and One

Drive of £54.72 should be paid.

### **Planning**

- 35/20/0001 – Land South of Lutley Bridge. After discussion it was determined that this application should be supported.

- 35/20/0002 – Appley Croft Farm. This application for a new residence at the farm for an agricultural worker had been registered without any plans so the Council considered it as an outline application. The report supplied to justify the need for the new residence was considered in depth by the Council. The Council decided to object to the application on the grounds of insufficient evidence that the new heifer rearing contract, on which the application was based, is sustainable and that one of the varied buildings on site could be converted to a residence should the need for one be justified.

**Broadband.** The broadband situation has become worse since the start of lockdown as use of the 4G system had become overloaded. Attempts to get fibre into the parish continue whilst we wait for a new contractor to be appointed by Connecting Devon and Somerset.

### **Reports from Members.**

*Roads* – SB had worked hard to get prices for the refurbishment of more fingerposts but was not able to present a firm figure to the council. He will continue to push Exmoor Welding for a firm figure.

A spring or other leakage has emerged on the road between Cothay Bridge Farm and the entrance to Cothay. The clerk will report it to Highways.

*Footpaths* – Maize has been planted again across a footpath between Kittisford and Appley. The right of way will be monitored.

### **Any Other Business**

It was determined that the infant defibrillator pads at present in the Shop defibrillator should be removed. Schools will be approached for advice on whether these pads should be kept by them.

This is an edited version of the council minutes. The full version is available from the parish website ([stash.org.uk](http://stash.org.uk)) and in the phone box by The Globe Inn.

*Paul Musgrove, Clerk*

### **Parish News Donations**

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## Acorns of Nairobi

### “Mighty oaks from little acorns grow”

Home for Rossholme School in Kenya, with its doors firmly closed like so many schools worldwide, is a collection of corrugated tin shacks around a newly concreted open space for play, within one of the roughest slum areas in Africa: the Kiambiu in Nairobi. In better times, a hundred and twenty-five noisy, chattering, singing and very enthusiastic boys and girls from 3-9 years old, gather around their teacher to show off their latest efforts at writing, pictures and numbers. These children want to learn and, in their five classes with five teachers, their happy eagerness and competitive thirst for self-improvement is delightful; I know, I have experienced it. These kids, mostly attired in the navy and yellow Rossholme uniforms, are here to learn with some cultural learning and play activities thrown in, plus thick, sticky porridge for breakfast and other basic, local foodstuffs for lunch.

Joyce Aruga, a remarkably resilient, resourceful and ever cheerful character, is the Head. The youngest of eleven children, born on an island on Lake Victoria, she was the only one to attend school, let alone gain a teaching degree. Married off at fourteen to a forty-five year old for the price of two cows, she was disowned by her parents when she ran away...

The original Rossholme School was in East Brent, Somerset at the foot of Brent Knoll, near Burnham on Sea. I was Head until it sadly closed in 2005. I now run a UK registered charity which finances and supports the Rossholme School in Kenya. It is in a highly deprived area where our delightful ‘little acorns’ - all potential doctors, teachers and leaders - would otherwise have no opportunity for education. School is not compulsory in Kenya and even government schools charge fees. Several parents, currently working illegally in an area outside the slum, where an outbreak of the dreaded virus has broken out, have been heard to say: *I'd rather die of the virus than watch my children starve to death.*

For many, our nutritious food programmes provide their only proper sustenance. Parents pay what they can afford, which for most is nothing, so charitable fund raising ensures payment for rent, salaries, outings, books, stationery and uniforms.

In 2018, I told my Rossholme story at Ashbrittle Lunch Club; I was so excited – and quite overcome – to receive £260 in my red bucket. Most will remember the video recording, made by Joyce on her phone, of the pupils’ singing and sending greetings to ‘The people of Ash-breeeetle’! This funded two pupils at the school for a year (just

£100 each) and £60 went towards their annual outing to the Elephant Sanctuary in Nairobi. For most of the children this was their first ever view of wild animals, for which Kenya is so renowned, let alone life outside the slum.

Over £50 per month is donated by standing order by local people. Collecting tins in Stawley Shop and The Globe have raised over £100 and every penny goes to the school. The Company Secretary of an Africa based Communications business, with an office in Nairobi, happened to be imbibing in The Globe (those were the days...) and noticed our collecting tin. They have initiated a project for the installation of communication system at Rossholme.

I publish a newsletter (kindly produced pro bono by Media Edge UK Ltd in Bridgwater). If anyone is interested in receiving one or in learning more about Rossholme in Kenya, please contact me: [judy@rossholmeinkenya.org](mailto:judy@rossholmeinkenya.org) or 01823 673324 or look at the website: [www.rossholmeinkenya.org](http://www.rossholmeinkenya.org).

Judy Webb

## Gardeners’ Twenty Questions

- 1 A Hybrid Tea is a type of what plant?
- 2 Where do Pelargoniums originate from?
- 3 What herb beginning with ‘A’ has soothing properties?
- 4 The bark of which tree was the original source of aspirin?
- 5 Charles Darwin described this carnivorous plant as ‘the most wonderful plant in the world.’ What is its name?
- 6 The love apple is the original name for what?
- 7 The Death Cap is a poisonous variety of what?
- 8 A Kumquat is a small variety of what fruit?
- 9 Which part of a tree is used to make cork?
- 10 Which cereal must be grown in water?
- 11 Which part of a flower becomes the fruit?
- 12 What is another name for the Rowan Tree?
- 13 What flower is named after the botanist, Dr Leonard Fuchs?
- 14 What do Yew, Laburnum seeds and Mistletoe berries have in common?
- 15 What is the popular name for the Antirrhinum?
- 16 What is the sacred flower for the Buddhist religion?
- 17 Which plant takes its name from the Italian phrase for ‘Beautiful Woman’?
- 18 The Monkey Puzzle tree originates from which country?
- 19 What colour rose is associated with Lancashire?
- 20 What attribute makes Lavender ideal for growing in dry conditions?

## Country matters

### Foliage

*Come forth, and let us through our hearts receive  
The joy of verdure! – see the honied lime  
Showers cool green light o'er banks where  
wild flowers weave*

*Thick tapestry; and woodbine tendrils climb  
Up the brown oak from buds of moss and thyme,  
from its foliage*

*The rich masses of the sycamore  
Hang heavy with the fullness of their prime,  
And the white poplar, from its foliage hoar,*

*That sweeps the boughs: -  
the chestnut flowers are past,  
The crowning glories of the hawthorn fade,  
But arches of the sweet eglantine are cast  
From every hedge: - Oh! may we never lose,  
Dear friend! Our fresh delight  
in simplest nature's hues.*

*Felicia Hemans (1793-1835)*

**Late May:** I've only just discovered that the cuckoo was heard in Tracebridge and Ashbrittle this year. A recording was taken of it, so there is no doubt of it being mistaken for a collared dove cooing. This is probably the first time it has arrived in nearly twenty years. Another bird call that has been heard around Appley Cross is the hoot of the brown or tawny owl. But a pair have been hooting in the daytime which is fairly unusual. The familiar "tu whit tu whoo" is made by the male owl, the female having a sharper "whit whit" call. The tawny owl feeds on small mammals, worms, frogs, birds and even snakes.

Another daytime call is that of the roe deer which are only about 65cms high at the shoulder. The calls I have heard were a barking cough probably made by the male. The roe deer and the red deer are the only native species of deer.

Because of the high pressure and lovely sunny weather the dragon nymphs have become dragonflies a week or two earlier than usual. The nymphs live in water for up to five years and feed aggressively on small fish, tadpoles and anything that swims. They climb up a stalk from where they emerge from their shell. This is a very vulnerable time for them as they have to wait for their wings to expand and dry before they can fly. There are about 40 species of dragonfly, from the large emperor to the electric blue damselfly. They were around over 200 million years ago and make excellent fossils which can be found preserved in amber.

Oxeye daisies are trying to take over the world. They can grow up to two feet tall and are seen for two to three months. June also brings one of our

most beautiful and landscape changing flowers – the dog rose. These wild roses festoon the hedgerows, but the flowers are fragile and quick to fall. They are followed by bright red hips.

Look out for the pipistrelle bats flitting about in the evening. They can eat up to 3000 insects in one night. They find them when their radar-like squeaks bounce back off their prey.

*Sally Merrett*

## Quiz Answers

### July Quiz

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 Martin Scorsese                             | 2 Tanni Grey-Thomson   |
| 2 Harley Street                               | 3 Matt Smith           |
| 3 Dragons Den                                 | 4 Mel Giedroyc         |
| 4 Hammers                                     | 5 Terry Jones          |
| 5 Brasilia                                    | 6 Gwyneth Paltrow      |
| 6 Threadneedle                                | 7 Lee Evans            |
| 7 Ballistics                                  | 8 Lisa Tarbuck         |
| 8 The Great British Sewing Bee                | 9 Colin Jackson        |
| 9 Catherine                                   | 10 Amber Rudd          |
| 10 Atlantic, Southern Indian, Pacific, Arctic | 11 Steve Redgrave      |
| 11 North Atlantic Treaty                      | 12 Amanda Abbington    |
|   | 13 George Alagiah      |
|   | 14 Hilary Mantel       |
|   | 15 Bobby Robson        |
|   | 16 Janet Street Porter |
|   | 17 Nick Hower          |
|   | 18 Julia Gillard       |
|   | 19 Tim Peake           |
|   | 20 Karren Brady        |

Organ-

isation

- 12 Desalination
- 13 J K Rowling
- 14 Tom Hanks
- 15 Novak Djokovic
- 16 Kiwi fruit
- 17 Phileas Fogg
- 18 Amy Johnson
- 19 Austin
- 20 Sherlock Holmes
- 21 Freddie Mercury
- 22 Hypothermia
- 23 Wilfred Laurie
- Nicholas Johnson
- 24 Edward Colston
- 25 'just collecting dust'

### July Faces

- 1 Jim Broadbent

### Gardening Twenty Questions

- 1 Rose
- 2 South Africa
- 3 Aloe vera
- 4 Willow
- 5 Venus Flytrap
- 6 Tomato
- 7 Mushroom
- 8 Orange
- 9 Bark
- 10 Rice
- 11 Ovary
- 12 Mountain Ash
- 13 Fuchsia
- 14 They are poisonous
- 15 Snap Dragon

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There are ten local volunteers on each number and the first one who is available will respond to your call. If you are self-isolating and alone in your home, or whatever the circumstances, volunteers are out there to help you so please make use of this helpline. You may need some supplies, your medication or perhaps you have a concern or anxiety which you just need to talk through with someone... the community is here to help you.

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## **Minutes of the AGM of the Stawley Rural Community Initiative (RCI)**

Wednesday 15th June 2020 at 7.30 pm, held online by Zoom, in the light of the Coronavirus.

**Welcome:** The Chairman was pleased to welcome those who had been able to sign on to the Zoom conference facility and extended a particular welcome to Ann-Marie Paterson as a new member and thanked her for agreeing to be a committee member and trustee. He confirmed that notice of the delayed AGM had been appropriately publicised giving members of the public the opportunity to attend the meeting if they so wished.

**Present:** Michael Parkinson, Chairman (Mike), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Minutes Secretary (JW), John Hannon (JH), Cilla Newsom (CN), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP)

**Apologies:** Martin Perry, Jane Embleton, Laura Burrow.

**Correspondence:** Details contained in Chairman's Report 2019-2020, see below.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** They were agreed and signed by the Chairman

**Matters Arising:** None

**Chairman's Report:** The Committee held four ordinary meetings during the year.

In April 2019 Judy reported that the three defibrillators had arrived and were due to be installed at the beginning of May. Awareness sessions had been organised and volunteers for the Voluntary Emergency Telephone System had come forward, though more were needed.

The application for CIO status was proceeding at a snail's pace.

In July we received a letter from the Charity Commission turning down our application for CIO status. After much discussion it was decided to appeal this decision as we felt that some of their assumptions and statements were untrue. The defibrillators had now been installed free of charge by Geoff O'Hara who was gratefully thanked for his work. The boundaries of the four defibrillator zones were set. The chairman explained What-3-Words an accurate location system which is being used by the Emergency Services. The plan would be to issue all households with their own What-3-Words address which is accurate to three metres.

In September Judy reported that the VETS system was now up and running with nine or ten volunteers in each area. It was being regularly advertised in the Parish News.

In October we had an Extraordinary Meeting of the Trustees in order to slightly alter the wording of the new Constitution and to approve of these changes prior to re-submission to the Charity Commission.

In January it was reported that the Charity Commission had relented and granted us CIO status. The sale of Cookbooks had now broken even and half of any subsequent profit would go towards the shop (probably via the SCA).

Throughout the year reports from the various projects (Lunch club, Walking group, Oil group Walks leaflets and Art group) were all encouraging and running smoothly, thanks to the volunteers involved.

I should especially like to thank Pauline for looking after the accounts which are in fine fettle and Judy for minute taking and especially for her work with the defibrillators and VETS. Also not forgetting the usual stalwarts of Liz Taylor and Delia Harling at the Lunch Club, Judy Milne with the Oil Group and all the committee members for turning up regularly.

Since the advent of Covid-19 our activities have been curtailed, there being no Lunch Club and no Art Group In addition much local fundraising will be in abeyance for the foreseeable future. Meetings are taking place by video-link with amusing results!

**Treasurer's Report:** PW reported on the finances which showed a credit balance of £3916.42 for the financial year ending 31 August 2019. The accounts had been audited by Derek Sowden, a suitably qualified person.

**Appointment of Trustees:** As the RCI had finally re-gained its charitable status and was now recognized by the Charity Commission as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation), this was the first AGM of the newly constituted organisation. Trustees were therefore nominated with effect from the date of the AGM, as follows: John Hannon, Jane Embleton, Mike Parkinson, Pauline Wood, Judy Webb, Cilla Newsom, Ann-Marie Paterson.

All were duly elected and the Chairman undertook to ensure that JE was informed.

**Election of Officers:** The following nominations were made: Chairman – Mike Parkinson, nominated by JW, seconded by CN. Minutes Secretary – Judy Webb, nominated by PW, seconded by CN. Treasurer – Pauline Wood, nominated by CN, seconded by JW. All were duly elected.

**AOB:** None

The date of the next meeting would be advised dependent on the circumstances

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

*Mike Parkinson, Chair*

## **Minutes of RCI meeting Wednesday 17th June**

Held online by Zoom.

**Welcome** by the chairman.



**Present:** Michael Parkinson, Chairman (Mike), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Minutes Secretary (JW), John Hannon (JH), Cilla Newsom (CN), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP)

**Apologies:** Martin Perry, Jane Embleton, Laura Burrow.

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes of the last meeting:** They were agreed and signed.

**Matters arising:** The land beside Stawley School had been sold; it was thought that the buyer was sympathetic to the idea of the school being able to use it for access to the Pavilion. It was generally decided that there was no benefit to be gained from Ethical Angel.

**Accounts:** The Treasurer's Report showed a total credit balance of £3365.57 as at 17th June 2020, comprising balances as follows: RCI £2084.90; Active Living £757.72; Youth Club £522.95.

The current situation means that income and outgoings have been fairly static since the last meeting in January because it had not been possible to carry out normal activities. It was hoped that LB might be able to initiate some youth activities as the situation regarding isolation and lockdown was eased. A donation of £100 had been made to the Tai Chi group and new DeFibrillator pads, which need to be renewed every 3 years, had been purchased for the Shop Defibrillator, at a cost of £45.60.

The Easy Fundraising scheme had raised £46.75 this period. This is an easy to use scheme whereby certain companies donate between 0.5% and 5% of every purchase made to a nominated charity, in this case Stawley RCI. CN suggested it should be further advertised and promoted in the Parish News and at the Lunch Club in future.

**VETS:** JW reported that this scheme had been converted into a HelpLine for six months to deal with any help which may be required in connection with the pandemic.

**Emergency Services Access:** JW reported that publicity about [///what3words](http://what3words) continues in the Parish News and people are becoming more aware. However, PW reported that the Ambulance Service was apparently completely ignorant of the scheme when an ambulance was requested for a fairly serious local incident.

**AOB:** PW advised that the CIO report to the Charity Commission was required by end of June. She would contact the bank to confirm the signatories as PW, Mike, JE. Barbara Roll's name as the previous Treasurer would now be removed and the bank account would remain with Santander; a Deposit Card could be used to pay money into the Post Office at Stawley Shop on Thursday mornings.

**The next meeting** would provisionally take place on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 pm at Chackeridge Cottage but would be subject to review depending on circumstances.

The meeting closed at 8:37pm and the Chairman thanked those who had participated in the unusual circumstances.

*Mike Parkinson, Chair*

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We are enjoying these sessions so much, they are being held every other Tuesday from 2.30pm. If you would like to join us, and you don't have to spin, anything woolly or similar would do, let me know and I will include you in the Zoom invitation.

Next Zoom Spinning Sessions:

Tuesday 30th June and 14th July at 2.30pm

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*Pauline Wood*

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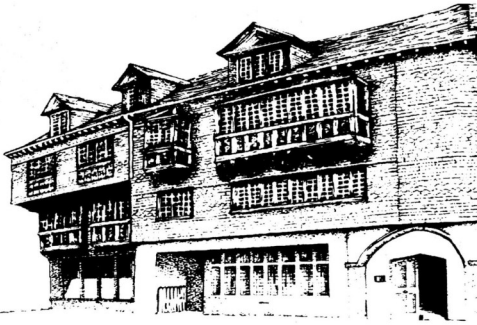
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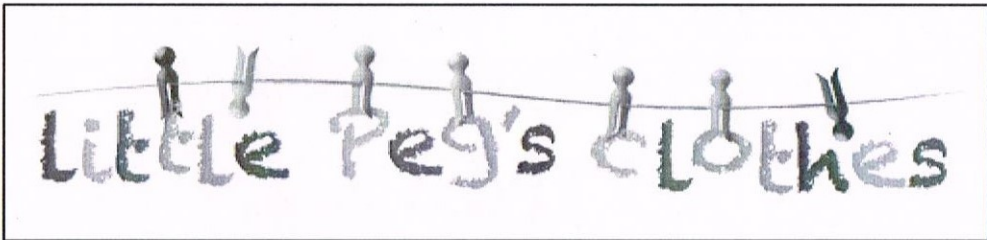
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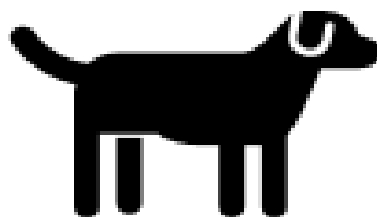
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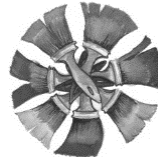
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