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March 2021

For the Parishes of ASHBITTLE with GREENHAM, BATHEALTON, STAWLEY and KITTISFORD

Church Services

We are hoping that the government will announce shortly the easing of some of the restrictions imposed in January. However, whilst these remain in place, we will continue to ensure that care is taken to maintain social distance, wear a face covering and use the available hand sanitiser.

Communion is received by the congregation in one kind only (the bread) and to do so, members of the congregation remain in their places. For the time being, I am afraid, we are still unable to sing, either inside or outside churches.

I hope that we may have some better news next month, particularly for the Easter Services.

Sunday March 7th 9.30 a.m.	Lent 3 Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday March 14th 9.30 a.m.	Lent 4 Parish Communion	ASHBRITTLE
Sunday March 21st 9.30 a.m.	Lent 5 Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
Sunday March 28th 9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Parish Communion	BATHEALTON
Thursday April 1st 6.00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Eucharist of the Last Supper	KITTISFORD
Friday April 2nd 12.00 noon	Good Friday One hour Devotion	GREENHAM
Saturday April 3rd 4.00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Childrens' Easter Celebration and Egg hunt	GREENHAM
Sunday April 4th 9.30 a.m.	EASTER DAY Parish Communion	STAWLEY

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Ashbittle with Greenham

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Thought for the Month

When the Christian Church first decided the date of Easter, and as I have described in other editions, this decision was somewhat long, complicated and often contentious, it resolved to do so in the season of spring. Bearing in mind that the Church was then nearly exclusively a western movement and confined to the northern hemisphere, the spring meant that Easter occurred in either March or April.

The spring seemed to suggest and still does, re-birth and regeneration, an ideal image for the resurrection of Christ from the dead. For this reason, the word "Lent" was chosen for the forty day period that precedes Easter. "Lent" is derived from the Old English "Lencten" which meant "lengthening" and refers to the hours of daylight. Lent is therefore, not only a time of preparation for Easter but each day provides a gradual but imperceptible movement towards the re-birth of the natural world.

The early Church

In the early Church the daily fasting of Lent was strict and closely observed. There was only one meal a day, usually eaten at about 3.00 in the afternoon. Meat, fish and even eggs were forbidden, with vegetables, bread or oat based gruel as the major constituent of the daily dish. Gradually, the breaking of the fast occurred earlier in the day at about noon. This was easier to regulate in religious houses (monasteries and convents) than amongst the faithful, but there have been periods in the history of the church when these restrictions were imposed by the state as well as the church.

It is interesting that Buddhist monks and nuns to-day, only eat once a day at noon, when the food they consume is vegetarian and donated by the faithful.

The sixteenth century Reformation brought about a gradual relaxation of the rules regarding lenten fasting, but retained an emphasis on Lent as a period of preparation for Easter. Self discipline, prayer, Bible study and penitential exercises replaced the focus of lent on dietary restrictions. Instead, the forty days were to be a time when we made ourselves ready for the Resurrection by spiritual exercises. There was also a movement towards using Lent for a growth in charity; Christians were encouraged to be more loving towards others.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674), begins his poem "To keep a true Lent" with a question,

*"Is this a Fast, to keep
the larder lean?"*

*And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?*

*Is it to quit the dish of flesh, yet still to fill the
platter high with fish?"*
and it concludes,
*"No: 'tis a fast to dole thy sheaf of wheat
and meat unto the hungry soul.
It is to fast from strife and old debate and hate".*

This is perhaps the origin of "taking up" something for Lent and can be just as much a discipline as abstinence. This Lent, I imagine we have had just about as much as we can take of restrictions of one kind or another. Whether this be a denial of access to school, shops, holidays and even other members of our family, we are looking forward to an easing of the disciplines imposed by others.

However, each and every day continues to provide us with an opportunity to do good. In a world dominated by Covid 19, doing good may be the best Lenten option for us all.

With my best wishes,

Martin Beaumont

A Random Memory

I have always enjoyed Carol Ann Duffy's poetry, ever since she came to tea at my house accompanied by Adrian Henri. It was 1982 and she had written her first book of poetry '*Fifth Last Song*'. Adrian, who I had met long before, when he came to our college in the Sixties with rock/poetry band *The Liverpool Scene*, had done some of the illustrations. I still treasure my copy, signed by them both and now rather valuable.

At the time Wellington enjoyed a wonderful poetry club, founded by Tony Charles. Meetings were held at The Beambridge and I was thrilled to meet Benjamin Zephaniah and James Berry. I also met Charles Causley, the wonderful Cornish poet, but that might have been at the Brewhouse Theatre.

A couple of years ago I met Carol Ann at Dartington's famous Ways with Words literary festival. Sadly, she did not recall her visit to Ashbrittle.

Last night I joined a Tortoise Zoom to hear Carol Ann talk about her current work, an anthology on family life, love and letting go. I wanted more from her and less from the audience, but am grateful to have heard her speak so movingly about poetry.

She said poetry is '*the music of being human*'.

Avril Silk

Country matters

The Lamb

*Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead,
Gave the clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?*

William Blake (1757-1827)

Late January: Great spotted woodpeckers are already eyeing up their territories and starting to drum. This noise, made by striking dead or hollow wood ten to forty times per second, is performed by both sexes. To avoid a bad headache they have “shock-absorbing” tissue around their brains. These woodpeckers are on the up in Britain and have adapted to bird feeders and city life as well as eating bugs and the odd chick and eggs.

Another sound at this time of year is the vixen’s yelp in the evening. Although this year I have only heard it once. I think a lot of foxes have become urbanites. But I have often heard the roe deer’s bark which is lower pitched than the vixen’s and their warning bark has an unexpected menacing throb. The fertilised egg from a summer mating begins to grow in January for a May birth of the young fawn.

Early February: Snow drops, these winter blooms fill all the parish churchyards and spill over banks and make a spectacular sight. The plant bulbs make a drug, Reminyl, which is used to treat Alzheimer’s disease. They are not native plants, but who brought them?

Fieldfares and redwings (thrushes) came late this year, but the cold weather on the Continent brought them to Appley to eat as many berries and fruits as they can find, although hedgecutting reduces their food sources.

Robins have adapted to bird feeders which is an interesting development. They are more or less ground feeders and a few years ago they were always on the ground under the feeders. But over the years they have learnt to hang on to the feeders and eat the fat balls. They don’t seem to like peanuts. It is said that the beaks of tits have

evolved to grow a little longer and thinner to cope with the mesh on bird feeders.

Bullfinches are more numerous nowadays, because they are voracious eaters of fruit buds – (45 cherry buds per minute). There was a 16th century Act of Parliament describing them as criminal vermin and a bounty was put on their heads. One penny for a dead bullfinch, and even today you can get a licence to kill them.

The cold snap has put back frogs spawning, but by the end of the month there should be quite a bit of spawn in ponds.

Sally Merrett

Rainfall Figures (inches)

January 2021

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Peggy Wotton and Stawley School (part 2)



The second delegation about to board the train to London

From left to right; Peggy Wotton, Reg Herbert (he was a governor of Kingsmead School), John Hannon, George Nicholls (parent and governor who lived at Briars Cottage Tracebridge with his wife Hilary. Hilary was a teacher at Stawley School and also ran a pottery class where the Shop is now situated. George and Hilary subsequently moved to George's native Australia; and finally Di Willis who was a great friend of Peggy's and fellow governor.

THE STORY SO FAR:

Somerset County Council (SCC) attempted to close Stawley School and move the pupils to the proposed new School under construction in Milverton. This proposal was overturned by Baroness Young after a delegation from the School put the case for remaining open. The SCC application was subsequently refused on the grounds that one of the required notices was unfortunately 'not properly displayed'. To continue.....

Within a very short time after the triumphant news, and to much dismay, the SCC issued a second notice of closure, this time making doubly sure that the correct number of notices were all correctly displayed.

So.....another delegation was formed (see photo above), more fundraising and another trip to London but this time on the train. Another dossier in support was compiled (it contained rather a good picture of a young mother with a toddler and a baby in a pushchair walking to one of the proposed pick up points and being closely passed by a milk tanker on a particularly stormy, wet and dark morning.

There were a large number of dairy farms in the area at that time and consequently milk tankers were often driving in the lanes. I have to say that

the delegation was considerably less optimistic than before and feared the outcome but remained determined not to go down without a fight.

This time, just a short meeting at the Department of Education (and no visit to the Houses of Parliament, no lunch in the restaurant and no trip in a chauffeur driven Rolls). The journey home was somewhat subdued in comparison.

A most pleasant surprise therefore when the news came through of a second reprieve! It hinged on the 'edict' from Government that no child under six should be subject to transport to and from school for more than forty five minutes each way (again, from memory) and the timings of a round trip for quite a number of the pupils at Stawley were considerably more than this. Consequently, the Government ruled in our favour and the School was again saved. Hoorah! SCC subsequently informed us that they would cease the closure procedure.....another Hoorah!!

Peggy was vital and instrumental in both proceedings and I have no doubt that without her there would be no Stawley School and no silver award for the best teacher in the world! And no Shop but that's another story !

John Hannon

Don't Be The Taliban Of Our Society Covid 19 – The Community Response and Vaccination

One of the common observations I have heard over the last year has been: 'how lucky we are to live and/or work in our rural community during the Covid pandemic'. Here, it has perhaps been easier than elsewhere, to observe social distance, to keep discrete bubbles, to safely exercise, to attend school or home school, and to observe the changing restrictions that have been placed on us individually and collectively. This has been aided by a strong community response in a variety of forms – amongst which are the unstinting efforts of Sally and Martin and the supporting volunteers in the village shop, the numerous acts of looking out for neighbours including collective shopping and transport initiatives, and indeed the continued role of the Parish News as a forum for information and entertainment!

But as we start to see a way out of lockdown number 3, **perhaps the greatest collective community effort we can all make is to fully support the vaccination programme.** Vaccination is the best chance we have of bringing Covid 19 under manageable control. Vaccination is the best chance we have to relax many of the restrictions currently in place on domestic, social and economic life. And if we relax those restrictions, vaccination is the best chance we have to reduce the chance of catching **and** passing on the disease to others who might be more vulnerable in our families and community. Finally, vaccination is the best chance to suppress the virus and limit the opportunity for it to mutate into yet more transmissible or virulent forms.

The significance of vaccination

Why vaccinate? Vaccination is one of the most significant and important methods of preventing, controlling, and at times eradicating infectious disease in human (and other animal) populations. In the West, vaccination has its origins in the well known story of Edward Jenner, a doctor in nearby rural Gloucestershire. He observed that milkmaids, habitually exposed to and infected with cowpox, were resistant to the far more dangerous and prevalent disease of smallpox. In 1796 Jenner inoculated a young boy, James Phipps (the son of his gardener!), with material from a cowpox pustule from a milkmaid who had caught cowpox from a cow called Blossom. James had a minor reaction. Six weeks later Jenner inoculated James with smallpox extract, to which there was, thankfully, no reaction, as James had developed immunity from the earlier cowpox inoculation. Of course, experimental development, testing and approval processes have improved since then, and

are now rigorously regulated and subject to intense scrutiny and review. Jenner published his results and the term vaccination was coined from vacca – the Latin for cow. A great, great, great, great uncle of mine was a good friend of, and worked with, Jenner, and even named one of his sons Jenner after him! Perhaps more appropriately the Oxford institute which has co-developed the AstraZeneca Covid vaccine, another outstanding scientific achievement, is itself named the Jenner Institute.

Production of antibodies

However, it was not until later, towards the middle and end of the 19th Century, with research by Louis Pasteur and others, that the underlying science was understood; **that vaccination prompted the body's immune system to produce specific antibodies to combat specific disease.** Since then, vaccines have been developed to treat and keep in check a wide range of diseases that previously blighted human existence, and which frequently led to early death. The list includes cholera, diphtheria, anthrax, rabies, tetanus, polio, yellow fever, tuberculosis, typhoid, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis, measles, mumps, rubella, influenza, meningitis, HPV, MERs and Ebola. Without vaccines, these diseases and more would be a much more significant feature in our lives, and still a major cause of illness or early death.

The epidemiology of diseases and their associated vaccines are different. However, an underlying principle where there is human to human transmission is that if a population as a whole has sufficient numbers vaccinated, then the spread of the disease is curtailed, and a degree of herd or community immunity can be achieved. However, it must be stressed that those not vaccinated are not immune, they are just less likely to be exposed to the disease. **Vaccination is therefore not just about protecting you, but also about you protecting others – and herd or community immunity does not mean you are immune without a vaccine.**

There is nothing new in anti-vaccination sentiment. The success of smallpox vaccination led to the Vaccination Act of 1853, mandating vaccination of the very young in England and Wales. There was immediate opposition. Anti-vaccine journals and leagues were formed in the UK, and spread to the USA and elsewhere, with the primary objections being religious or moral and ethical rather than scientific, the latter based on the right of self-control. Nevertheless, smallpox was eventually eradicated through vaccination in 1980, and estimates suggest this saves 5 million lives annually. Polio was on the brink of eradication, with just 42 cases globally in 2016. Sadly, opposition to the vaccination by the Taliban in

Afghanistan and parts of Pakistan, which has been exacerbated by restrictions on vaccination due to Covid, have caused the scourge of polio to both increase and spread. Closer to home, now discredited and fraudulent claims of links between MMR and autism led to a reduction in the uptake of the vaccine, and measles cases have recently doubled, with a number of deaths and longer-term implications. The World Health Organisation lists vaccine hesitancy (those who have access to, but are reluctant or unwilling to receive vaccination) as one of its top ten global health threats.

The balance of risk

Vaccines can have side effects and risks. Before any vaccination programme is approved, there has to be an assessment of the balance of risks, with an overwhelming case for the vaccine if it is to be approved by independent regulators. There are side effects to the Covid vaccines, amongst which could be a sore arm, feeling tired or achy, having a headache, and feeling or being sick. But these are no more than in any other vaccine programme (the widely reported allergic reaction is recorded as 1 or 2 in 100,000, in those who already show anaphylaxis). And they are minor when balanced against the individual and collective community risks of not having the vaccine (even with preventative restrictions in place and increasingly better treatment available, the UK has had over 120,000 deaths and faces an unspecified number of long Covid cases; without vaccination, there will be many more). As with the MMR vaccine, there is much pseudo-science and misrepresentation in some of the Covid anti-vaccination online content. For example, none of the 3 UK Covid vaccines contain animal products, nor do they cause infertility, nor do they change DNA.

There are of course those who, for medical reasons, cannot have the vaccine. **For everyone else, having a vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your family, your neighbours, your community and those who cannot have the vaccine. If you do not have the vaccine, whilst you may not suffer from or even show symptoms of Covid 19, you will risk catching, harbouring and passing it on to others in your family, to your neighbours and to the vulnerable of all ages in our community. I am sure none of us would want that on our conscience. So, when the invitation comes, please join the 93% of the population who have so far taken up the offer.** Some people may be unsure and sceptical of the science, but there are many sources of balanced information, some of which are highlighted below. And there are many who live in our parishes with medical and scientific backgrounds who I am sure would be prepared to discuss and explain the science and the balance of risks.

Jeremy Robbins (BSc Hons, Zoology, UCL)

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/news/covid19/27376/ten-reasons-why-you-should-get-a-covid-19-vaccine>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-55056016>
Is the covid vaccine safe?

The role of Rotary in our community

Rotary is a worldwide service organisation of business and professional people devoted to improving the health, education and wellbeing of those less fortunate than ourselves. It is non-political and non-religious and is open to all.

Our ethos is to encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and promote peace and goodwill throughout the world. We have 54,000 members in Great Britain and Ireland.

Meetings are very informal, clubs are more autonomous than in the past and meet at varying frequencies (some weekly, some fortnightly, some even only monthly). Meetings under normal conditions can be at breakfast time, lunchtime after work or in the evening depending on the club. Some clubs have a meal, others may just meet for a drink or a cup of coffee. There are even on-line clubs.

Nowadays we are meeting online via Zoom which has been a godsend and also allows international meetings to take place much more easily.

In 1985 we were asked by the World Health Organisation to raise funds and supply members to provide logistics and vaccinate children throughout the world in order to eliminate Polio. We are very nearly there but Covid will have prevented a lot a vaccination over the past year. We do a lot of work for youth in the form of Leadership awards, Community Corps, Peace Fellowships, Youth Exchange, Grants and Scholarships.

There are two clubs in Wellington, one in Wiveliscombe, two in Taunton and others throughout Somerset. We have great fun at our meetings and have numerous social events when we are not restricted by Covid.

If you would like to learn more about Rotary, have a look at *Rotary.org online* or by all means contact our secretary: Mike Parsons mikeparsons2313@btinternet.com or me.

Mike Parkinson
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March quiz

- 1 February 15th this year marked which anniversary of Britain introducing decimal currency?
- 2 During the current pandemic, the government have been receiving guidance from SAGE. What does the acronym represent.
- 3 Which actor took over the role of 'M', after the demise of Judi Dench's portrayal of the character?
- 4 Since July 2020 which English cricketer has been the top ranked Test all rounder in the world?
- 5 The new polymer £20 note, introduced 20th February 2020, features which famous artist?
- 6 This century, the Chilean mining accident trapped 33 miners for 69 days all of whom were successfully rescued. What was the year?
- 7 Which Canadian actor, now aged 56, starred in The Matrix series of films and in three films as John Wick?
- 8 The county towns of Shrewsbury and Gloucester and the city of Worcester lie on the course of which river?
- 9 In December 1967, Christiaan Barnard performed a world first with what major surgery?
- 10 The Australian Open tennis tournament is the first Grand Slam of the year and takes place in which city?
- 11 The world's first vaccine was developed by Edward Jenner in the 1790's. What disease was it used against?
- 12 The Safeway supermarket chain was sold to which rival in 1987?
- 13 What is the county town of Wiltshire, lying on the River Biss in the west of the county?
- 14 'The Dig' is a fact based Netflix film about a hugely important Anglo Saxon archeological discovery at which site near Woodbridge in Suffolk?
- 15 What links Blenheim Palace, Hadrian's Wall, Ironbridge and Canterbury Cathedral?
- 16 Jacinda Arden is the current Prime Minister of which Southern Hemisphere country?
- 17 "You're going to need a bigger boat" comes from what 1975 film?
- 18 Who invented the World Wide Web? What year?
- 19 Nadhim Zahawi MP currently has the major responsibility for the administration and implementation of what?

- 20 What is the capital of Hawaii, America's only island state?
- 21 What are the Christian names of Gavin's parents in 'Gavin and Stacey'?
- 22 The Stadium of Light is home to which English League One football club?
- 23 What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?
- 24 Which country produces the most coffee in the world?
- 25 How was Norma Jeanne Mortensen better known?

Once again, many thanks to Alan Rose for his brain teaser.

Answers on p 32



Quaker Meeting for Worship Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme

A poem by Flo Jubb, 11 years old

Published recently in *The Friend Magazine*

Covid Life

The world of worry.
The bubble of belonging.
The shed of shielding
The igloo of isolation
The desert of distance
The street of space
The sea of sorrow
The lagoon of loneliness
The world of worry
The bubble of belonging
The hill of hope
The field of friendship

Sadly – due to the current situation with Covid 19 the Meeting House is closed - We would however be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join a Zoom Meeting for Worship.

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Kids column

Hello everyone, I am Adanna Ranson aged 9, I know I have not done a kid's column before but I thought it would be fun for kids out there in lockdown ... enjoy!!!!

The Human body

5 FABULOUS FUN FACTS

Fact 1. Did you know your eyes blink around 20 times in a minute (*amazing!!!*)?

Fact 2. Can you believe that your ears never stop growing (*WHAT that is weird?*)?

Fact 3. Earwax is a type of sweat (*yuck this writer is disgusted?*)?

Fact 4. Laid end to end an adult's blood vessels can circle the equator 4 times (*wow*).

Fact 5. Information zooms across your nerves at 400kmph (*cool*).

ANAGRAMS

Can you rearrange these words to find names of parts in the human body?

Antin smelliest

Agues poohs

Demon sylph

Rabin

Act mosh

Answers on p32, no cheating !

A SPECIAL DATE - DID YOU SPOT IT?

12 February 2021

When you write it 12.02.2021

You can read it backwards and even upside down!!

It's called a palindrome and an ambigram

So, I have got to say that was quite a good first kids column wasn't it guys? Next time we will be having some fun with animals.

Open All Hours

Normality

You do realise, don't you, that I am normal, quite, quite normal! Life is as I generally like it. Other people aren't like me. Therefore, if I am normal, they must be sub-normal, abnormal, not normal, vaguely normal, or a bit off centre. That suggests that I am normal!

But what exactly is the new normal? Will we know it before we get there? Lots talk about getting back to normality. That sounds good! But what was the old normal? Like a woman, once the decorators have gone, putting her carpet, furniture, paintings and china back exactly where they were before?

I wonder if there ever was such a state of affairs, outside of Nostalgia-land. I say I am normal. My neighbours are different from me – but they will say they are normal. What is normality?

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie live in a mansion-sized house: their highly successful children have left home and are doing well. Each year, before lockdown, they would go to their large sailing yacht moored at Dartmouth, and to their second home at St. Mawes. The norm at present is an hour long walk in the afternoon. That is, until they returned to find their home upside down, with valuable heirlooms and jewellery missing. They knew they wouldn't see them again.

Bob Steel, on the other hand, had another norm: he is a thorough, highly skilled and successful burglar. Successful because he earns enough each year to feed his wife and five kids, have a decent life-style, and two weeks hols in Benidorm – without getting caught, not even suspected.

So what do we mean by normality? Tradition? Life without change? A common way of looking at life which everyone generally regards is acceptable? But what if no one really agrees?! Or refuses to abide by it?

What any norm has to include – might we all agree? – is having a collective sense of moral and social responsibility. Concern for others, not primarily for oneself? There needs to be respect for both individual needs and all levels of understanding, in the past, the present and the future, accepting that social fashions change. But will that be the new norm or a re-hash of the old normality?

But what if there is another greater normality, an older yet ever new one which doesn't change? Once accepted but put aside quite a while ago in the UK. A norm which says this world is not ours, but a Creator's, meaning that all we are and have is his gift, to be used according to his expectations of

us in society. He made it quite clear in his unique personal self-expression, namely, in Jesus Christ.

If we were to accept that as our normality, would it be a new or an old one? And what might that normality look like, and feel like?

Martin at the Shop

The Food and Drink Quiz

- 1 From which fruit is the cordial Grenadine made?
- 2 Which herb provides the main flavouring in Lincolnshire sausages?
- 3 In cookery terms, what is Bouquet Garni?
- 4 Which mixer drink contains Quinine?
- 5 What was the first of Heinz's 57 Varieties?
- 6 The vanilla plant is a member of which flower family?
- 7 What shape is the pasta known as Conchigliette?
- 8 What is the principal sugar found in cow's milk?
- 9 Which Mexican dish has a name that translates as 'Little Donkey'?
- 10 According to folklore, what should be eaten only when there's an 'R' in the month?
- 11 What is Paddington Bear's favourite sandwich filling?
- 12 Which company produced the UK's first chocolate Easter Egg in 1873?
- 13 Which berries provide gin with its distinctive flavour?
- 14 What is the name of the acid in vinegar?
- 15 Which Leicestershire town is famous for its pork pies?
- 16 The sponge in a Battenberg cake is covered by which sweet foodstuff?
- 17 What Russian dish consists of a thin pancake typically served with smoked salmon?

- 18 From where does the meat and fried rice dish Nasi Goreng originate?
- 19 Which country is the world's largest producer of maple syrup?
- 20 What additive gives Earl Grey tea its distinctive aroma and flavour?

With thanks to Pauline Wood for providing us with a quiz with a difference.

Answers on p 16

Gardening Club

For various reasons, there has been no Gardening Club report since the November 2020 issue of the Parish News, so it's well time to talk to you all once more.

The lockdown before Christmas meant that Julia Swan could not run her wonderful Christmas Decoration Workshops at her house in early December. Instead, she tutored several of us via Zoom, after having prepared kits in advance, with all sorts of goodies in addition to all the decorative foliage you could wish for. Thank you Julia, for making such a great effort to keep going with this now December tradition.

The bitterly cold weather last month, together with the continuing lockdown felt a bit like being in hibernation, but the snowdrops and early daffodils are here, which is the best marker that Spring is on the way. We still have no idea when we will be able to get together for trips and garden visits, but we will work hard to get things organised as soon as we are able.

In the meantime, perhaps we could start taking photographs again of what's happening in our gardens or interesting flora and fauna we see on our daily walks, and circulate them to the Gardening Club members as we did in lockdown last year. If anyone else would like to see these photographs, (and we had some beautiful ones last year), please let Pauline know so that you can be added to the circulation list.

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.

Pauline and Sue

I would like to thank those who generously donated greenery and materials for the Workshop which raised £200.00 for Unicef.

Julia Swan

Caring (Part 1) and its Subversion (Part 2 to follow in April)

Caring is surely the peak of human achievement. We seem to be better at it than any other species of animal. Caring for each other has led to our phenomenal success as a species – and may also be the root cause of our now inevitable die-back. So closely are the two connected that I am bound to treat them together, but in two parts: one as caring appears in the wild and the second how it has been subverted by some people for selfish ends.

‘Caring’ has been a headline news every day for more than a year. So what is it? Let’s start with ‘what we feel when we help our neighbour’. Who is our neighbour? A little thought experiment will help to see if there are degrees of caring, and so edge us towards an answer. Is it true to say that we care for our children and siblings more than for our nephews, nieces and cousins? If it is, it could be because we have lived with our immediate family and know them better. Or it could be because we share half the genes that make us different from each other with our siblings and children but only a quarter of them with our cousins.

A thought experiment

OK, let’s take this line of thought a little further. Imagine that we were driving along a country road and, at various times, we hit and injured an earthworm, a child, a fly, a dog, a frog, a mouse, a small bird and a lizard. If we write these kinds of animal in a list in order of priority by which we would stop the car and go back to help the injured creature, the order is predictable.

Top of our list would, of course, be the child, then the dog, perhaps the mouse and the small bird? What about the lizard and the frog? If we stopped and turned back to help a fly or a worm, other passengers might wonder whether we cared for a fly or a worm as much as we did for a child or a dog. The reality is that the order of our list roughly reflects the proportion of genes we share with each kind of animal, which is a measure of the time since it, and we, had a common ancestor. This also supports the genetic reason for our preference for siblings over cousins, and our children over nieces and nephews. All these and many other results indicate strongly that caring is inherited genetically. That is to say, our desire to help another living thing is directed by the information carried on our genes. In cases of apparent altruism where, for example, a woman lays down her life

to save her two children, her genes perish but the information she shared with her children survives. It is the information rather than genes that is directing her behaviour; she is caring for it through them.

Parental care

Other than supply them with yolk to feed on while they developed, few animals care for their young. Of those that do, we humans seem to care most. This is because we have a long infancy. We are born prematurely because we have a large head that must go through small openings in a basin-like pelvis which has to support the intestines since we walk upright. The practical result of all this is that a woman is unable to defend or feed herself during the later weeks of pregnancy and while her child is dependent.

A stage in our ancestry was probably very similar in both structure and behaviour to a modern chimpanzee. In both, all the males looked after all the young in the group because any of them could have been theirs. As upright stance evolved, the old system became less successful than a man caring for one woman with her baby that he had reason to think was his. Anyway, their newly evolving language enabled him to verify her fidelity through gossip. The couple’s breeding success depended on the strength and durability of the bond between them – how much they cared for each other.

During courtship, each of a couple had to make a judgement on how reliably caring the other was. The evidence available to, say, the girl was what the boy said, his behaviour and body language, his family record and general gossip. If he really wanted her, he was likely to make sure that she was going to hear about his achievements, health and aspirations. Indeed, I don’t doubt that some boys exaggerated their assets and hid their inadequacies – a perfectly natural, if slightly dishonest, part of courtship display. She had to judge whether his Cartier wristwatch was genuine or fake. She had less difficulty in admiring the skill with which he reversed into a tight parking space, but that was aimed as much at the other boys as at her.

Lekking

Had the boy’s courting displays been directed solely at her, she would have found it difficult to judge how he compared with other boys. Females of some animal species gave marks to males that displayed in sight of a rival, and this led to the evolution of leks. Leks are assemblies of males which have established the most dominant in the best territories. The territories are maintained only

by constant displaying and occasional fights, rather like Board Rooms.

Once evolution has established the ground rules for a lek, individual male Birds of Paradise are less constrained in advertising their own fitness: 'Look at me – I can afford to produce all these brilliant colours, elaborate plumage and ridiculous dance, and still survive well in this dangerous New Guinean rain forest.'

It is well worth watching a 3½ minute clip with its commentary by David Attenborough as he skims through some of the 42 species of Birds of Paradise on the island.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/nWfyw51DQfU>

The courtship displays are sartorial and behavioural extravaganzas almost beyond human imagining, yet they evolved by selection as surely as did life-long fidelity or a peacock's tail (Parish News October 2020). This selection is of two kinds: female sexual selection and male social competition.

There are parallel extravagances in human behaviour, and they become conspicuous when we replace brilliant plumage, bizarre dance and raucous song with caring, the sanctity of human life, guilt over perceived historical misdemeanors, public opinion and peers' criticism, as I shall do next month.

Martin Jacoby

Your Parish News needs your help

A message from the Treasurer

Sadly, the finances of the Parish News are struggling. While we get excellent service and a very competitive price from our printer, Sharper Print, they have had to put up their prices recently.

A typical month looks roughly like this:

Costs	
Print costs	£230
Income	
Advertising	£156
Donations	£30
Total regular income	<u>£186</u>
Monthly shortfall	£44

Please note that there are no editorial or distribution costs, the work is carried out by willing volunteers.

We have a few options:

Seek more advertisers – we are very grateful to our advertisers who support us. However, the magazine has to go up or down in size in multiples of four pages. To find four pages of advertising in the current difficult times is a challenge and would bring in £48 but would cost an extra £25 in print costs so only make a surplus of £23.

Put up advertising prices – we could but we are reluctant to do so in these challenging times.

Seek more donations – we are already well supported by a good number of our readers and we are very grateful. However, if you value the Parish News, it would be great if we could increase the level of our donations.

Even better, would be if you would consider a regular standing order, even if only a £1 a month, it would be a great way of giving us the security of additional regular income.

Donations can be made by sending cheques to me at Barton Barn, Kittisford, Wellington, TA21 0RZ, or by leaving them in an envelope marked for my attention in the Village Shop or, my preferred method, direct into our bank, either as a one off payment or as a standing order.

The bank details are:

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A Farming Diary

Spring

By way of introduction, Rachel and myself, along with our two children, Stephanie and Tim, run a beef and sheep farm at Lower Cothay Farm. This is an exciting time of year when you sense Spring is around the corner. The snowdrops are all out and the daffodils are in bud waiting for some warmer longer days, as we all are!



Another sign of Spring, of course, is the sight of new-born lambs in the fields which people often comment to me as the start of another busy season but the planning and work that goes into producing those new-born lambs actually starts right back in the previous Summer. That's when all of the breeding ewes are checked to make sure they are fit and well enough to rear another crop of lambs. Younger ewes are brought into the flock, whether they are homebred ewes or bought in from the seasonal breeding ewe sales which are held all over the country at that time of year. We also need to select the best rams for our ewes and make sure they are all in tip-top condition and have the correct nutrition to maximise conception rates.

Well that's the theory anyway, hopefully we got some of those things right and end up with a bumper crop of healthy lambs this Spring (It does help in farming if you are an eternal optimist!)

Thankfully, we are still able to take stock to market but because of Covid, they now operate a 'drop and go' system for vendors, as only buyers are allowed in market to help maintain social distancing. Going to market is not the social event it once was where there was an opportunity for farmers to catch up with one another, something I miss and hope we can return to being a bit more sociable soon

The cattle are growing well in the sheds on the silage we made back in the Summer but they almost look forward to being turned out into the fields as much as I do. We are heading to the time

of year where we see if our stocks of feed and straw will last us until the all important turn out date with the added challenge that this date could be anywhere between the first week of April and the end of May, depending on the Spring.

Our attention will soon turn to Spring cultivations when the weather allows, to plant spring barley, providing both feed for the livestock and straw for bedding.

So roll on Spring, whatever it throws at us, one thing is certain, it will be a busy one!

Matt Vellacott

Thanks Matt, delighted to have an article telling us more about another important sector of the farming activities in our parishes. Eds

New (to me) circular walk – Thorne St Margaret to Watery Lane

I hope you ventured out and tried out last month's circular walk. This month I thought I would try and find another circular walk which is fairly easy, mostly on well signposted footpaths and quiet lanes. It proved to be a bit shorter than last month's walk, although it could have been extended to take in an extra loop to Kittisford Church. Again, it was predictably muddy, and I definitely needed wellington boots to wade through a bit of a stream at one of the stiles. I was also glad to be wearing a thorn proof jacket as some of the paths were quite narrow and had brambly hedges. It was fun to get out and explore locally with the dogs and be treated with some new views and finds. I write down every stile and turn in the footpath, but hopefully you will get your map out and try out this route.

Start: park at Thorne St Margaret church and keep going along the lane towards Langford Budville. After about 300 metres the lane turns sharp right and there is a footpath straight ahead across a field. Follow the footpath until you reach the lane where there is lovely nature reserve to your right. Cross the lane and follow the footpath down to the River Tone, on your right you will see the remains of the ramp for the canal where the barges were hauled up from one level to the next. Follow the footpath across a very wet stile and into the next field where you walk beside the River Tone. There is an excellent view of Wellisford Manor House from the footpath which is rather grand.

Eventually you take the footbridge over the river, cross the lane and take the footpath towards Stancombe Farm. Here the footpath turns sharp

left and you follow a narrow path between a fence and the hedge. After about 500m the footpath forks and you need to take the left fork towards Poleshill. Crossing the field, you can enjoy seeing some Belgium Blue cows and a donkey (if they are still there!).

At Poleshill you reach Watery Lane where you turn left and head to the path by the ford. Turn left at the lane, cross the small bridge, and then take the first left towards Wellisford. It is a pleasant level walk along the lane for about a kilometre before taking the right fork and climbing up the hill back towards Thorne St Margaret. Halfway up the hill there is an interesting cutting in the road which marks the line of the old canal. It is a relief to know that when you are at the top of the hill you are almost back to Thorne St Margaret church and the car. Distance: about 3.5 miles if you don't get lost.

See map of the route on the back page

Annie Musgrove

Census 2021 – Ensuring the big decisions are made on the best information

Census 2021 will be key to making sure the big decisions on the future of our hospitals, schools, transport and other public services, following the pandemic and EU exit, are based on the best information possible. Run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the census – taking place on March 21st - is the once-in-a-decade survey that gives the most accurate estimate of all people and households in England and Wales. The digital-first census will not only provide a fresh picture of the size of all communities, it will also shed light on the health, social and economic changes to our lives.

“After years of planning, the census is almost upon us,” Census Director of Operations, Pete Benton said. In the coming days and weeks, you will be hearing more and more about why the census is so important, why you must take part and, crucially, how you can take part. Every household will soon receive a postcard, explaining what a census is, and in early March letters will arrive in the post inviting people to take part in the digital-first census. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, we need this up-to-date information to help shape vital services for the years to come more urgently than ever before and we are making sure everyone can be safely counted in line with all government guidance.

We have made it simple, straightforward and safe to take part. It takes just ten minutes per person to fill out your form and if you can't get online, there are paper forms available for those who need them, as well as lots of support. Now is the time to make your mark on history. Running the census in times of a pandemic has naturally thrown up some challenges and the ONS' focus is ensuring the safety of the public. We want everyone to be safely counted and we're making sure our plans are always in line with the latest government guidelines.

Census field officers will only follow up with households after Census Day on March 21st if householders have not yet completed their questionnaire. They will never enter a household, they will always be socially distanced, be equipped with PPE and work in line with all government guidance.

Some questions also have updated guidance to reflect our changed living and working circumstances. For those on furlough, we have updated guidance on how to answer questions on work. All students need to be included in the census, and they should complete it for their usual term-time address. If they're currently living at their home address, they will need to be included in the census for that household too. For the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. First results will be available within twelve months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years and kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

*Jill Loader, Census Engagement Manager,
Somerset Office for National Statistics*

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The Bidding Room Series 2. Episode 16

It was back last summer when my wife Chris and I were watching 'The Bidding Room' on BBC 1, and thought it would be fun to sell something on the programme. We owned a charabanc ladder, which we bought for £5, forty years ago, at a Greenslades Taylor Hunt Auction in Taunton. It was unique and we thought it would be an interesting item to take.

We applied to the show, after filling in lots of forms and sending pictures of our ladder, and heard that we had been shortlisted. Eventually, we were invited to go up to Halifax, all expenses paid, to appear on the programme, never thinking we would get that far!!

The day arrived, Chris and I drove up to Halifax and stayed overnight in a hotel which had been booked for us. The next day, we had to find the studio, which was quite confusing, because the Bidding Room is filmed in an antiques showroom and not a TV studio. I had to go in by myself because of Covid.

After an introduction, I was taken for my first interview in front of the camera. I had to say that I had a wooden item which was connected to the motor trade, I wasn't allowed to mention it was a Charabanc Ladder. Fifteen minutes later, I was taken to another part of the building to meet Simon the auctioneer, and Nigel Havers, who hosts the show. Simon then discussed the item and valued it, funnily enough he noticed a small stamp on the ladder which I had never noticed in forty years, saying Derby.

I had done some research on the Charabanc Ladder before I had taken it to the show and found that Rolls Royce had built Charabancs (coaches) in Derby in the 1920s. I mentioned this to Simon and he agreed that it could be a ladder from a Rolls Royce Charabanc, which gave me more information to take to the dealers. Simon valued the item at a disappointing £50 to £60.

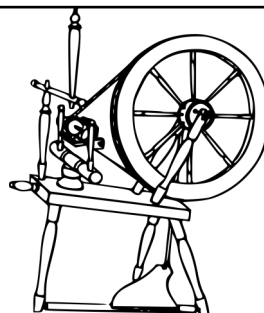
I was then taken into the dealers room. I knew that I had to push the dealers to put their hands in their pockets to raise money for the charity Mesothelioma UK. I told them I had something special, and they took it in turns to look at it. Then I told them it was a Rolls Royce Charabanc ladder. They must have been impressed, the bidding started at £50 and finished at £300 well over the valuation that Simon had given.

In all we had a wonderful experience and better still, with support from our friends raised over £700 for this charity which supported our dear friend who died of Mesothelioma, a terrible disease.

Jon Brinkman

Answers to the Food and Drink Quiz

- 1 Pomegranate
- 2 Sage
- 3 Bundle of mixed herbs
- 4 Tonic water
- 5 Horseradish sauce
- 6 Orchid
- 7 Shell-shaped
- 8 Lactose
- 9 Burrito
- 10 Oysters
- 11 Marmalade
- 12 Fry's
- 13 Juniper
- 14 Acetic acid
- 15 Melton Mowbray
- 16 Marzipan
- 17 Blini
- 18 Indonesia
- 19 Canada
- 20 Oil of bergamot



Spinning and Woolcraft Group

The Spinning and Woolcraft Group continues to enjoy the fortnightly meetings on

Zoom, and we'll keep this going for the foreseeable future, as it's working so well.

If you would like to join in please contact me and I will add you to the list.

Next Sessions

Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th March

13th April at 2.30pm

Contact Pauline: on 01823 672222,
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As a temporary measure in the light of the current situation, the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) has been converted to a helpline. If, for any reason, you require local assistance, you can ring the appropriate number for your area shown below and, if someone is available, a local volunteer will respond.

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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What 3 Words (W3W) is a new and simple way to identify a location, anywhere in the world. Unlike post codes, which at best cover a group of houses, and in a remote location, such as in a field, are non-specific, the W3W system has divided the entire world up into 3m x 3m squares.

Wherever you are, if you know your W3W address, anyone can find you. Whilst you may ask, "so does GPS (latitude and longitude)" this is correct. But trying to find your latitude and longitude, or should you be relaying this in 'eastings' and 'northings', just causes confusion for most people, and unless you know how to look for it on a smartphone, it is not easy to find in an emergency.

If you do not have a smartphone, even more of an issue! W3W is being adopted by most international agencies, and here in the UK this means Fire, Police and Ambulance, Coast Guard, Mountain Rescue, the AA, Air Ambulance, and others. In a 999 call, for example, the operator may ask you for your W3W address. If you do not have this, or do not know what they are talking about, then they will send you a text message. Click on this and it will tell you the W3W location of where you are calling from, even if you are in the middle of a field, or lake, or up a mountain.

Extract from The Community Heartbeat Trust W3W leaflet

The Wellington Monument Project An Update

We're planning how to open the monument when the project finishes and restrictions are lifted. Anyone who has been inside knows the top viewing platform will safely fit only two people so we need to plan carefully. We've loved hearing the hilarious stories that you have told us from the days when dozens would climb up at a time. Those were the days of candles in jars and getting the key from the local farm!

A lot has happened in recent weeks:

- The scaffold to the obelisk is now down and our contractors are concentrating on repairs to the curtain wall around the base of the monument. As with the rest of the monument, the replacement stone is Chicks Grove limestone. They are replacing a total of 250 of the limestone facing stones estimated to weigh approximately 80 tonnes.

The team will then be re-grouting, re-pointing and using mechanical ties to improve structural integrity.

- We are replacing stones on the cornice at the top of the curtain wall. There are 13 replacements to this course, with the largest being 600kg prior to cutting and shaping. These replacements will be made from a Bath stone named Park Lane.

- Work continues to complete the repairs inside the spiral staircase so that people can once again climb to the top. This consists of 5 replacement treads and 30 newel replacements. We will be pinning the cracks and stainless supports to 6 upper treads. The stone is Ham Hill stone.

- The window guards at the top have now been replaced to prevent birds from getting in and nesting inside the pyramidion. We are awaiting the arrival of a new door for the bottom of the staircase of the main tower to stop them getting in that way too. This will be an oak door with steel lattice panels. Nesting birds cause a range of health and safety issues, so better for all concerned for them to nest in woodland at the site.

- Replacement capping stones will be fitted to the top of all 3 buttress heads to prevent water ingress to the stonework below.

The entrance step needs replacing. It is a grey Pennant sandstone from the Forest of Dean, approximately 1.2m long x 0.6m wide. It will be placed at the doorway in the next few weeks.

We have been overwhelmed with the incredible

feelings people have for the monument. Therefore, "Memories in the monument" is our new fundraiser that enables people to put their story or message into the monument. In return for a donation of your choice, we will place your letter or memory or maybe a list of loved ones behind the stone. You will never see it, but you will know it is there.

This is also a lovely way to celebrate those you love - maybe for Mother's Day? We will be putting them behind the stones and into the wall on 19th March. We will send you a thank you card that you can either frame or send to that special person. All details can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wellington-monument/features/memories-in-the-monument. This is the only time it will happen, and I so hope you don't miss this opportunity.

Funds have also come from the Wellington Monument volunteers who have raised a whopping £4,000 collecting donations for unusable stone that has been removed from the monument. This fundraiser has been put on hold due to current restrictions, but don't panic, there will be more available!

*Emma Jones and the Wellington Monument
project team*

Dog Napping

Although there have been no reported thefts of dogs in our immediate area, we would like to encourage dog owners to increase the level of security of their pet and that includes working dogs. Ensure that your dog is micro-chipped, now a legal requirement, and that garden fences are secure.

Covid-19 restrictions have resulted in a huge increase in the demand for puppies across the country and prices have risen by around 250% since the beginning of the pandemic.

Inevitably, this has resulted in puppies and adult dogs becoming targets for the criminal fraternity. The loss of a pet or a litter of puppies can cause enormous heart-ache in a family.

Further advice on protecting your dog is available on www.bluecross.org.uk/petadvice

Equally, if you want to acquire a puppy do ensure it is from a reputable source where you can see the dam and check out the situation in person. The rescue organisations always have young dogs looking for good homes and should always be considered as a source.

Louise Fyne PCSO 6945



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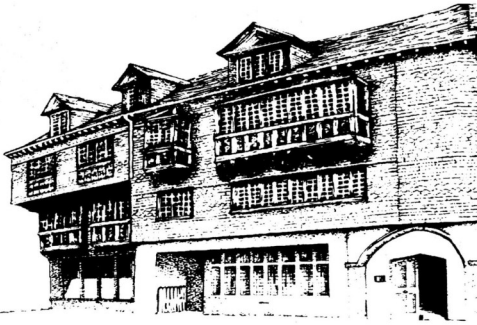
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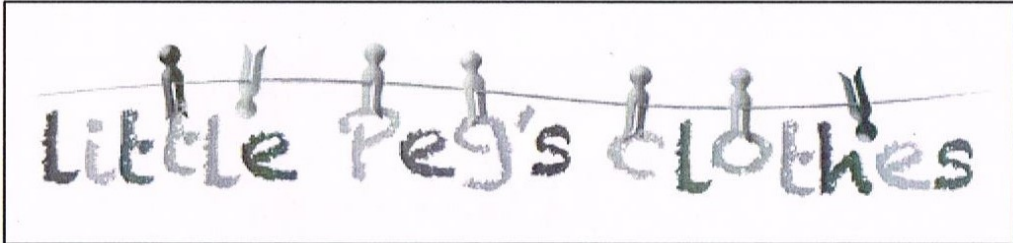
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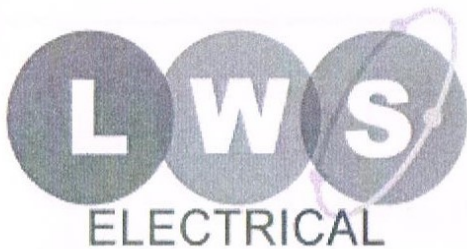
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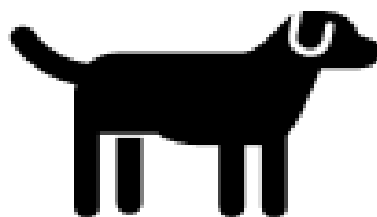
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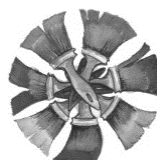
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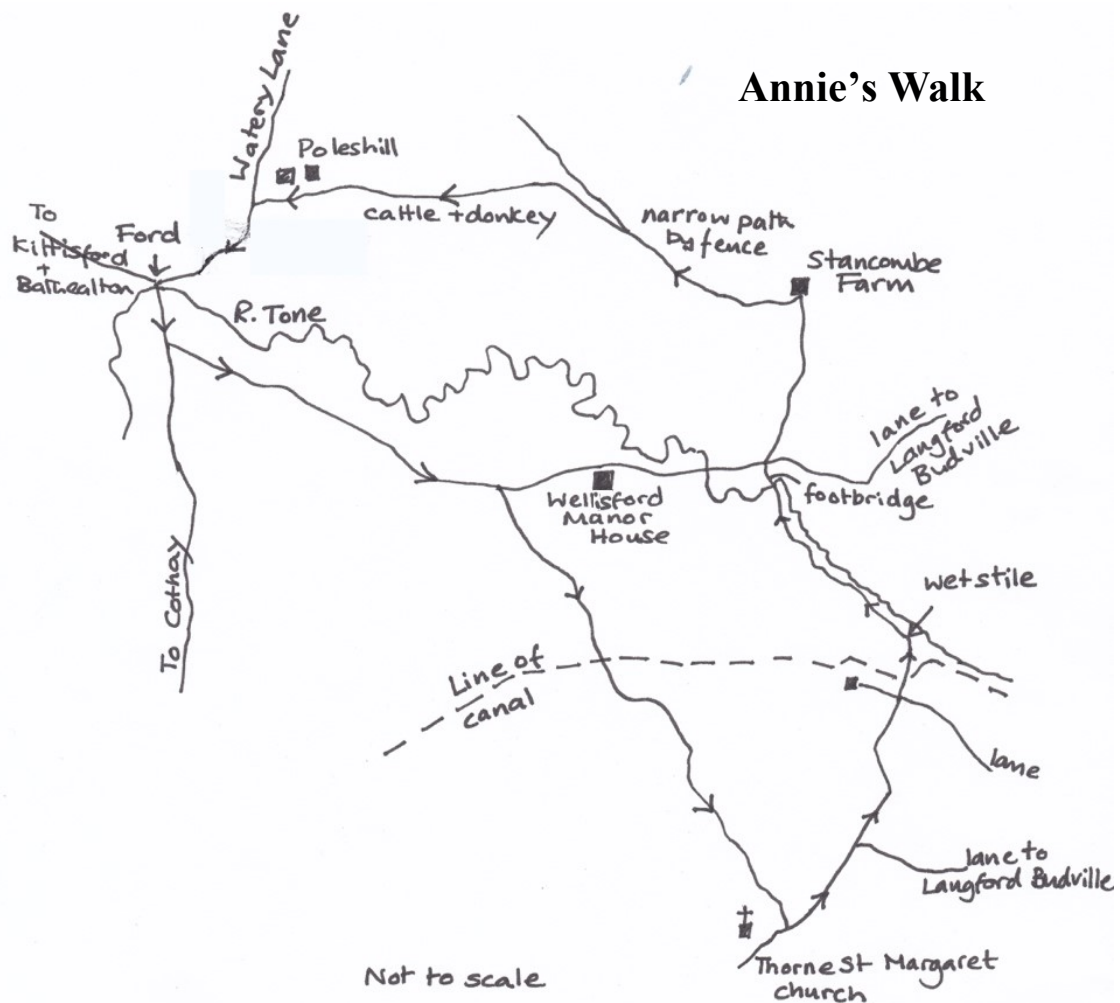
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Anagram Answers

1. Small intestine
2. Oesophagus
3. Lymph Nodes
4. Brain
5. Stomach

March Quiz answers

- 1 50 years
- 2 Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies
- 3 Ralph Fiennes
- 4 Ben Stokes
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