

### THE GLOBE INN APPLEY

**July 2021** 

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#### PARISH NEWS

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#### For the Parishes of ASHBRITTLE with GREENHAM, BATHEALTON, STAWLEY and KITTISFORD

### **Church Services**

Sunday July 4th 9.30 a.m.	TRINITY 5 Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday July 11th 9.30 a.m.	TRINITY 6 Parish Communion	ASHBRITTLE
Sunday July 18th 9.30 a.m.	TRINITY 7 Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
3.30 p.m.	Benefice Songs of Praise (A benefice farewell to The Revd. Tim Treanor on his retirement) at St. John's Church, WELLINGTON	
Sunday July 25th 9.30 a.m.	TRINITY 8 Parish Communion	BATHEALTON

Our churches remain open on Sundays for services as detailed above. We remain constrained by the Covid restrictions until July 19th at the earliest.

This means that we continue to refrain from singing, remain socially distanced and receive communion in one kind (the bread) in our places rather than at the altar rail.

We are hoping that some of these (especially singing!) may be lifted next month and details will be in the August edition.

Martin Beaumont

### **Churchwardens and Clergy**

Ashbrittle	with Greenham	
	Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ	01823 672365
	David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LE	01823 672436
Bathealton	Andrew Lyle, Road Hill House, Bathealton, TA4 2AW	01984 629013
	Sarah Eustice, Oakwood, Spring Grove, TA4 1NL	01823 401248
Kittisford	Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham , TA21 0JW	01823 672627
Stawley	Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT	01823 672183
	Graham Henson, Court Place Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HP	01823 672496
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### Thought for the Month

"Up this green woodland-ride let's softly rove And list the nightingale, she dwells just here.` Hush! Let the wood-gate softly clap, for fear The noise might drive her from her home of love; For here I've heard her many a merry year, At morn, at eve, nay, all the live-long day, As though she lived on song. This very spot.

(John Clare: "The Nightingale's nest")

Since our move here nearly four years ago now, I have failed to hear the sound of the song of the nightingale.

We used to hear a single bird (was it the same one year after year?) in "this very spot", particularly on a summer's evening as it was growing dark, opposite The Rectory in Chiddingstone, Kent.

We do hear the rat-tat-tat of the woodpecker, as we did in Kent, but sadly not a cuckoo, except two years ago on the Quantocks.

But some species have become firm friends in our new habitat.

Our house faces a Rookery; a noisy, argumentative, social centre for young and old. It is for this reason that their collective noun is "A Parliament" of rooks.

Now that we are nearing the longest day, their single loud, affirmative call is a harbinger of the dawn chorus, usually introduced by the call of the wood pigeon. Smaller song birds entertain us, with what was last year described on Radio 4 as, "vocal stretching".

Ornithologists believe that this daily performance is all about establishing territory; the birds are saying, "I'm here....you lot clear off"!

The joy of the dawn chorus is that no day is the same. It is not a piece of music printed on a score for performers to follow. Each morning is a new day and a completely fresh gathering together of the calls of many individual birds.

#### The Church Season

Currently, in the church's year, we have just begun to enjoy the Trinity Season. This is sometimes called "The Green Season", as this is the liturgical colour seen in all our churches.

We have provision for twenty four weeks of collects and readings which will take us through to the beginning of Advent.

In The Common Worship lectionary, we have adopted the Roman Catholic designation of this season as "Ordinary Time". However, I have always felt uncomfortable with anything that suggests that anything is "ordinary". If the last

eighteen months have taught us anything, it is that normality is an elusive concept.

What we had assumed was "customary" or "commonplace" (Concise Oxford Dictionary) may never be the same again and pundits speak blithely of the "New" normal.

#### A lesson from nature

Perhaps we should learn a lesson from our feathered friends. As they begin their day, each morning is unique; there is no such thing as an "ordinary" dawn chorus and every participant is eager to make their unique contribution. Individual birdsong may be identifiable and even predictable but it is the bringing together of the chorus that establishes uniqueness.

As we move towards the removal of some of the restrictions that have constrained our daily lives, perhaps we may do well to see each day, not as an "ordinary" day but rather something unique. This may also help us to see each day as a gift; unpredictable, uncertain, unexpected but never, "ordinary".

With my best wishes,

Martin Beaumont

### **Peggy Wotton**

A memorial serice will be held at Greenham Church

2.30 pm on July 31st

### Frontispiece

This month we have another of Michael Parkinson's sketches, The Globe Inn, which reopens on July 1st. - see page 11

The drawing on the front cover of last month's magazine was a gate on the footpath between Ashbrittle and Kytton Barton.

### Rainfall Figures (inches)

### May 2021

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3.19	1.32	1.65	0.32	6.22

*The wettest May since local rainfall records were established.* 

Val Coots

### **Further tributes to Elaine McNicholas**

#### From the Church

Three memories stand out for me as I reflect on the time Elaine and I shared in the ministry together.

One is the amazing sermon she preached at a wedding. It was a perfect example of how to do it: combining wit, knowledge of the couple (a lot of cricket puns) and oozing with love and care. Elaine was rightly admired for her creativity, humour and energy in all that she brought to sharing her faith.

The second is the generous way she stepped up to the challenge of being 'Reader-in-charge' of the four parishes for a few years. Most Readers only ever have the opportunity to assist a parish priest, but Elaine - generously supported by Terry - allowed herself to be stretched and learn new things as she took on greater responsibility, caring for the parishes and the people and neighbours she loved.

Finally, I recall being on an eight day silent retreat with Elaine at St Beuno's in North Wales. We glimpsed one another occasionally, perhaps in Chapel or walking in the garden or at a meal. Each retreatant follows their own individual journey helped by their retreat guide. But on the way back, Elaine had so much to share in the car! Her joy was a privilege to experience!

Rev Tim Treanor

### And from the School

The children and staff of Stawley Primary School were greatly supported by Elaine McNicholas for many, many years. She inspired the children through her sharing of stories and fantastic assemblies. She always had a creative and unique approach in engaging the children and left them excited and interested in all that they had learned. Many times, this prompted them to go away and complete further research before coming back to her assembly with some quite challenging questions. Elaine always managed these with humour and honesty, a delightful combination which, unfortunately for her, meant the questions never stopped coming!

Elaine was a key member of our school community and is greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her and all the children who were lucky enough to be present in one of her assemblies.

We would all like to wish her the very best and thank her for the lasting impression she has left on Stawley Primary School. Good luck Elaine, we hope you enjoy the beautiful Wiltshire countryside and depart with the knowledge that you have truly made a difference to the community you are leaving behind.

Many thanks,

Jacqui Collier

### **Stawley Thoughts**

A new and complete edition of 171 pages, limited to 50 copies and including all essays by Martin Jacoby published in *Parish News* 2016-2021 by kind permission of the Editors.

For sale in The Stawley Village Shop at the cost price of £9.50



### Quaker Meeting for Worship Spiceland Quaker Meeting, Uffculme

We Meet for Worship at Spiceland every Sunday at 10.30am till 11am – this is a blended Meeting also available on Zoom All are very welcome. Meeting ID: 865 5570 2735 Passcode: 498173

What is love? What shall I say of it, or how shall I in words express its nature? It is the sweetness of life; it is the sweet, tender, melting nature of God, flowing up through his seed of life into the creature, and of all things making the creature most like unto himself, both in nature and operation. It fulfils the law, it fulfils the gospel; it wraps up all in one, and brings forth all in the oneness. It excludes all evil out of the heart, it perfects all good in the heart. A touch of love doth this in measure; perfect love doth this in fullness.

Isaac Penington, 1663 Quaker Faith and Practice 26.30

For more information phone Ali Dominy 07810768557 or use the "contact us" form on our website:

http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/ or email spicelandnotices@btinternet.com The Religious Society of Friends

(Quakers)

### KID`S COLUMN

### Harry Potter

Hello again everyone, this month we are doing (my favourite thing ever)

HARRY POTTER (eek) I'm probably more excited than you are. JK Rowling wrote the Harry Potter books and she is my favourite author. Any way enjoy:

### What's your wizard's name

Use the first column if you are a girl how old you are is that number. e.g., say I was 8 years old my name would be Dolores. Use the middle column for when your birthday is. e.g., if I was born in August, I would be Dolores Filch if you are a boy pick from the boy column.

AGEGIRL	MONTH OF BIRTH	AGEBOY
1=Parvati	Jan=Longbottom	1=Brutus
2=Hermione	Feb=Fudge	2=Rubius
3=Bellatrix	Mar=Moody	3=Draco
4=Nymphadora	Apr=Dumbledore	4=Gildoroy
5=Padma	May=Pettigrew	5=Lucius
6=Luna	Jun=Flitwick	6=Severus
7=Sybil	Jul=Bagman	7=Victor
8=Dolores	Aug=Filch	8=Ronald
9=Rita	Sep=Shunpike	9=Igor
10=Minerva	Oct=Crouch	10=Amos
11= <i>C</i> ho	Nov=Bagshot	11=Kennilworthy
12=Pansy	Dec=Crabbe	12=Cedric

### Did you know?

Dumbledore is an old English word meaning bumblebee.

- 120 million copies of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone have sold worldwide so far.
- A first edition copy of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone sold for a whopping  $\pounds$ 118,812!

See you next time to learn about dogs and puppies bye bye ok, yep bye bye.

Adanna Ranson

### **Country matters**

#### Leaves

Leaves of the summer, lovely summer's pride, Sweet in the shade below your lofty tree, Whether in saving copses, where you hide My roamings, or in fields that let me see The open sky; and whether ye may be Around the low-stemm'd oak, outspreading wide; Or taper ash upon the mountain side; Or lowland elm; your shade is sweet to me. Whether you wave above the early flow'rs In lively green; or whether rustling sere, Ye fly on playful winds, around my feet.

#### William Barnes (1801-86)

Late May: The annual leaf burst is about to climax. From March onwards the skeletal winter trees come back to life with the birch and hawthorn leading. This year the colours of the beech were especially striking with the emerald canopy seeming to crackle with chlorophyll and the new oak leaves appearing very golden. The ash trees have been very slow and of course some of them have the die-back fungus.

After the leaves, the hawthorn has had an amazing abundance of bride-white blossom with its heady scent. The song 'Nuts in May' was changed by the pruney Victorians from knots in May (knots = branches) to stop the riotous country game of giving prospective partners bunches of flowers.

**Mid June;** The next batch of wayside flowers have found their places. The bush vetch (pea family) is busy climbing up the banks, with its pale lilac to deep purple flowers, holding on by tendrils just like sweet peas. Lady's bedstraw, with its yellow flowers, is also about; and some hedgerows are sporting dog roses for the first time. The later verge cutting, started last year, has helped bluebells pop up in a lot of new places.

A yellow wagtail was seen busy eating insects on the river Tone. Unlike the pied wagtail (which particularly likes the cricket pitch) the yellow wagtail spends the winter in Africa around big mammal herds.

Another sound of summer is "coocoo,coo" of the collared dove. They are fairly recent arrivals in England, coming in the mid fifties from Turkey. They seem to have displaced the turtle dove. Bullfinches are very bright with their russet brown underparts, and there are quite a few around this year.

As we head towards the longest day of the year badgers emerge well before sunset. They

have an incredible sense of smell (700 times more sensitive than us), this means they have a snapshot of everything going around their sett. Maize is one of their favorite 'take away' foods and is brilliant to fatten up and make ready for the winter.

The 'Too Soon June' message is having some effect in stopping the urge to shave all grass into submission, depriving the insects of food and homes and thus depriving the birds of food.

Sally Merrett

### Another amazing advance in technology

Miniature cameras which patients can swallow to get checked for cancer are now being trialled at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust. The imaging technology, in a capsule no bigger than a pill, can provide a diagnosis within hours.

Known as a colon capsule endoscopy, the cameras are the latest NHS innovation to help patients access cancer checks at home. Traditional colonoscopy involves a hospital attendance for an outpatient procedure, where a hospital specialist inserts a telescope into the large intestine (colon). The new technology means that, after swallowing the capsule, people can go about their normal day with minimal inconvenience.

An initial group of 11,000 NHS patients in England will receive the capsule cameras in more than 40 parts of the country. This includes Somerset FT, along with a few other NHS trusts in the south west.

Dr Daniel Pearl, Somerset NHS Foundation Trust's consultant gastroenterologist, capsule endoscopy lead and bowel cancer screening director, said:

"This is a really exciting opportunity to shift towards more patient friendly and less intrusive examinations of the colon for patients being investigated for bowel cancer. We are delighted to have been selected as one of the three sites in the south west to develop this service and run the regional arm of the national colon capsule endoscopy pilot."

The capsule colonoscopy procedure normally takes five to eight hours and provides full images of the bowel with information sent to a data recorder in a shoulder bag, so patients can go about their day.

*Extracted from a Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Press Release*  STAWLEY MILL HAPPENINGS

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### **Open all Hours**

Here comes a poet, and he knows it, complete with pen: he starts to write, and nothing moves along, the rhythm's hard, won't catch it quite for ballad, sonnet or a song.

This gloomy poet

knows he shows it

when he is sombre at his desk, his paper lying blank,

his hoped excitement lacking risk, account lies empty at the bank.

The hoping poet can't compose it because no words fall from his brain, at least not in the time he has to hand, or, should words rain, are quite unsuited to his rhyme.

Sometimes for poet, bright winds blow its intent with feelings to inspire him, pictures dripped in word, his eager pencil flows, enfires him, verse and images concurred.

It's then the poet drives to sow it till coloured flares light up his desk, and dreams create a scene of moonlit love or wild burlesque, spells happiness there's never been.

But often poet

can't inflow it, for much he writes is mediocre, sentiment that's bland, not rich deep reds, just dirty ochre, dull and plain and never grand.

Each one's a poet, yes, you know it, each day your life attempts expression, easy times or hard, your choices are each changing session, artist, music, or a bard.

Your evening poet knows you grow it, what you have made throughout the day, each day that is your page, what's good or ill or bland they stay, tells how with life you well engage. Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall. We are coming back!

After an absence of eighteen months we hope to return on **Thursday 30th September.** The hall will be ready and our cook, Jackie White, will be ready.

There will be some changes in the way we organise the club, but as ever we are staying with the same format. We will meet on the last Thursday in the month (except for Christmas), starting at 12.00 noon and finishing by 2.00pm. There will be a speaker, opportunities for questions and discussion or some other activity (not too active!), followed by a two course lunch.

Nearer the time I will contact all the regulars individually, but we welcome new members and if you are local, we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact details below.

In the past Liz Taylor has taken on all the responsibilities, but we are now hoping to share out most of the organisational jobs. This can be anything from moving tables and chairs to liaising with the RCI and Active Living. Please let me know if you would like to help in any capacity.

Call me on 01823 672203 or email me at: *deliaharling123@tiscali.co.uk* 

Delia Harling



Bathealton Church. The price labels will be removed at the

end of June and all the remaining plants will be there for you to help yourselves if you see anything you like.

Again, thank you for your support.

Morag Berthon

Martin at the Shop



# THE FAMOUS PINK LAMPSHADE COMPETITION HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOURS YET?

AvrilSilk@aol.com (01823 672131)

### THERE WILL BE PRIZES!

### Spinning and Woolcraft Group



The Spinning and Woolcraft Group will continue to meet on a fortnightly basis for the near future.

With the easing of COVID restrictions, we hope to be

able to alternate Zoom sessions with meeting outside in a member's garden, weather permitting.

Meeting arrangements will be confirmed when the reminder email is sent out.

If you would like to join us please contact me and I will add you to the mailing list. Perhaps you would like to come along to a garden meeting and learn to spin with us?

Next Sessions

Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Defibrillators and The Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS)

Would you know what to do if someone in your household collapsed, had a heart attack, or needed help? Within this community, we have four defibrillators which are available to anyone and they are easy to use by anyone. Quick access to a defibrillator really can save a life.

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 and, if someone is available, a local volunteer will respond.

The location of all the defibrillators and the phone numbers for the local volunteers for your area are now inside the back page of the Parish News.

With thanks to Judy Webb, Eds

at 2.30pm

### A Personal Note

This may well be my last contribution to *Parish News*. I have to face the fact that I am losing my battle with Parkinson's Disease, and finding concentration increasingly difficult. Also, I want to revise my book, *The Human Population Tsunami*, which has recently received some attention.

I wish to record my gratitude to Maurice Stanbury and Julia Swan for their enormous help over the last five years not just in editing my words but actively changing my thoughts and attitude to contemporary events.

My special thanks to *Open Minds* – the group that discusses some of the issues I have raised – among other, often more interesting, topics. I also thank all who have read this column, especially those who have disagreed, and told me why. May I leave you with a final exhortation? Remember above all else that we, the living, have a duty of care towards the river of information that flows through time. Being human, most of that information is in the form of ideas. Ideas can put a face on the future and thereby save us from the tyranny of DNA.

Martin Jacoby

It's been a great pleasure - Eds

### A Lollipop

The great conductor Thomas Beecham was frequently called back to the podium to give *encores*. Occasionally, especially after a rather heavy classical programme, he would play classical jazz – to change the taste, he said. He called such pieces, 'lollipops'.

Here is one, though in words rather than music:

Too often I see public notices written in prose that judders with repeated words, oafish syntax, assonance, ambiguities and other infelicities. I wonder what the writers were thinking, if that isn't too strong a word, as they composed the text. Mercifully, it has not always been thus, and in older age one is allowed a little nostalgia.

At the end of World War 1, surviving soldiers resumed their lives, many returning to university. The Dons of Worcester College, Oxford, feared that some battle-hardened men might cause trouble, so they appointed Colonel Cyril Wilkinson as Dean and responsible for undergraduate discipline. One Michaelmas Term in the 1930s, Wilkinson posted the following on his notice board. (I quote from memory of being told about it by a witness):

> "If any Gentleman should believe that the forthcoming celebrations of 5<sup>th</sup> November could be a licence for

unseemly behaviour, he would be well advised to disabuse himself before rather than after the event."

Ambiguous? Certainly not. Elegant? Not a word out of place or surplus. Where else will you find a more concise, accurately used and delightful alliteration of all three conditional "-ould" words? Those who claim that Wilkinson's delicately nuanced prose is socially divisive miss the point that writing "-'d" instead of "would" or "could" or "should" is more divisive because it assumes that those who do use it seldom understand why, or even how, it could divide.

Wit? The Dean's notice delicately fulfils Samuel Johnson's definition of wit: *the unexpected copulation of ideas*.

#### Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at 7:00 pm on the 3rd June 2021

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

#### Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

It was agreed that a donation of £100 should be made to the Rural Community Initiative.

#### Finance

The balance of the account at the date of the meeting was  $\pounds 12,398.10$ .

#### Planning

• 35/21/0012 - Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing change of use of the stable building for storage and the raised hardstanding as a storage yard at Meadow View, Greenham Quarry Road, Greenham.

This application is very similar to the application made in 2018 for caravan storage on the hardstanding. For this reason the Council decided that this should be pointed out to the Planning Officer. The Council decided to Object to this application and the Clerk was instructed to draft a response.

• 35/21/0011 - Installation of mini sewage treatment plant at Smith Cottage, Kittisford Road, Stawley. The Council supports this application.

#### **Reports from Members**

Footpaths – The path between Greenham and Cothay will be cleared of obstructions.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

1st July at 7:30pm

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Wednesday to Saturday 11 til 11 Sunday 12 til 4

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**Thursday BBQ** 

Staff vacancies: chef, bar and waiting staff are required, please get in touch.

#### STAWLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SCA)

#### \*AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY\*

### The Future of Stawley Shop and Tearoom

This notice is to let you all know that Sally and Martin Perry will be retiring from Stawley Shop and Tearoom on 24th April 2022.

Sally and Martin are well into their 6th year as tenants, and have worked extremely hard in that time to make the Shop what it is: not just a thriving business, but a wonderful service to the community, which has been particularly valuable during the periods of lockdown. In recent years, they have been supported by a small but dedicated team of volunteers.

The SCA (Stawley Community Association) is the committee responsible for supporting the infrastructure of the Shop and the tenants who run it, through fundraising and grants to replace equipment, redecorate etc. as needed. It is also the job of the SCA to advertise and find new tenants for the Shop as and when required.

SCA members Pauline Wood and Cilla Newsom, with Sally and Martin Perry are to make up a working party to process the next steps in securing the future of the Shop after Sally and Martin retire.

Options for the future could be:

- A new tenant with or without volunteers
- A manager with volunteers
- A completely volunteer-run arrangement

A replacement tenant would be our first choice, but we must face the possibility that we might not find one, so the above alternatives must be considered too.

If the agreed option is a non-tenant based arrangement, this falls outside of the current remit of the SCA, and would therefore require a totally new Committee to oversee it.

### 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 11th August New members always welcome

### WE NEED HELP FROM OUR COMMUNITY

- \* Could you spare some time to serve on a committee (now and/or in the future)?
- \* Do you (or anyone you know) have professional skills, such as legal or business, and are willing to give time to help with the process of securing the future of the Shop?
- \* Do you have any ideas, or are you willing to help out generally with the process that faces us over the coming months?
- \* Are you interested in becoming the new Shop tenant?
- \* Could you spare a few hours to come and work in the Shop as a volunteer, (now and/or in the future) to help maintain the service the Shop provides?

Over the next few weeks, we will run articles and advertisements in local papers and other Parish newsletters, and we intend to visit a number of other village shops in the area, (most of which are community run), to find out what is involved.

We will keep you all informed of our progress in future issues of the Parish News.

#### The Shop definitely has a future, but we need to think long and hard about how to achieve this, and it will require considerable motivation and effort from the community as a whole.

If you have ANY thoughts, ideas or energy to help out, please do talk to us, (working party or the SCA) and see what you can do to make secure the future of Stawley Shop and Tearoom.

Thank you in anticipation,

Pauline, Cilla, Sally and Martin.

#### Contacts:

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cillanewsom@gmail.com	
Sally and Martin in the Shop shop@stawleyshop.com	01823 674361

### Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

Phone us on 01823 674361 or email shop@stawleyshop.com

Find us at Appley Cross, next door to Stawley Primary School

If you are new to the area, come and make yourself known - and maybe find out more about becoming a volunteer and getting to know people...

### We are Open:

Monday to Friday 8 am to 5.30 pm Saturdays 8 am to 2 pm Sundays 9 am to 11 am

Post Office services available every Thursday 11.30 am to 1.30 pm

### **Gardening Club**

### The July Quiz

### Sue Jacoby reports on two recent Gardening Club outings:

The trips organised for Gardening Club members in June were poorly attended, but maybe we have become too accustomed to being locked in?

The Plant Fair at Yarlington House was held at the beginning of the month and at the end of a long period of very cold and wet weather. They were blessed with the first fine day. It was a real plantsmans' fair with many specialist nurseries from all over the south west exhibiting and selling their plants. It was hugely popular and when I arrived at 11.00 many people were leaving laden with plants. It was well organised with plenty of room between stalls to keep in line with Covid restrictions.

Yarlington House is the home of the de Salís family and their gardens are not normally open to the public. An old established garden, it had lovely features including a laburnum tunnel which was just coming into flower and some beautiful statues strategically placed. There is an acre of walled garden and they have recently turned over one of their fields to a wild flower meadow which has yet to establish properly. Only two other GC members joined me there. I thought it was a great day out and succumbed to several purchases, many of the stalls had sold out and were packing up by 3.00 pm.

The other trip was to **Powderham Castle** for their annual Toby Buckland Flower Festival which was a disappointment. The castle and gardens were closed for restoration so the stalls were on either side of the drive. There seemed to be very few plant stalls compared with previous years and it seemed more of a fun fair with steam engine rides, a cherry picker which raised you aloft in aid of charity (which Judy and Ann Marie enjoyed) and many charity stalls and art studios. I thought the best plants were down in the garden centre where we had coffee on our way in. Maybe Covid has taken its toll once again but I feel reluctant to organise another trip there next year. Just five of us went.

We aren't sure when the next trips will be, but will keep you all informed!

Hopefully, you are still working hard in your own gardens, even starting to enjoy early fruit and vegetables. It would still be lovely to see some photographs of what is happening in your gardens.

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

Pauline and Sue

1 Who is the longest serving professional on Strictly Come Dancing?

2 Auckland is New Zealand's most populous city, but which is it's capital, located on the north island? 3 The world's most beautiful car (according to Enzo Ferrari and UK made) was unveiled over 60 years ago at the Geneva Motor Show. Which car? 4 A shark's skeleton is made entirely of what material?

5 Who was the first monarch to occupy Buckingham Palace?

6 Held simultaneously at Wembley Stadium and John F Kennedy Stadium in Philadelphia, in what year was the Live Aid benefit concert event? 7 Which American actor won a posthumous Golden Globe Award for his final film 'Ma Rainey's Back Bottom', released in 2020?

8 In relation to concert venues and stadiums, what is a 'Super Trouper'?

9 What links 'Political', 'Surprise' and 'Dinner'? 10 Who became the oldest winner of a golf major after his victory at the 2021 PGA Championship? 11 Rising butt, T, cranked and scissor are all types what architectural feature?

12 How many nickels are there in a US dollar?

13 What date is Saint David's day?

14 The sale of which electrical household items are the government banning from this September?

15 'Random advice' is an anagram of which former UK prime minister?

16 Which bird has the largest wingspan measured at up to 3.65 metres?

17 Greg Dyke, Mark Tony Hall and Mark Thomson have all held what top job within the broadcasting industry?

18 LASER: Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of 'what'?

19 Which English county contains Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and Daventry?

20 Who was Donald Trump's Vice President?

21 In the the insect world, in what does a

lepidopterist specialise?

22 With which country has the UK just agreed a new free-trade deal, the first since exiting the EU? 23 What is the smallest planet in our solar system? 24 Who holds the record for the most goals scored in the European Championships?

25 Where is the smallest bone in the human body located?

Answers on p. 32 With thanks again to Alan Rose - Eds



### **Appley Pavilion**

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 1st July 7.30pm at the Pavilion

Please come along to our AGM and find out about plans for 2021. We would really welcome any fresh ideas.

### Starlink Satellite Broadband – our experience

Some of you may be aware of the new Starlink satellite broadband system provided by SpaceX, a company set up by Elon Musk. There is a great deal of information on the web if you search Starlink but you can start with *www.starlink.com* 

Unwilling to wait for any sign of fibre coming our way we took the plunge a few weeks ago and the results for us are outstanding. At the time of writing we are getting a **download speed of 204mbs and upload speeds of 16mbs** and have been as high as 240mbs and 32mbs respectively.

We were getting the standard 1.5mbs from BT and up to 5mbs from Vodafone 4G. The key to satellite broadband (which this system seems to have cracked) is the Latency (time the signal takes from ground to satellite and back) and the range we are getting is 25 to 45 milliseconds.

The main downside is that Starlink is expensive at £493 for the full kit (inc delivery from the USA) and then £89 per month for currently, an unlimited supply. There will also be costs you might incur if you want to get the dish mounted on your roof, house or outbuilding professionally.

Starlink are rumoured to have had talks with the UK government about the system forming part of a new voucher scheme going forward but there is no further news on this. Who knows when or if fibre will ever come to the parish.

Whilst the global system is being rolled out it is still in its Beta Testing stage (and so not faultless) but ordering of the kit is now available in this area on a first come first served basis via the web site.

You have to set the equipment up yourself using the Starlink App on your phone or tablet and the instructions on the box, but this is simple. Once you plug it in the dish adjusts for the best signal. The location of the dish is key and needs to be in a clear area with a good view of the sky and if possible in the highest part of your property with no trees, buildings or obstructions in its way. The App shows you how to do this and the dish comes with 100ft of cable which should be more than adequate and it can also just be placed directly on the ground using the stand it comes with.

Apart from a few outages to be expected during Beta testing and a bit of home testing to get the dish in the right location it is such a good system that we will be stopping our current suppliers as contracts run out. I think the net cost per month of Starlink will be about £30 more than what are currently paying and we will also be able to save data costs on our mobile phone bills.

There have been no problems using it for Zoom or Teams calls and it really is a complete game changer for us and working from home, although I am sure other users may have some issues we have not experienced – I have seen a few other dishes in the area. For us it is a vast improvement, but remember whilst in Beta stage there will be outages as the satellite network improves and software is updated. Starlink says it is aiming to move out of Beta to a full service later this year. Other points to consider are rumours that Starlink might use much more electricity than a standard system and there are questions about speeds going forward if there was a massive global take up of it.

Finally, one still needs to get the Wi-Fi through thick Somerset house walls so a good router or booster is still essential. The router that Starlink provide is by their own admission basic (but will be upgraded) and so you are able to plug direct into your existing standalone router/mesh system if it is not locked to your existing provider.

Please note that I am not an expert on these matters but a happy amateur that learns as I go along and this is only our experience of the system! If anyone is considering going down this route I would be delighted to answer any questions you might have. You can email me on: thewilliammorrison@gmail.com

William Morrison

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### **Mobile Library**

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Local Ashbrittle artist Paul Leyland is selling this painting to raise funds for Ashbrittle Arts. All monies will go direct to Ashbrittle Arts to help them put on community events in and around the village. The painting is 100 cm x 80 cm.

It can be seen on Paul's website *www.paulleyland.co.uk* or if you would like to see it in person in please contact me on 01823 672707 or 07816413291 Email: *pleyland@talk21.com* to make an appointment

> It will be listed on eBay from July 10th and can be found by searching for *Ashbrittle Horses in the Snow*' by Paul Leyland.

### Ashbrittle Art Group

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### **Donations for the Parish News**

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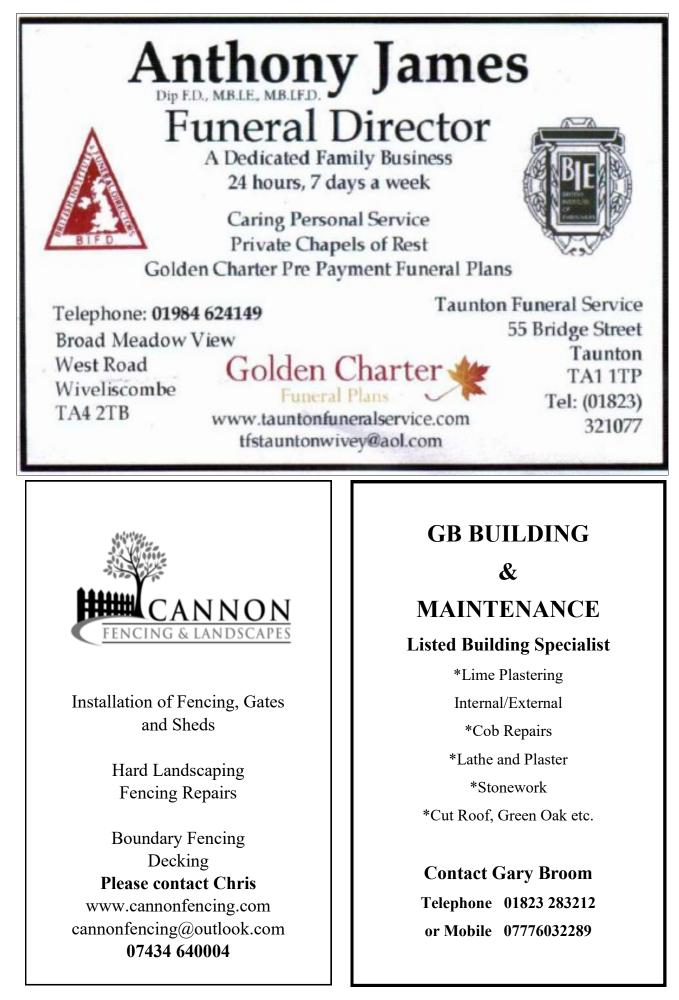
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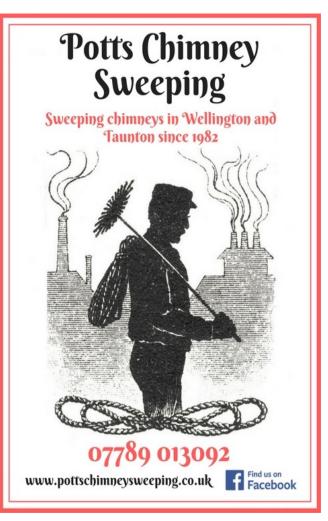
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		Postponed because of ongoing Covid regulations	
17th and 18th	11 am - 5 pm	Stawley Mill Happenings	
<i>September</i> 5th		Stawley Flower Show	
<i>October</i> 2nd	7pm	Hungry Town, an American acoustic duo from Vermont. Appley Pavilion.	
3rd	11 am - 3 pm	Apple Day at Appley Pavilion	

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### July Quiz answers

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