

ASHBRITTLE

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Parish news

October 2021

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

Church Services

Sunday October 3rd 11.00 a.m.	Harvest Festival Parish Communion (followed by refreshments)	STAWLEY
Sunday October 10th 5.00 p.m.	Harvest Festival Sung Evening Prayer (followed by refreshments)	ASHBRITTE
Sunday October 17th 5.00 p.m.	Harvest Festival Parish Communion (followed by refreshments)	KITTISFORD
Sunday October 24th 9.30 a.m.	Last Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion	BATHEALTON
Sunday October 31st 9.30 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Parish Communion	GREENHAM

Please note the change of times for the services for the first three Sundays of the month. This is to enable us to gather together once again for refreshments due to the relaxation of Covid restrictions.

We can now SING HYMNS...Alleluia! However, we will continue to receive communion while still remaining in our places.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Martin Beaumont

Thought for the Week

If you would like to receive Rev Martin Beaumont's "Thought for the Week" email, please email amusgrove@cantab.net to be added to the circulation list.

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbittle with Greenham

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Thought for the Month

Taking a school Harvest Festival some years ago, I quoted the line about autumn being a "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" and enquired if any of the children knew the name of the author. "John Keats, sir", they were very polite children, one eleven year old answered. "Well done", I said, "how on earth do you know that"? " You told us last year," he reminded me.

Autumn was never my mother's favourite time of the year, she said that it was all about death and decay, but I am rather fond of this particular season. Perhaps it is the promise of the schools returning after the long summer holiday, or the preponderance of hedgerow fruits, the changing of colour on the leaves or the prospect of casseroles replacing the barbecue.

We are enjoying a series of what are called in Kent, "Hop picking mornings" and certainly in Chiddingstone, where Ruth and I used to live, the hop picking for the local brewery is underway. In about three weeks' time, there will be a new beer on sale made exclusively from the hops that were hand-picked rather than gathered mechanically.

Whilst we notice and appreciate the cycle of nature, we also mark the movement of the weeks and months in the liturgical pattern of the church. Currently, we are in the Trinity Season that leads us towards the start of the observance of Advent at the end of November. October will see a number of Harvest Festivals in our churches and please make a note of some somewhat unusual timings of these services.

Remembrance Sunday will this year be marked at Stawley Church at 10.45 a.m. and we look forward to being able to have an indoor service, rather than the outdoor observance, due to Covid restrictions, last year at Ashbrittle.

We are already planning our Christmas services and look forward to being able to gather together once again, to sing carols and welcome the birth of Christ.

An ever changing world

The writer of the famous hymn, "Abide with me", wrote, "change and decay in all around I see" and if these last eighteen months have taught us anything, it must be that nothing is predictable and we live in a world of constant change and occasional seasonal decay. Already we hear that the government has both a Plan A and a Plan B, should the virus re-emerge causing a significant increase in hospitalisations. We shall have to await developments.

Whatever the future might hold, I hope that we are better prepared to take things as they are

and to adapt to circumstances as they occur. Our communities have impressed many others by our adaptability, our care and concern for our neighbour and our simple willingness to get on with life, whatever it might hold.

For the Christian, the holding of all our uncertainties within the love of God, has been a great comfort and source of reassurance.

Our decision to keep our churches open for worship during the first three months of this year, testified to the willingness of worshippers to meet each Sunday to worship that God of love.

May His presence remain constant in our lives and may our faith in Him deepen as we move, together, into the future.

With my best wishes,

Martin Beaumont

Donations for the Parish News

Donations received from:

The Williams family

Thanks again, for your kind support.

Donations may be left at Stawley Shop or sent directly to the treasurer: details on page 31

Andrew Millard, treasurer

New Notice Board

There is a new Notice Board on the railings opposite Stawley Shop.

It is for the posting of Community notices of general interest but not for commercial advertising which may be placed in the shop with permission.

Keys may be obtained from the shop during opening hours and also from Louis Fleitz at The Old School House (round the corner).

Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge

From 10.00 to 10.20

on 26th October



Stawley Flower and Produce Show



On a rare and beautiful summer's day the annual Stawley Flower and Produce Show was held at Appley Pavilion on Sunday, 5th September. The Pavilion Committee organised delicious cream teas and home-made cakes as well as a plant stall, tómbola and raffle. After such a difficult couple of years blighted by Covid, it seemed everyone was very happy to be meeting old friends and enjoying the sunshine on what was a quintessentially perfect English afternoon.

Avril Silk's Pink Lampshade Competition added a colourful display in the entrance hall with some very imaginatively decorated shades.

Entries were slightly down on 2019 but this was probably due to some of the craft clubs not being able to function during lockdown. The judges were Morag Berthon and Ann Heard and they had a sticky task wading their way through jams and jellies, home made brews and delicious looking cakes to name but a few of the classes.



The winner of the **Cothay Cup** for the most points of the day was Anna-Lisa De'Ath and the winner of the **Junior Rossholme Cup** for the best programme cover for 2022 went to Phoebe Burridge, aged 7.

The rest of the prizes were awarded as follows:

Vegetable Clock - Maurice Stanbury,

Fruit Award - Laura Burrow,

Flower Cup - Vivien Bell-West,

Produce Award - Anna-Lisa De'Ath,

Cookery Award - Suzette Williams,

Croft Bowl - Anna-Lisa De'Ath,

Rossholme Cup - Anna-Lisa De'Ath,

Photography Shield - Cilla Newsom,

Chairs' Cup awarded by the organisers for the most exceptional entry went to Anna-Lisa for her basket of herbs, beautifully labelled.

The children's **Special Prize Hen** was won by Jasmine Burrow for her very imaginative caterpillar made from a marrow.

After the prize giving, local resident Chris Clapham from Stags Auctioneers, auctioned all of the produce and raised £214 which was a tremendous result.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Pavilion Committee, to Pat Sweet whose help to me was invaluable, to Anna-Lisa for her design of the new Prize Cards and the Results Board which everyone appreciated and to the many other friends and members of the Gardening Club who helped with setting up and clearing up.

The last thank you goes to the members of the community of all ages, who brought along the products of their efforts in the garden, kitchen and workshop and without whom there would not have been a show.

It was a fun day!

Sue Jacoby

Picnic at the Pavilion

Despite the threat of rain and the unseasonal chill in the late August air, about fifty hardy picnickers dressed in their winter woollies, came to Appley Pavilion for a really heart-warming evening of toe-tapping music provided by the Robert West Band. It was wonderful to see people meet up again after a year of so much 'social restraint'!

Picnics ranged from banquets to basics and children played freely on the cricket area. The dancing began and eventually, the lack of light stopped play.

Thank you to Robert and his band for providing that Blues Beat that got everyone up and letting their hair down as the evening progressed.

The Pavilion is open again, but it may be a while before people feel ready to fill it to capacity in the winter months. There are Covid rules and guidelines, for the hire of public buildings which we have to follow, we welcome any enquiries and suggestions. It is an amazing facility in such a small rural community.

Rachel Oliver (on behalf of the Pavilion Committee) willolive1@yahoo.co.uk

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For Sale

Under worktop fridge, white.
Size 22ins wide X 22ins deep

£20

Tel 01823 673158

Apple Pressing Day

Sunday October 3rd

10am – 3pm

Appley Pavilion, TA21 0HH

FREE PRESSING (donation for pasteurising)



Bring your apples & bottles.



Bangers and Mash served 11am-3pm

£6 / £3 children

Cake stall run by Stawley Preschool



If you would like to get involved
with setting up a new
YOUTH CLUB
then please drop Laura an email or
call to find out more.
burrowlaura@gmail.com
01823 673033

STAWLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SCA)

THE FUTURE OF STAWLEY SHOP AND TEAROOM

A few words about Stawley Shop and Tearoom from two members of our community:

“Even before we moved to Somerset in November 2016, Stawley Shop featured in our lives. We saw the article in the County Gazette (24th July 2016) heralding a new team to serve the community. We were pleased with what we saw and even more delighted when we encountered the reality of: selections of local produce, staples, tea room and internet facilities! “Well we thought,” this is a nice place to be.

After settling in, we became volunteers. This was a great opportunity to serve and come to know people from the wider community of the 10 parishes and beyond. Serving teas to visitors from the many local B&B’s, to cyclists taking a break from their tour, or, those somehow diverted from their journeys on the M5 or A38 – is a window into a wider world.

The range of goods and services that our local shop offers is exceptional. Locally sourced produce like honey and organic vegetables, a Post Office service, deliveries, essential for so many during the pandemic, are invaluable. Another feather in the shop’s cap is the support that it receives for the RCI and SCA through fundraising initiatives, driven of course by us locals.

TV local news and programmes such as Countryfile run features on the success of community shops. People across the south west and in the UK as a whole take great pride in them. The shop, the volunteers and all those who use Stawley Shop belong to a community of shared interests. This has been very much our experience and we are proud of our shop, we use it regularly and highly recommend it to one and all!”

Olga and John

We are still working to secure the Shop’s future, and would greatly welcome your help and input to make this happen

Please talk to Sally and Martin, Shop volunteers or members of the SCA if you, or anyone you know are at all interested in the Shop tenancy

Deadline for applications for the tenancy is Friday 15th October 2021
Please direct these by email to stawley.shop.sca@gmail.com

Any other enquiries:

Pauline Wood
Cilla Newsom

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stawley.shop.sca@gmail.com
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OCTOBER LUNCH CLUB ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL



Destiny may ride with us today,
but there is no reason for it to
interfere with lunch.

- Peter the Great

AZ QUOTES

**Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th October starting at
12.00 noon.**

Jackie White will once again provide our lunch.

**Our speaker's topic will be the newly restored Wellington
Monument. The energetic (and brave) will very soon be able
to climb up more than 200 internal steps to the top, marvel at
the structure and enjoy the stunning views. Delia will be
investigating a possible group outing.**



GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS! COME AND JOIN US!



Country Matters

AUTUMN: A Dirge

*The chill rain is falling, the nipt worm is crawling,
The rivers are swelling, the thunder is knelling
For the year;
The blithe swallows are flown and the lizards
each gone
To his dwelling;
Come on white black, and grey,
Let your light sisters play –
Ye, follow the bier
Of the dead cold year
Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)*

Late August; The sound of a high-pitched squeaking coming from the long grass was a sign of two or more little shrews engaged in a fierce debate. Shrews are very, very, territorial and the smallest European mammal. They are very different from other rodents and have to eat their body weight every 24 hours, so they spend most of their lives eating. The old English word shrew was also used to describe a bad tempered woman with a poisonous character.

Another animal seen at this time of year is the stoat. They are chestnut brown above with a sharp demarcation line to pure white underparts. They mainly feed on mice and rabbits but are very happy to have “take away” chickens which are free range, and are ruthless killing machines.

Early September; The Himalayan balsam which lines the banks of the river Tone has migrated to the hedge verges above Greenham. The bumble bees and other insects love the pinky-purple flowers. It grows to about 2.5m and bullies out the native flowers, partly because it can shoot its seeds several metres.

The swallows and house martins were collecting together for the journey to Africa early this year. I think they might have used the North East wind to help them on their way. After they had discussed the route over Africa – Algeria or Libya - the first tranche left on September 12th. Some Swedish scientists fitted mini trackers to follow their migration; they were amazed to find that over seas and deserts their height was under 2km, but during the day they soared up to 8km. The conditions at this height are formidable; scarce oxygen, low air pressure, high ultra violet radiation and freezing cold. No one knows how these little balls of feathers of migrating birds manage at this height.

Other birds are singing again after moulting but not with the power of their springtime song, and the blackbirds won't really sing again until after Christmas. It has been a

good year for butterflies, in spite of the up and down weather. Not cutting the verges and hedges has helped them and all insects. I counted 24 red admirals getting ‘drunk’ on my rotted plums one afternoon.

I was hoping to source some oak saplings to be planted around the parish to celebrate the 70 year jubilee but Anyway, I hope everyone who can will plant a native tree this autumn, preferably an oak.

Sally Merrett

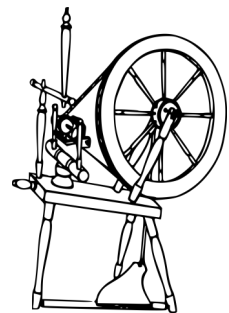
Rainfall Figures for August (inches)

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3.56	3.72	3.60	4.64	2.20

Val Coats

Spinning and Woolcraft Group

The Spinning and Woolcraft Group will continue to meet on a fortnightly basis (first and third Tuesdays in the month) for the near future.



With the easing of COVID restrictions, we will alternate Zoom sessions with meetings 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

Tuesday 5th October on Zoom
Tuesday 19th October Get-together
at 2.30pm

**** Do you have a spinning wheel in your attic which you no longer need or use? ****

**** Would you consider selling or donating it to our group? ****

Extra wheels are always useful for new members to try out the craft

Contact Pauline: on 01823 672222,
email pjw200355@gmail.com

The Famous Pink Lampshade Challenge!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Famous Pink Lampshade Challenge! It was wonderful to display the entries as part of the Flower Show, and I know some people were so inspired by the display they wondered if it might run again next year. As I still have a large stack of lampshades, she said through gritted teeth, you bet it will!

In all the excitement, I foolishly forgot to take any photographs of the entries which included a splendid pink flamingo, a shrimp, a day at the seaside, Harry Potter's Hallowe'en, the Four Seasons and more. It was heart-warming that several children took part. I did a quick call-out for photos but time was tight so if anyone else involved would like to send me a picture of their creation, I'd be delighted.

I promised prizes – the children will have a glass/tile painting session with me – the adult winners will have a leaded glass light catcher of their own design.



First prize: Jo Hartas



Second prize: Paul Leyland



Third prize: Pip Wilson

Rumours that Paul's lampshade shows activities behind the scenes at Ashbrittle Arts are light years away from the reality!

Avril Silk



Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th October

Church Cottage, Stawley. TA21 0HP

10.00 - 12.00

Bring & Buy, Raffle, Produce & Plants

In aid of Stawley Church Tower restoration

Entrance £2.50 (Under cover if wet)



Cyclamen hederifolium (Ivy-Leaved Cyclamen or Sow-bread)



Illustration by Julie Ridgley

This well-known and beloved late Summer and Autumn flowering plant is a feature of many of our gardens and one of around twenty three species of *Cyclamen* recognised today. A tuberous perennial producing distinctive flowers of magenta, paler pink or white, singly on wiry stems with their characteristic twisting, back-swept petals from August to late October followed by variably shaped and patterned leaves, coloured from plain green through mottled shades to pure pewter-silver. They are often seen in more mature gardens where large swathes of self-seeded plants and saucer sized tubers may be visible on the soil surface under trees and shrubs or along woodland edges.

A member of *Primulaceae* (the Primrose family), this plant of Mediterranean origin has widely and long been distributed across Europe and other parts of the world where it is now frequently naturalized. It is generally accepted as the toughest and hardiest of the *Cyclamen* species though it does best in milder oceanic climates, going through a dormant period in the summer months whilst its seed capsules ripen. These are seen on spring-like coiled stems which, when ripe, split open exposing their sticky seeds that are naturally dispersed by ants (*myrmecochory*) discarding the seed after eating the sugary surface.

The name 'Sow or Swine-bread' is medieval in origin when it was believed that pigs sought them out to eat. The name *Cyclamen* is medieval Latin from the earlier Latin *cyclamīnos* which refers to the round tuber rather than the twisting petals of the flower as is often thought. For a long time, many of the tubers imported for the horticultural trade were collected by monks and local people from the wild, to supplement their income. This has, over the years, caused substantial depletion of wild stocks though nowadays the majority of plants found for sale are

propagated commercially from seed in nurseries. *Cyclamen hederifolium* are easy to establish in your garden and remarkably easy to grow from seed, either by letting nature and the ants do their thing (self-seeding) or collecting and sowing fresh seed in pans or trays of well drained compost topped with sharp grit. Once the seedlings are a year old, they can be 'pricked out' singly into small pots and grown on until large enough to plant out. They usually flower from seed from their third year onwards. They love a little dappled shade but will adapt to most situations, although they do not like sitting in the wet. They don't require any particular feeding but will thrive if a light dressing of leaf mold is applied either before flowering starts or when the plants go dormant in the spring. Whether seen in a garden or in the wild, there is nothing that lifts the spirits at summer's end like a huge drift of autumn flowering *Cyclamen hederifolium*.

John Ridgley

Welcome back to the locality John and Julie, we're sure our gardening enthusiasts will look forward to more of your contributions. Eds



Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland, Uffculme

We Meet for Worship at Spiceland every Sunday at 10.30am till 11.30am – this is a blended Meeting also available on Zoom –

All are very welcome.

As our current economic system fuels inequality and climate breakdown, Quakers seek just responses to these intertwined crises.

Quakers are working with climate campaigners around the world to grasp the historical roots of these injustices, and create a fairer, sustainable world.


The wealth of the UK and other industrialised countries is built on the violent and racist exploitation of people and the earth. Today, our economy's dependence on fossil fuels and their extraction still hits poor people hardest. This is unjust. Quakers are working within the principles of climate justice to set things right. Quakers in Britain supports that work.


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

<http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/>

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(booking recommended)

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(booking recommended)

Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting (edited)

held at Appley Pavilion at 7:30 pm on the 2nd September 2021

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

Others present:- One parishioner, Dave Mansell (District Councillor) (DM), James Hunt (County Councillor) (JH)

4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

The footpath between Greenham and Cothay has now been cleared.

5. Finance

Invoices The SALC invoice has been paid. The Clerk passed over two invoices; one for the new engraving on the Wotton Memorial Bench and the second for printing paper.

It was decided that the now redundant website address www.stawleypc.org should not be renewed.

The balance of the account at the date of the meeting was £12,214.95

6. Planning

35/21/0016 - Appley Orchard Farm, Bishops Hill, Stawley. Variation of a Condition No. 02 (*for the use of the extension hereby permitted for the storage and drying of woodchip and the use of a sawmill shall be carried out solely by the applicant and his spouse and limited to the applicant's benefit*) and Condition No. 03 (*the site to be used for agricultural purposes, storage and drying of woodchip and a sawmill only and no other purposes*). The Council's view on this application was that this was a change of use that could not be considered as a simple variation to a condition of use of an agricultural barn. It also noted that the use to date had been for many hours outside those considered to be acceptable for use as a wood chipping facility.

The Council determined that it should object to the proposal and recommend that it should be considered by the Planning Committee, due to the number of local objections to the proposal, for change of use to a sawmill.

The Council tasked the Clerk to draft a response for circulation before submission.

8. Any other Business

Broadband A recent communication from Connecting Devon and Somerset states that businesses and households can apply for a voucher of up to £1,200 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a registered supplier if they are in a poor mobile signal area. The value of the voucher will be dependent on the type of technology most suitable for the premises

*The full draft minutes can be found at:
<https://stash.org.uk/document-category/stawley-minutes/>*

Paul Musgrove, Clerk

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

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 13th October

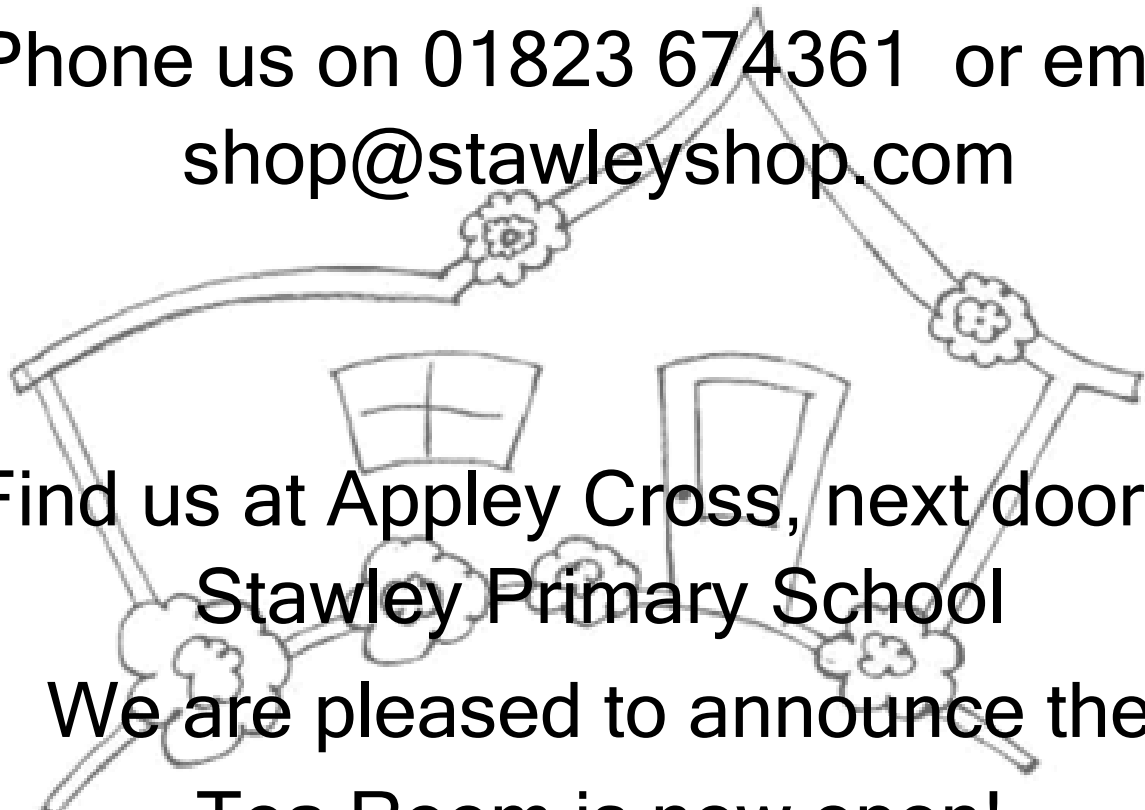
New members always welcome

Contact The Parish News on:

ashparishnews@gmail.com

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

We are pleased to announce the
Tea Room is now open!

Come and try breakfast or coffee/tea
and cake!

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

October quiz

- 1 Which classic sitcom, first aired in 1968 and penned by Croft and Perry, was initially to be called 'The Flying Tigers'?
- 2 Which British coin, introduced in 1969, is formed as an equilateral-curve heptagon?
- 3 In which UK city would you find Holyrood Park, Arthur's Seat and a castle containing Crown Jewels?
- 4 Name the four largest islands of the Canaries.
- 5 What is the scrollwork, engravings or carvings on bone or ivory called?
- 6 Which of the four tennis Grand Slam venues has the greatest audience capacity?
- 7 Dame Sarah Storey has won 17 gold Paralympic medals in which two disciplines?
- 8 What did Ceylon change its name to in 1972?
- 9 In what year was the London Underground opened. 1863,1875,1893 or 1908?
- 10 What would you do on hearing 'reveille'?
- 11 Which four countries topped the Tokyo Olympic medal table?
- 12 What is the name of the biggest technology company in South Korea?
- 13 Name the three US states with just four letters in their name.
- 14 Lima is the capital of which South American country?
- 15 What is the second most abundant gas in our atmosphere?
- 16 Who did Emma Raducanu defeat to become the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam tennis tournament at this year's US Open?
- 17 Who was recently sacked by the PM as education secretary?
- 18 Which modern version of a long established musical instrument has 47 strings and seven pedals?
- 19 A 'Jenny' is the female of which animal species?
- 20 In which city was John F Kennedy assassinated?
- 21 'the classroom' is an anagram of which related educational term?
- 22 A 'Pearl' wedding anniversary marks how many years of marriage?
- 23 How many league games does a team play in the football premiership in a season?
- 24 In which London district was Jack the Ripper active during the late 19th century?

25 'Progress through technology' translates from which German car manufacturer's motto?

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

Ashbrittle Art Group

We are a small band of budding artists and crafters who get together regularly for an informal afternoon of creativity

Art Sessions
in
Ashbrittle Village Hall
on
Every Wednesday
2-4pm

If you have any interest in expressing your creative talent amongst a friendly group, please come along to this first meeting and find out more

or email Pauline Wood pjw200355@gmail.com

Everyone welcome



Ladies



Have A Relaxing Liz Earle Facial

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Lovely Luxurious Natural



Products



October only, includes a free
foot spa treatment

Call Jane on 07879 539419

KIDS COLUMN

Dinosaurs

Hello everyone, yes it's me, Adanna Ranson, I'm back. Are you ready for some epic dinosaurs, like the brilliant brontosaurus, the terrific Tyrannosaurus Rex and the cool Compsognathus (a small chicken like dino that ran very fast)?

THE DINO QUIZ

What is your favourite pizza topping?

- Kale and mushroom
- Prawn and anchovies
- Cheese and tomato
- Meat feast

What would you compete in for the Olympics?

- A. Weight lifting
- B. Swimming
- C. Sprint
- D. Boxing

What would you do on your day off?

- A. Take a stroll
- B. Go to the beach
- C. Go for a run
- D. Hang out on my own

What is your favourite mode of transport?

- A. I like to walk
- B. I like the submarine
- C. I like taking a fast train they are really speedy
- D. I like unicycles, my arms are a bit too short for a bike

Mostly A's you are the brontosaurus, these large herbivores have very long necks and funny looking fingers.

Mostly B's you are the kronosaurus, marine reptiles these are swift, and although they sound elegant, they look like a cross between a crocodile and a shark.

Mostly C's you are the compsognathus – resembling a chicken. These mini dinos eat insects and lizards.

Mostly D's you are the Tyrannosaurus Rex, most famous dino of all everyone knows the meat eater with tiny arms!

Join me next time to learn about sleepovers and midnight feasts.

Minutes of RCI meeting Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 8.00 pm

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all members to the first face-to-face meeting since before lockdown.

Present: Michael Parkinson, Chairman (Mike), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Secretary (JW), Laura Burrow (LB), John Hannon (JH), Cilla Newsom (CN), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP), Martin Perry (MP),

Correspondence: PW had received correspondence about the details of the rental agreement for the shop and would be dealing with it

5a. Minutes of the last meeting: LB requested a correction of her name to Laura Burrow; the date of the 'next' meeting had been erroneously recorded. Amendments were recorded and the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5b. Matters arising: Mike reported that the RCI Notice Board, discussed at the last meeting, had now been installed on the school railings. Keys would be held by the Chairman; the Shop; Louis Fleitz (living next door); Gerry Webb (Chairman SCA); Paul Musgrove (Chairman/Clerk Stawley PC). Notice about the new Notice Board would be placed in Parish News and Mike undertook to place in it, a copy the VETS map and any local information relating to the community. It was not intended for personal notices which can be placed in the shop. JW suggested it should contain contact details/picture of the local MP and County Councillor. JH thanked Mike for his work in getting the board made and installed.

6. Accounts: The Treasurer submitted her report showing the RCI Account's balances as at 31 August 2021 as follows:

RCI £118.86; Active Living £957.72;
Youth Club £522.95

Total: £1599.53

The Treasurer expressed gratitude for the amount of donations received.

There was discussion about the Youth Club money retained within the account. LB was happy to organise some activity and had now acquired some circus equipment, but she would need some additional help with the running of Youth Club activities. She would place a request in the Parish News and CN agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss Youth Club plans.

PW requested the completion of the necessary Santander forms for all new Trustees including Martin Perry and this was done. The Charity Commission will be informed of the addition.

As Chairman, Mike raised the issue of Active Living funding which was now considerably reduced. The application was very complicated and PW would review how worthwhile it was.

VETS: JW reported that the VETS lines had continued to provide a general helpline. Although it had not been used, it was agreed that it was a useful and worthwhile service to provide within this rural community. JW thanked Pat Sweet in particular for her conscientious testing of the system.

She also reported that DeFib pads on each of the three CHT DeFibs had been replaced as required after 3 years. Their cost was covered by the CHT DeFib support for which we now pay an annual fee. JW had written to the Chairmen of the three Parish Councils requesting financial support for the maintenance of the DeFibs now that the Lottery Funding was exhausted. Stawley PC had contributed £100 and she would follow up requests to the other PCs.

Reports:

Lunch Club would be re-starting on 30th September. Before lockdown, it had reached the stage of being virtually self-financing but Village Hall Hire charges had increased from £25 to £30.

Most speakers/ presentations had been local and free of charge but we would need to build up numbers again.

Walking Group – this had not met during lockdown but Liz Taylor had started things in a small way so hopefully numbers would build up again to re-establish the Walking Group as a regular activity.

Oil Group - continues to work well

Walks Project – Some interesting walks by Annie Musgrove had been published in the Parish News. It was suggested that that these might be expanded into leaflets.

Arts Group – was due to be re-started on 8th September 21 - 2pm at the Village Hall. The possibility of an Exhibition or some displays of pictures in The Globe would be investigated by PW.

AOB: JH raised the issue of the state of some Public Footpaths in the area which were causing concern.

The path across to Tucks Farm, which forms part of the West Deane Way, is currently very slippery and dangerous and in need of attention.

Dark Lane is very overgrown and difficult to access as a Footpath although it is still just usable as a Bridle Way.

The corn crop on the Public Footpath from Tracebridge across to the Post Box at Appley effectively blocks the actual footpath unless the growing corn is trodden down.

The issue of these Public Footpaths needs to be raised with the County Footpaths Officer at Somerset County Council

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday 24th November at Rose Cottage, Appley

The meeting closed and the Chairman thanked all those who had participated.

Michael Parkinson

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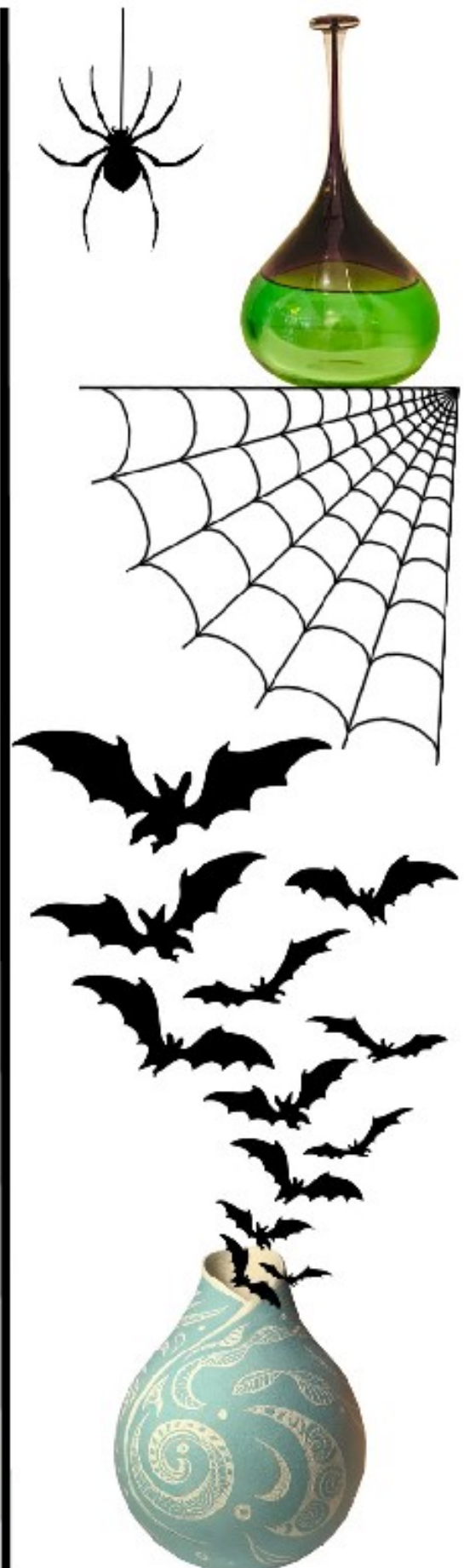
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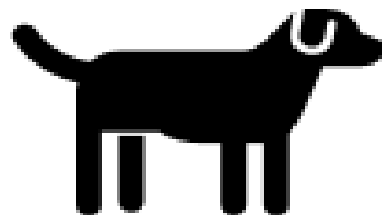
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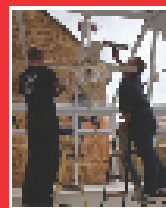
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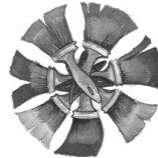
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14th	10 am - Noon	Coffee Morning at Church Cottage, Stawley
16th	10.am - 5.00p,	Stawley Mill Happenings
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Ashbrittle Arts in the Village Hall
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5 Scrimshaw	16 Leylah Fernandez
6 Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York City	17 Gavin Williamson
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10 Wake up	21 Schoolmaster
11 USA, China, Japan and GB	22 30
	23 38
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