

February 2022

PARISH NEWS

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

Church Services

February 6th 9.30 a.m.	4th before Lent Parish Communion	STAWLEY
February 13th 9.30 a.m.	Septuagesima Parish Communion	ASHBRITTLE
February 20th 9.30 a.m.	2nd before Lent Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
February 27th 9.30 a.m.	Next before Lent Parish Communion	BATHEALTON

The government has announced a relaxation in Covid restrictions and face coverings are no longer mandatory inside church buildings. We will, however, continue to receive communion in only one kind.

Everyone is most welcome to join us in our churches for worship and after most services, refreshments.

The observant amongst us will have noticed that the Sundays of February, this year, are designated in Common Worship as "Sundays before Lent".

With Easter 2022 falling on April 17th, Lent begins on March 2nd with Ash Wednesday. There will be only one service on that evening for the whole of the Wellington and District Team and that will take place at a central venue, All Saints, Rockwell Green.

March 2nd	ASH WEDNESDAY All Saints' Church, Ro	ockwell Green
6.30 pm	Parish Communion with Imposition of A	shes

Do please join us for that service.

We will be beginning a LENT COURSE the week after Ash Wednesday (week beginning March 6th) and there will be details in the March issue of The Parish News.

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbrittle with Greenham		
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Thought for the month

"Scaffolding"

Masons, when they start upon a building, Are careful to test out the scaffolding;

Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points, Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job's done Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be Old bridges breaking between you and me

Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall Confident that we have built our wall.

Seamus Heaney

Nearly fifty years ago now, when I began to officiate at Marriage Services in church, I must admit to being slightly uncomfortable at certain points in the ceremony. I was never entirely happy at referring to the possibility that the bridegroom might be embarking upon married life, "to satisfy men's carnal lusts and appetites, like brute beasts that have no understanding". Nor did I much agree with the church's teaching that marriage "was ordained as a remedy against sin and to avoid fornication". Fortunately, over the course of the intervening years, the Church of England has produced two new services, one in 1980 and the other in 2000, that enshrine a much more positive view of the marriage of two persons, stressing above all else, their mutual love.

Chosen readings

One of the innovations of both new services was the provision of encouraging the couple to choose readings that might convey to the congregation, something of their vision of what married life may have in store.

Since then, I have enjoyed listening to a rich collection of poetry, scripture and secular readings that speak about mutual love. Admittedly, there were times when I would have preferred to hear something other than extracts from "Captain Corelli's mandolin" or "Winnie the Pooh"! However sometimes the couple in question would find a real gem and I consider Heaney's "Scaffolding" to be one of those.

Even the 1662 Order with all its limitations recognised that marriage should provide, "the mutual society, help and comfort that the one ought to have of the other". It is this relationship about which Heaney writes; the construction of the "wall" of "sure and solid stone".

Certain changes in the civil law relating to marriage have prompted the church to consider afresh its teaching on life, relationships and marriage. The House of Bishops has produced a report entitled, "Living in faith and love", which stresses that marriage is a "creative relationship of love and support" which "enables a couple to share in the care and upbringing of children."

As churches, we are being encouraged to examine the report and St. Michael's, Milverton are soon to offer a programme of led and enabled discussions focussing on the issues raised by it.

I will be able to publish dates and times in the near future and these sessions are open to all.

Martin Beaumont

Donations for the Parish News

Donations received from: Colin and Annette Haddrell Geoff Heard Sue Batten Neil and Margaret Lindup

Thanks again, for your kind support.

Donations may be left at Stawley Shop or sent directly to the treasurer: details on page 27

Andrew Millard, treasurer

Beat surgery Tuesdays 9.00am-10.00am at Stawley Village Shop and Tearoom

Tuesdays 22nd February and 22nd March From 9.00 - 10.00am with PCSO 6945 Louise Fyne

Portrait Painting

A demonstration by Tilly Willis Bathealton Village Hall 19th February 2022 at 7.00 pm £7.00 including refreshments

Front cover illustration by Julie Ridgely - see page 6 for the accompanying article - The Scent of Spring'

Country Matters

The Darkling Thrush

I leant upon a coppice gate When Frost was spectre-grey, And Winter's dregs made desolate The weakening eye of day. The tangled bine-stems scored the sky Like strings of broken lyres, And all mankind that haunted nigh Had sought their household fires.

At once a voice arose among The bleak twigs overhead In a full-hearted evensong Of joy illimited; An aged thrush, frail, gaunt and small, In blast-beruffled plume, Had chosen thus to fling his soul Upon the growing gloom.

Thomas Hardy

December: One of the cloudiest and greyest months for decades, with little or no sunlight. Very miserable, but very mild with no frosts at all.

The fieldfare, a winter visitor from northern Europe, is larger than the song thrush and redwing but slightly smaller than the mistle thrush. Usually they can be seen in the fields around the parish, but this year their numbers seem to be well down. They have always been epitomised in poetry;

Flocking fieldfares, speckled like the thrush, picking the red haw from the sweeping bush. (John Clare)

There was the usual influx of blackbirds over wintering and I counted over thirty eating my fallen apples.

Early January. The birds are beginning to sing again. The robin sings throughout the winter, mainly to mark its territory and the little jenny wren shouts its loud warning song. But in January the great tits break their winter silence with their two-note song. Also the long tailed tits have started chattering and squeaking in their winter flocks, sometimes twenty or more birds. There will be more and more birdsong as the days grow longer and mates are sought.

Ivy is nature's soup kitchen. The autumn flowers provide hoverflies, bees and butterflies with much needed sustenance. The berries arrive during the winter and have a high fat content, which blackbirds, thrushes and woodpigeons feed on. Ivy also provides a warm, dry, safe haven for lots of birds, insects and small animals from wood mice to bats. It is not a parasitic plant and does no harm to trees.

Look out for early frogspawn and ravens doing acrobatics in the air. They have wedgeshaped tail feathers, unlike rooks and crows, which have fan-shaped tail feathers.

Sally Merrett

Rainfall Statistics November 2021 (inches)				
	2021 (m 2018	,	2020	2021
-	6.45			-
December 2021 (inches)				
	2018		2020	2021
6.3	6 7.2	7.56	6.28	5.04
Past ten years 2012- 2021				
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
58.81	38.66	47.73	38.33	37.53
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
39.95	47.35	50.70	43.61	43.33
				Val Coots

Many thanks for such comprehensive information - Eds

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on

Wednesday 9th February

Please note that the oil companies have requested, under current circumstances and coupled with the Christmas run up, a longer lead in time for orders.

To place an order, please email: *judy.milne@btopenworld.com* or contact Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205

by Wednesday 1st February

New members always welcome

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th MIDDAY START



Michael Fairfax is a Public artist with work not only in the UK but through Europe and America. In 2008, when the Credit Crash happened public art was hammered and there was very little work, Michael diversified and incorporated his other passion, Music, into his art. He started to create musical/sound instruments; some of these became ear harps, instruments that only the listener can hear by placing their ear on the wood or live tree. Michael created ear harp trails in America, Finland and Germany as well as the UK. Now you are intrigued, I hope, and at the Ashbrittle Lunch Club Michael will give a slide show of some of his pieces as well as bringing some up for you all to try and be aghast at hearing the noise contained within the fabric of the wood.

> Michael lives in Tracebridge. His public art can be seen locally in Wiveliscombe, Taunton, Exeter, Teignbridge, Bristol and Bath.

Booking essential: Delia Harling 01823 672203 deliaharling123@tiscali.co.uk

The scent of Spring to come Daphne bholua

There are a number of wonderfully scented, winter flowering shrubs that grace our gardens; I could write about *Chimonanthus, Sarcococca, Hamamelis*, all beauties in their own right (maybe next winter!) But without doubt the plant with scent guaranteed to stop you in your tracks has to be *Daphne bholua* or the Himalayan paper daphne, so called because high quality paper is sometimes produced from it in Nepal.

Considered by some as difficult to grow, this evergreen (or more frequently, semievergreen) shrub is certainly expensive to buy, often hard to track down and without doubt finicky to propagate. But given the right conditions, it will reward you with moments of near ecstasy during the darkest months with the gorgeous heady perfume produced from the compact clusters of tubular four-lobed flowers. These are purplish-pink in the bud opening to palest pink through to white fringed by whorls of glossy, leathery leaves.

Originating from the mountain ranges of the Nepal, southern China, Sikkim and Bhutan, often along the edges of growing Oak and Rhododendron forest between altitudes of 1500 and 3000m, it was first introduced into cultivation in 1962. It will happily grow in both alkaline and acid conditions but does not thrive in shallow chalky or sandy soils which tend to dry out during summer. It needs a position where it has access to even amounts of moisture throughout the year, a cool humus-rich root run and some shelter from cold winds. Pick your spot with care and consideration as its fleshy roots resent disturbance and they do not transplant well.

Although the original parents of our garden cultivars were seed grown, collected on numerous plant hunting expeditions, it only sporadically produces seed in this country and has limited viability (although I have successfully grown it from seed). It takes very poorly from cuttings; often rooting but then failing to grow away on its own roots. Most commercial stock is grafted and more recently, micro-propagated. This is why these plants often command eye-wateringingly high prices.

Perhaps the best-known cultivar is 'Jacqueline Postill', a beautiful form selected in 1982 by Alan Postill, the propagator at Hilliers and named after his wife. It has relatively large flowers, deep purple-pink in bud opening to a paler pink with one of the best fragrances. It is vigorous in growth forming an open habit but often becomes partially deciduous during colder winters though is considered the toughest of the cultivars for the British garden. Other tried and tested selections include *Daphne bholua* 'Limpsfield' with glossy dark green leaves and freely produced black berries after flowering, 'Ghurka' a particularly hardy form, slightly later flowering, 'Darjeeling' an upright open form producing lighter pink buds and flowers often starting to flower as early as November.

A little blood, fish and bone and some leafmold on planting is all that's required. Once established, *Daphne bholua* needs little attention and certainly resents heavy pruning; a little and often is best and pinching out growing tips early on to form a better shaped, more bushy habit will pay dividends rather than trying to deal with an unruly shrub later in its life. An annual mulch of leaf-mold or well matured compost will help keep your Himalayan beauty in good heart ensuring years of joy in the first months of every year.

John and Julie Ridgley

Carers Groups make a welcome return!

Carers in Somerset will be delighted to hear that many Carers groups are reopening. The Wellington (Bulford Community Centre) group will be your nearest.

If you look after someone else - family, friend or neighbour, our Carers hub (www.somersetcarers.org) is packed full of support, activities and training.

Not sure if you are a Carer? Call our advice line on 0800 31 68 600 and make sure you have the right support for you and the person you look after! Ask your Village Agent for information and ideas on supporting the person you care for so that you can take an occasional break and attend a group.

Can't get to a Carers group? Wiveliscombe Talking Café is open again on Wednesdays for help and advice. www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/

Cat Sweatman, Village Agent cat@somersetrcc.org.uk or call 07746 340546

Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge

Tuesday 1st February,

1st March and 29th March

From 9.30 - 9.50 am.

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Wasteology

Proposed clinical waste incinerator at Greenham Quarry

Wasteology are applying for a low-level clinical waste incinerator at Greenham Quarry, near the A38, where they have existing waste operations. At this stage, the application is only on what to cover in an environmental assessment for the facility. This would be required for a future application for the plant itself, which has not yet been submitted, although there are details of what is proposed in their current application.

The incinerator would be in a new building (20m x 10m and 6m high) along with an exhaust chimney (15m high). The proposed plant would operate 24 hours a day, with vehicle movements taking place within 7am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 7am-1pm on Saturdays. A total of up to 4 vehicles per day would visit the site, with payloads up to 6-8 tonnes.

The application says: "the majority of the facility will not be visible from beyond the quarry due to the elevated quarry walls and surrounding dense woodland. However, it will be necessary for a modest sized flue stack to protrude above the lip of the quarry by a small amount to allow appropriate dispersion of the facility's emissions."

Up to 3,500 tonnes per annum of lowlevel clinical wastes, such as used PPE (personal protective equipment), would be processed. After incineration, outputs would be about 550 tonnes per annum, with two-thirds being incinerator bottom ash and one-third air pollution control waste, which will be taken offsite for disposal.

The application has been submitted to Somerset County Council (SCC), as the planning authority for waste management. A future application for the plant would be assessed against SCC's Waste Local Plan, Somerset West and Taunton Council's Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Wasteology's agent has requested the environmental assessment covers: air quality and health; noise; odour; alternatives, site selection and suitability; climate change; landscape and visual impact. It has been requested the following be excluded: highways and access; ecology; flood risk and drainage; archaeology; ground conditions and soil quality; and socio-economics, such as local jobs. Reasons for the exclusions are given in a report accompanying the current application.

SCC, in consultation with other agencies, will decide on what the environmental assessment will require. Unfortunately, the consultation period had closed before the parish council or ward councillors were informed of the application, after reading about it in a local paper.

Comments have been submitted to SCC to request that ecology and highways be included in an application, which I am told should be required. Other considerations should also be covered, although may not be required as part of the environmental assessment.

A complaint about the lack of local notice has been made. SCC have provided reassurance that they will provide notification and consult, including with Stawley Parish Council and local neighbours, if Wasteology proceed and submit a planning application for the incinerator.

A full planning application should provide information on the expected impact of the plant, which can be challenged if needed.

Further details should be provided then on the type of clinical waste to be incinerated. The current application only mentions PPE, which should be separated according to whether patients treated are infectious or non-infectious. Incineration is common for both types. PPE can be collected with other types of clinical waste too, including wipes, dressings, bandages, incontinence waste and nappies.

There may be concerns, including on carbon and other polluting emissions and on why the plant is proposed in this location.

Some may question the need for another incinerator in the region. Clinical waste can be reduced by better segregation at point of use and some items could be reused or avoided. Some materials if present, like glass and metals, could be safely recycled. And there are alternatives to incineration with lower impacts, although these are less well established as full treatment options.

There is work underway currently on creating a greener NHS, which is to include a new clinical waste strategy.

I will continue to work with Parish Councils in investigating the proposed incinerator and will comment on an expected planning application when it comes forward.

Councillor Dave Mansell

Wiveliscombe and District Ward, Somerset West and Taunton Council

Open all hours

All Good Things.....

"All good things come to an end." Who said that? Well, it was Geoffrey Chaucer apparently, in his poem "Troilus and Cressyde". Put it like this – his is probably the first recorded saying of it. I can't imagine it not being said somewhere, sometime before then. But that's what Google tells me and all things googled must be true - mustn't they?

It's a truism, isn't it? So it must be older than Chaucer. Why? Because all good things do come to an end. One way or another. That ice cream, entertaining film, holiday, each season, a happy lifelong relationship. Even each life, gloriously, happily enjoyed, knows its going.

That doesn't mean, of course, that everything else ends with it. The ice cream van will still be selling its wares. Another film will be shown at the cinema. Autumn always follows Summer again and again. Someone retires from their work and another takes their place so the business continues! Life goes on. That's how life continues and evolves.

How about the opposite, then? It's the same, isn't it? "All bad things come to an end!" Of course. Life is all about beginnings and endings. Even the worst experiences we can imagine have their finales! The sorrows, the torture, the disease, they all come to a stop – one way or another!

They even go hand in hand. What is experienced as good by one person is seen or felt as bad by an associate. What seems good to one is observed as something to avoid like the plague. Or an experience or a task – even a relationship – can be a crazy mix of good and bad. It all finishes, with a mix of gladness and sadness.

Everything starts – everything ends. Unless you are a person who is Jesus-conscious? The same still applies, but there awaits another life-dimension which starts and goes on developing for ever. In the meantime, we have to live the in-between times. The question is not what do we have to enjoy or endure, but how do we respond to both, face them, live through them?

Now there's a question! Try reading Rudyard Kipling's poem "*If*" and think about what he says: it might help! Here's an extract:

If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you, If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, But make allowance for their doubting too; If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;

If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster And treat those two impostors just the same!

Martin at the Shop



Ashbrittle, Stawley & Clayhanger Cricket Club

Happy New Year from your local cricket club.

The cricket season seems a long way off as the temp outside reads three degrees, and it is only January. Training for the adult teams for the 2022 season starts on the 17th and 24th February at Court Fields School 8-9pm. Followed by 3rd March (gap for exams) 24th and 31st March; 7th and 14th April.

The 2021 season

2021 saw a full season of cricket in the West Somerset League for our two teams, one in the 1st division and one in the 5^{th} division. Covid disrupted the games as players were dropping out last minute due to positive results and leaving teams short. This was happening for all the teams, not just ours, so it was a case of just getting on with it.

Unfortunately we were unable to field an U11's side but the U13's competed and filled their fixtures, well done to them. Junior practises will be at Appley from April.

We held a skittles and presentation evening at Ashbrittle in December to congratulate the 2021 cup winners.

1st XI

Bowling cup – F Bartlett Batting cup – G Dawes Players player – S Grant Captains cup - C White

2nd XI

Bowling cup – R Gabriel Batting cup – R Popplestone Players player – C Cooper

President's Cup – G Dawes

Thank you to Kristy for providing the buffet supper.

The club AGM was held on January 7th, and officers elected as follows.

Chair – R Williams Vice- Chair M White Secretary- G Dawes Treasurer – J Dawes Fundraising – S Williams & K Popplestone Youth Co-ordinator and Groundsman - M. White

If you would like to know more about the indoor nets please ring Rob Williams 01823 672266 or email *williamspfa@outlook.com*

Lunch Club

After much thought and discussion we decided to cancel our Christmas Lunch Club and then, in due course, we also cancelled in January. This was because Covid was rapidly increasing and getting very uncomfortably close to home. I know this was a disappointment to many people, but we tried to consult many regulars before making decisions.

The good news is that we are planning to restart in February, assuming nothing dire happens in the meantime. The next Lunch Club will be on Thursday 24th February at 12.00 noon. As ever, please let me know if you would like to be included. We welcome anyone who lives within our parishes, or is associated with us, or comes as a guest of one of our regulars. My details are below.

February speaker

Our speaker / entertainer is Michael Fairfax who has very kindly provided a profile for us. I can of course, highly recommend him to you. See our ad on page 5 for more details.

Delia Harling

Contacts: Tel 01823 672203 or email me deliaharling123@tiscali.co.uk

Gardening Club

A belated happy New Year to you all. We were hoping to resume early in 2022 with the usual meeting and bring-and-share supper, but I've decided it's still too soon for us to be meeting indoors in groups, so we will consider a date for this a little later in the year. Whether we're getting together as a group or not, we can start thinking about trips and visits to gardens, so please let me know if you have any ideas.

The days are getting longer, and the daffodils are definitely showing their green shoots; we'll be back in our gardens in no time, and I expect some of you have been working away already.

Do share photos of your garden activities, nature finds, or pose questions or queries. We are all very interested to hear what our fellow gardeners are up to! If you have any suggestions and new ideas, or any other inquiries, please contact Pauline by email *stawley.gardening.club@gmail.com*, or tel. 01823 672222

And remember, new members are always welcome.

Pauline Wood

There will be a meeting of Stawley Parish Council on the 10th February at 7:30pm in the Appley Pavilion. The major item on the agenda this month will be the announcement through the Wellington Weekly News that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of a possible incinerator at Greenham Quarry had been sent to Somerset County Council for their review. This was news to both the Parish Council and our local District Councillor as neither of us had been informed of We hope that having a unitary this action. authority, the members of whom we will be voting for in May, may stop this lack of communication but for now we have to prepare for a possible application for an incinerator at planning Greenham. Details of the EIA can be found by going to our website *https://stash.org.uk/* where you will find a link under the NOTICES in the top right of the page.

On the 10th March we will be having a presentation by Airband. Details of this are elsewhere in this PN but please note the time will be **7:00pm** not the usual 7:30pm for the Council Meetings.

Paul Musgrove



Broadband Meeting

7:00pm on the 10th March at Appley Pavilion



Airband has been contracted by Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) to deliver full fibre broadband to more than 40,000 homes and businesses in some of the most rural areas of Devon and Somerset by 2024.

This is relevant to Ashbrittle, Bathealton and Stawley residents!

All welcome.

They started surveying for the new network in April 2021 and over the next three years will be working closely with local landowners, communities, and parish councils, to connect thousands of homes and businesses with full fibre broadband.

They state that:

"Although CDS seeks to connect as many homes and businesses without superfast* broadband (*minimum 30Mbps download) as possible not all premises can be included within the public funding available. For all homes and businesses without superfast broadband which cannot be connected under these contracts, CDS will work the Government's Building Digital UK (BDUK) and the commercial sector to find alternative solutions. Although we cannot yet say exactly which homes and businesses will be connected until surveys and designs are complete, our teams are cracking on to get your areas connected

as fast as possible."

Stawley Parish Council have invited a representative from Airband to tell us what we can expect at a meeting on the 10th March at Appley Pavilion. If you want to have full fibre to the premises (FFTP) then it is important that you attend the meeting to make sure Airband understand that we need it here!

If you cannot come then register your interest by going to their website at: <u>https://</u> <u>www.airband.co.uk/</u> and clicking through to register your interest.

Stawley Community Association New Shop Tenant

The SCA is very pleased to announce that a new tenant has been found to take over Stawley Shop and Tearoom. We are not able to reveal who the new person is at this time, as they are starting discussions with Sally and Martin Perry regarding the handover, which will be at the end of April 2022.

This is a very exciting time for the Community, as it means that the brilliant service that Martin and Sally have given us over the past six years will continue, and we hope that you, in turn, will continue to support Stawley Shop and Tearoom.

We will keep you informed of the developments in future issues of the Parish News.

Pauline Wood, on behalf of SCA

Ashbrittle Art Group

We are starting afresh with a monthly gettogether as a self-directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty' project takes your fancy

Painting and drawing Clay work Textile crafts

Ashbrittle Village Hall 1st Wednesday in the month 2.00 pm

Come and meet some local art and craft enthusiasts, see what's going on and tell us about your Favourite Craft

Next meeting Wednesdays 2nd February and 2nd March

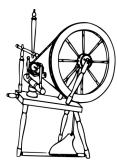
For more information, contact Pauline *pjw200355@gmail.com*

Contact The Parish News on:

ashparishnews@gmail.com

Spinning and Woolcraft Group

The Spinning and Woolcraft Group will continue to meet on a fortnightly basis, on the first and third Tuesdays in the month.



The group have now decided that for the near future, all meetings will be 'in person' and will take place in members' houses where a large and well ventilated indoor space is available.

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 meeting and learn to spin with us?

> Next Sessions Tuesday 1st and 15th February 2022 at 2.30pm

Thank you to those kind people who have donated spinning wheels to our group. We now have several available for new spinners.

Please contact Pauline: pjw200355@gmail.com



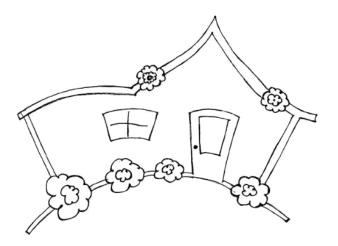
Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland, Uffculme

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.

For more information phone Ali Dominy **01884 266537**or use the "contact us" form on our website: http://www.spicelanduffculmeguakers.com/

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



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Find us on the Ashbrittle road between Greenham and Tracebridge adjacent to Stawley Primary School

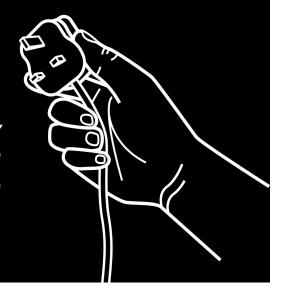
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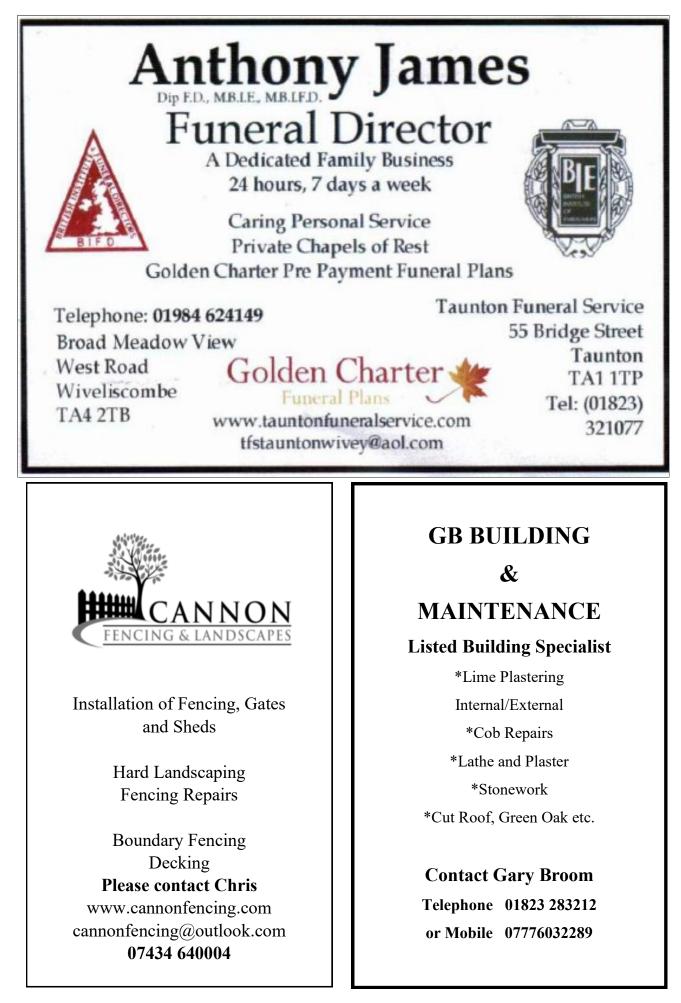
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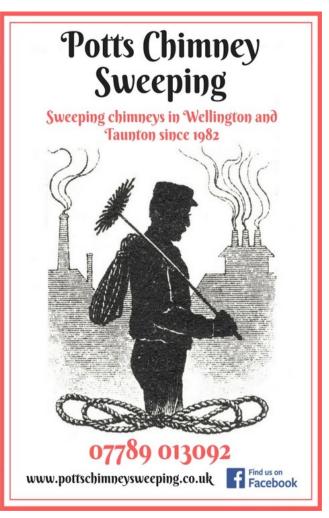
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24th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall
March 10th	7.00 pm	Broadband prospects with Airband. Appley Pavilion.
26th	7.00 pm	Talk by Phillip Broad " Army Nurse to the Rescue" Bathealton Village Hall
<i>April</i> 11th	7.00 pm.	Bathealton Village Hall. AGM
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