

ASHBRITTLE

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# Parish news

March 2022

**For the Parishes of ASHBRIITLLE with GREENHAM, BATHEALTON, STAWLEY and KITTISFORD**

## **Church Services**

<b>Sunday March 6th</b> 9.30 am	Lent 1 Parish Communion	STAWLEY
<b>Sunday March 13th</b> 9.30 am	Lent 2 Parish Communion	ASHBRITTLLE
<b>Sunday March 20th</b> 9.30 am 3.00 pm	Lent 3 Parish Communion 'Come and Sing' with John Young	KITTISFORD STAWLEY
<b>Sunday March 27th</b> 9.30 am	Lent 4, Mothering Sunday Parish Communion	BATHEALTON
<b>Sunday April 3rd</b> 9.30 am	Passion Sunday Parish Communion with the Village Festival Choir	STAWLEY

May I draw everyone's attention to two rather special events taking place in March and the beginning of April. The first is on Sunday March 20th at 3.00 pm when John Young will be coming to Stawley Church to lead us all in an afternoon of singing.

All are welcome to join us on this occasion and it will be the first of three such events in the Wellington district churches in Lent. A previous visit by John to Kittisford was greatly appreciated.

The second is on Sunday April 3rd at 9.30 am when the Village Festival Choir will be leading our worship for Passiontide, which marks the ancient two week period of preparation for Easter, concentrating our minds on the suffering of Christ.

The music will include seasonal hymns and an appropriate anthem for this most penitential season of the year.

## **Churchwardens and Clergy**

<b>Ashbrittle with Greenham</b>	Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LE	01823 672365 01823 672436
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<b>Kittisford</b>	Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW	01823 672627
<b>Stawley</b>	Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT Graham Henson, Court Place Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HP	01823 672183 01823 672496
<b>Associate Priest</b>	Revd Martin Beaumont, Hilltop, Milverton TA4 1JR	01823 400127
<b>Team Rector (interim)</b>	Revd Martin Kirkbride	07746 519311

## Thought for the month

Last week I found myself in the Rockwell Green Church of England Primary School. I had been invited to attend a Year 6 class to answer their questions on all things “religious”! One of their questions was about the nature of sin; not something I often have to talk about with eleven year olds, but their enquiry was not so much about what it is, but why we do it. I tried in my response to make a distinction between our nature; who and what we are and our deliberate intention to do wrong. We all have different personalities, different strengths and weaknesses, varieties of aspirations and inclinations. Some of us are industrious, others less so. Many of us are sensitive whilst some are prone to selfishness. All these are the products of how we are brought up and educated in our early years. In addition, the strengths, weaknesses and personalities of our parents have considerable influence.

Identifying how we have become the person we are is at the heart of self-awareness. It is a process that requires reflection, honesty and, for the man and woman of faith, prayer. As I enter my eighth decade, I often ponder what has brought me to this delightful corner of England and made me the person I have become. One of the greatest influences on my life has been poetry. Not that I have written much of my own; I am afraid I lack the self-discipline, but I still enjoy the poems that I studied for ‘A’ level at school and still possess many of the books. Some of my favourite poets have also contributed to my spiritual life and I find in the writing of many Anglican poets, expressions of my own questioning belief.

In Lent this year, we shall be reflecting upon the lives and works of the Anglican poets. Our Lent group will meet at **Stawley Mill on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm** for the first of these sessions and we hope and intend for each to occupy about an hour. The poets range from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries, from Thomas Traherne, who some may not have heard of, to John Betjeman whom many regard as a personal favourite.

Do please join us and may I thank Penny Hare in advance, for her generous hospitality.

*Martin Beaumont*

**Contact The Parish News on:**  
***ashparishnews@gmail.com***

## Army Nurse to the rescue

Talk by Phil Broad

**Bathealton Village Hall**

**26th March at 7 pm**

**£5 Including refreshments**

Phil will talk about his experiences as an army nurse while serving in countries around the world. These include not only Iraq and Bosnia but Operation “Grit Rock”, the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone

## Donations for the Parish News

Donations received from:

Mrs D J Norman

Andrew and Pauline Lyle

And in the shop.

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*

## Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge

1st March and 29th March

From 9.30 - 9.50 am.

## Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on

**Wednesday 13th April**

To place an order, please email:

*judy.milne@btopenworld.com* or contact

Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205 by the Monday before the Wednesday delivery


New members always welcome

## Our buses are under threat

April 2022 was meant to augur in a new era for our buses. It was the month when the £3 billion as part of Bus Back Better, National Strategy for Buses for England, could be used to improve bus services. People could be invited to abandon their cars and opt for the 'greener' option of going by bus on journeys to nearby towns and villages. To improve buses across the county, Somerset had put in a bid for £163 million of Bus Back Better money. That was the sum of money Somerset needed because Somerset bus services currently are the worst rated of any county in England. But the Bus Back Better fund has been over subscribed 8 times by all the bids from across England and so it's unknown how much money Somerset might get. But it's unlikely to get anything like what Somerset needs.

So what can we do? Could you please ... today ... send an email (doesn't need to be long) to the Government Buses Minister demanding that the Covid-19 Bus Recovery Grant funding is continued beyond April. Send it to BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON (Buses Minister) - email [verec@parliament.uk](mailto:verec@parliament.uk). Also copy your email to your MP: Rebecca Pow (Taunton Deane) - email [rebecca.pow.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rebecca.pow.mp@parliament.uk) Please also copy in Somerset Bus Partnership to any emails to [somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com)

*Somerset Bus Partnership Team*



**Beat surgery  
at  
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Tearoom**

Tuesday 22nd March  
From 9.00 - 10.00am  
with  
PCSO 6945 Louise Fyne

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## Rainfall Statistics

### January 2022 (inches)

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
6.01	2.31	4.00	4.51	2.52

*Val Coots*



## Annual General meeting of the RCI

This will take place on  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
at Stawley Village Shop  
at 7.00 pm  
All welcome



## A Snapshot of the working life of PCSO Louise Fyne

As always Wellington Rural policing team have been hard at work engaging with the community in various ways.

January is normally a strange month but it has been business as usual for me and the Neighbourhood Team. I am essentially the 'Bobby on the Beat' attending Neighbourhood Surgeries where you can come and say 'hello' and discuss any issues or concerns or even just a friendly chatter.

Recently at The Talking Café for my 'Cuppa with Cops' surgery I ended up playing dominoes whilst I chatted to the group. I will attend if I am available and if emergencies allow.

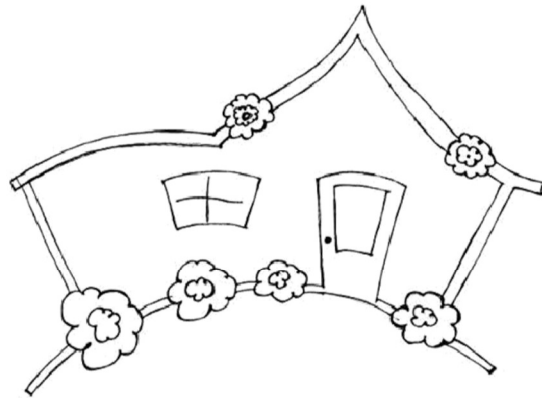
Being recognizable, accessible and engaging with the community is key to my role.

*PCSO Louise Fyne*

*The new local PC is Rachel Lang; her contact details are on page 31.*

*Eds*





# Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

## Opening hours

Monday to Friday 8.00 to 5.30

Saturday 8.00 to 2.00

Sunday 9.00 to 11.00

**The Post Office is here every Thursday 11.30 to 1.30**

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## Gardening Club

## Open All Hours

### The Last But One

At last, some exciting dates to report!

#### RHS Malvern Spring Festival - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

The Gardening Club is hoping to organise a trip to Malvern on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We have quotes for a 16 and a 29 seater coach. The entrance to the Showground is £32.85 for RHS Members and £38.85 for non members. We are awaiting rates for group entries.

The Gardening Club is able to contribute £250 for the hire of the coach so the total per person will be approximately £50 including entry to the Showground. This figure is to be confirmed. The coach will leave Appley at 8.00am for the 2 hour journey to the Three Counties Showground.

Would anyone interested in joining this excursion please get in touch with [suejacoby@gmail.com](mailto:suejacoby@gmail.com) or message on 07471 202978.

#### Stawley Flower Show

The annual Stawley Flower show will be held at Appley Pavilion on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Do continue to share photos and news 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 on 01823 672222, email [stawley.gardening.club@gmail.com](mailto:stawley.gardening.club@gmail.com),

And remember, new members are always welcome.

*Pauline Wood*

### Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall.

Open to anyone living in our parishes or associated with us.

We have now started again following a gap over December and January when we felt that Covid was too close to home to feel comfortable.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 31st March from 12.00 to 2.00. Please note this is the last Thursday in the month, as ever.

Thanks to our Gardening Club we are planning our own version of Gardeners' Question Time, with some local gardeners answering your questions. Please let me have your questions as soon as possible, so the panel have the best chance of preparing their answers. I will pass the questions on to Sue Jacoby who will share them with her panel.

If you would like to come to lunch club, please let me know. New participants are always welcome.

*Telephone 01823 672203  
or email [deliaharling123@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:deliaharling123@tiscali.co.uk)  
Delia Harling.*

Have you ever been the last but one? Perhaps it might have been better if you had come last? Then you would know you were bottom, useless, unwanted! You can then try something else, get on with life! Either way, some *might* say, it is *good* for the soul. Helps one to grow in humility! There are problems with pride in wanting to be number one, or as near to it as possible.

Unless you belong to an organisation in which the most important people always come last! If you are the last but one in that setting, then that means you are number two!! No problems there then, with ego satisfaction – or lack of it!

But I am recalling happenings in my primary school playtimes. There were always those self-appointed captains who decided they wanted to play football or cricket. The rest of us were to make up their teams. So there we stood, gathered in front of them, and the picking began. And I knew who was going to be last or – success upon success – who could be last but one! And me, being a future England international striker!

Placed last but one is like being the opposite of number two - always the bridesmaid but never the bride. There is of course a great significance in being top, but being bottom says something meaningful about such a person. Being number two means you haven't quite made the grade anywhere. In terms of school reports saying "he or she could have done better", well, if they'd only been less hard working, or lazier, or less available – they could have been bottom!


Am I talking nonsense? Maybe I am trying to make sense of this being the "Last but one" article from me probably. "Open all hours" will cease to have meaning in a couple of months. Last month the article was about all good things coming to an end. I don't know about this being "good" but I suppose it will soon be going the way of all flesh!


It's an odd feeling really. A mix of gratitude for having had the chance to do this together with a sadness that it has to end. That's quite normal and commonplace, of course. And there is no point in protesting at what we know goes on by, leaving little or no trace behind it. Just be grateful. Don't let any sadness get in the way of spoiling what is still there. That's a kind of folly!


Here we are then. The last but one – and then the end. (Unless someone somewhere knows any different, like that Someone who saw how the death of Jesus was to end in new life!). But if this is my last but one script, then here it is – with me going out in a written blaze of nonsense!!!

*Martin at the Shop*

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## Mothers Day

Sunday 27th March Book now for Sunday Roast

### Open

Wednesday to Saturday 11 till 11 Sunday 12 till 4

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Pizza: every Friday 6 till 9

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We are holding a monthly get-together as a self-directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty' project takes your fancy

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**Textile crafts**  
**ETC.**

**Ashbrittle Village Hall**  
**1st Wednesday in the month**  
**2pm**

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

**Next meetings**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

For more information, contact Pauline  
[pjw200355@gmail.com](mailto:pjw200355@gmail.com)

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Visit [swheritage.org.uk/local-heritage-list](http://swheritage.org.uk/local-heritage-list) to find out more and make a nomination.

The project covers Somerset and Exmoor National Park and is managed by the South West Heritage Trust.

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MIDDAY START

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## Stawley Parish Council Report

The meeting of Stawley Parish Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm discussed the possibility of an incinerator being added to the waste treatment plant at Greenham. The Clerk was instructed to draft a letter to the County Council to express strongly held views. The letter stated that:

“The possibility of an incinerator being added to the waste treatment plant at Greenham Quarry has come to the notice of Stawley Parish Council and local people through an article in the Wellington Weekly News. It is understood that Somerset County Council has been asked to give their view on a “Scoping Opinion Request” (SOR) for the incinerator. The Parish Council is alarmed that neither the County Council or District Council planning officers saw fit to inform the Parish Council or local District Councillor about this approach from Wasteology.

Stawley Parish Council considered the SOR at its meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and does not agree with the statement by the District Council that no objections should be made. In particular the request that certain topics should not be considered in any future Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) must be rebutted.

- More vehicles on a road with difficult bends will make an impact on the environment so must be considered in the EIA.

- The statement in the SOR that “the site ... has no ecological interest” must be rebutted; the surrounding quarry walls possibly have great ecological interest which may be affected by further development on this site.

- Finally the statement that “there will be no significant impacts associated with socio economic matters” is seen by the Council as totally false. Any further development on this site will impact the local community and must be considered in an EIA.

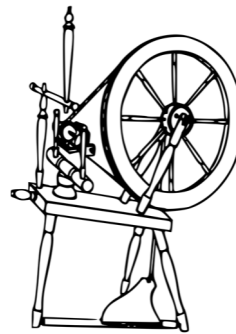
Stawley Parish Council is very concerned that this SOR only came to the Council’s attention through a press article. The concerns expressed above are those of the local neighbours of this quarry and others within the Parish and must be considered in any response to the applicant. The Council also requests that any future applications made by Wasteology or their agents should be forwarded to the Parish Council before being made available to the press.”

Any future news on this possible application for an incinerator at Greenham Quarry will be brought to you through the Parish News and the website at <https://stash.org.uk/>. Full minutes of the meeting can also be found on the website.

Don’t forget that on the 10<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a presentation by Airband on the possibility

of having fibre delivered to our doors. 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. This meeting is open to all residents of the local parishes including Ashbrittle and Bathealton.

*Paul Musgrove, Clerk*



### 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 been holding some meetings ‘in person’ at members’ houses where a large and well ventilated indoor space is available, but there may be the need still to have Zoom meetings from time to time.**

**Meeting arrangements will be confirmed in advance 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  
Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March  
at 2.30pm**

**Thank you to those kind people who have donated spinning wheels to our group.**

Contact Pauline: on 01823 672222, email [pjw200355@gmail.com](mailto:pjw200355@gmail.com)

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£6.00 for a half page and

£12.00 for a whole page.

Further details on page 31

**Ashbrittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club**

# Quiz Night

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

7:30pm start

Appley Pavilion TA21 0HH

£8 per person, includes food

Maximum Teams of 6

Bar, Raffle and Prizes

**To book a table please contact:**

*[williamspfa@outlook.com](mailto:williamspfa@outlook.com)*

or 07890261387



## Riverside Footpath in Stawley

It might be of interest to walkers and riders to know that the bridleway/footpath which goes between Stawley Mill and Tucks Bridge and on to Hagley has been substantially improved.



As can be seen from the photos a solid hand rail has been erected and the very slippery part has been corrugated making it safe in wet weather. There are still a couple of deep steps where it is too narrow to continue the rail. Hopefully there will be fewer accidents and broken bones on this stretch from now on!

Sue Jacoby



### 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.**

**Meeting ID:865 5570 2735 Passcode: 498173**

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

*http://*

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or email spicelandnotices@btinternet.com*

*We are all one, in a subtle but most significant way, one in the sense of being interdependent. I would not be as I am without you; you would not be as you are without me. At one level this is not difficult to understand. I realise how much I am the product not only of my parents’ genes, but also of their emotional and intellectual influence which derived, in turn, from the ambience of their own family life, culture and education. And I am the product of my schooling, the intellectual ideas which have shaped my thoughts, my friends, my wife, my children – all of whose lives I, in turn, am helping to create.*

This is easy to grasp. It is also easy to grasp how, for example, our tastes and addictions influence people far outside our range of knowledge. For instance, whether I prefer tea to coffee for breakfast affects the economy of, say, Sri Lanka or India, Kenya or Colombia. And this means that the lives of millions of people I have never met are affected. The whimsy of my taste buds may lead to the bankruptcy or the prosperity of nations, to revolutions or oppressions. Who knows? All we can be sure of is that everything we do, say or think cannot help having an impact on the totality, the All of which we form a part.

*Adam Curle, 1992*

*From Quaker Faith & Practice 29.07*



# Broadband Meeting

7:00pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.”

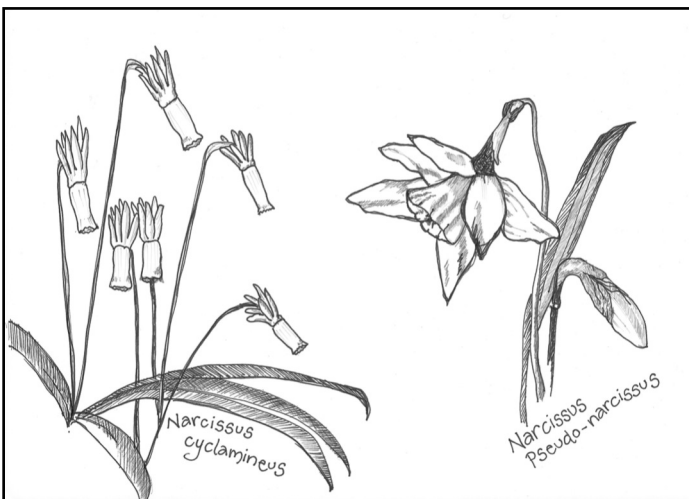
**Stawley Parish Council have invited a representative from Airband to tell us what we can expect at a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at Appley Pavilion. If you want to have full fibre to the premises (FFTP) then it is important that you attend the meeting to make sure Airband understand that we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

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

## *Narcissus cyclamineus* the Cyclamen flowered daffodil

At a time of year when our gardens are filled with all the different *Narcissus* cultivars and hybrids imbibing in us all the joys of the coming spring, my attention is usually drawn to the smaller, more subtle and (to me anyway) much more intriguing species daffodils of which, *Narcissus cyclamineus* is just one. At only 6-8 inches high this is a truly petite bulbous perennial with slender, rich-green foliage and vivid sulphur yellow blooms with fully swept back petals (perianth) exposing the long, tubular trumpet (corona). It is this reflexed perianth and its superficial resemblance to a cyclamen flower that gives the plant its common name.

A native of north-western Spain and Portugal where it is now, sadly, much depleted. At one time it was thought to be extinct in the wild though it has recently come back from the brink. The natural habitat of this miniature narcissus is usually river banks, moist meadows and the edges of damp scrubby woodland where it enjoys a cool root-run all year round and lime-free conditions. Unlike most other *Narcissi*, it resents being dug up and doesn't produce offsets in the way most other daffodils do; its main method of propagation is by seed and if happy, will self-seed prolifically, producing flowers by the third year.



If you've not come across this enchanting little bulb then do go to Knightshayes or RHS Rosemoor where they grow prolifically in light shade often amongst *Cyclamen coum* and *Erythroniums*. You may, if you are lucky, find some pot grown ones for sale as this is one daffodil you won't find as a 'dry bulb' in the autumn catalogues.

Over the years it has been much used in numerous breeding programmes and is a parent of an extensive range of (usually, much larger and more robust in size) 'cyclamineus' hybrids such as

'February Gold', 'Peeping Tom', 'Jack Snipe' and the ubiquitous 'Tete-a-tete'. Whilst these varieties have the characteristic swept-back petals and long trumpet, these features are softened by other elements in the breeding and are much easier to bulk up as these varieties readily increase from offsets from the main bulbs and are much happier to be lifted and divided.

I also want to mention our very own native daffodil, *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* ssp. *Pseudonarcissus* 'the Lent Lily' which though once one of our most common spring time wild flowers has seen significant reduction in numbers. Where it was once widespread throughout the country, it is now mostly restricted to the western side of England and Wales. Much of this is down to agricultural intensification and habitat mismanagement but also hybridization with garden daffodils means that in some places the remaining colonies have become rather varied and mixed in nature. We are very lucky to have some decent colonies around the five parishes; Ashbrittle churchyard, many local roadside verges, banks and hedgerows and along the river Tone. Value and treasure these delightful little gems and ensure their humble, nodding beauty remains intact for future generations to enjoy.

John and Julie Ridgley

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# Easter Craft Workshops



Come and join the Easter fun with craft expert Anna-Lisa De'Ath AKA The Crafty Country Fox. Our classes are held in a stunning studio on a picturesque smallholding in Stawley. Have fun, meet new friends and go home with beautifully crafted items you'll be proud of.



Saturday 2nd April 10am-1pm £35  
**NEEDLE FELTED EASTER DECORATIONS**  
Master the relaxing craft of needle felting to create cute Easter bunnies, chicks and eggs.



Sunday 3rd April 10am-1pm £35  
**EVERLASTING EASTER WREATH MAKING**  
Make the most of nature's bounty and use natural materials to design a stunning decorative wreath.



Saturday 9th April 10am-1pm £35  
**EASTER TABLE DECORATIONS**  
In this workshop you'll use a number of techniques to make a stylish centrepiece for your Easter table.



### What's included:

All materials for the class, tea, coffee and homemade sweet treats using produce from our kitchen garden and hedgerows and fresh eggs from our free-range hens - Larry, Dolly, Holly, Ivy, Pudding, Tinsel and Loulou.

To book a place call Anna-Lisa on  
**07702 407747** or email  
**anna-lisa@thecraftycountryfox.co.uk**



Find out more about our other craft workshops for 2022 at  
**www.thecraftycountryfox.co.uk**

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## Minutes of RCI meeting Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 8.00 pm

Welcome: The Chairman hosted the meeting which again needed to be by Zoom because of current circumstances.

**Present (online):** Michael Parkinson, Chairman (MiP), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Secretary (JW), John Hannon (JH), Cilla Newsom (CN), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP), Laura Burrow (LB) joined the meeting at 20:45.

**Apologies:** Martin Perry (MP)

**Correspondence:** None except an enquiry to MiP from Suzette Williams about a Pavilion Notice Board and the possible costs. It transpires that there is discussion about the Playgroup and the Pavilion and JH was requested to consult with Cath Rose about any potential issue. (LB, who joined the meeting later, would also report back)

JW had received details about the Prince of Wales Award, presented at the Bath & West Show, for which the RCI had made an application two years ago. The award had been cancelled for the past two years because of Covid and lockdown but we had been invited to re-submit our application. JW undertook to re-write and submit a revised application in the light of recent events and circumstances.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that the annual accounts had been omitted from the previous minutes but they could be re-submitted and included in this meeting. The minutes were therefore agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising:** Following discussion at the previous meeting about footpaths, it was reported that posts and rails had now been installed along the path through to Tucks Farm making it safer.

PW reported that a new tenant had now been found for the Shop and negotiations for the handover/takeover were currently underway.

**Accounts:** The Treasurer submitted her report showing the RCI Account's balances as at 2nd February 2022 as follows:

RCI	£462.59	
Active Living	£957.72	
Youth Club	£522.95	Total: £1818.26

Bathealton Parish Council had now paid a £100 contribution towards the costs of DeFibs and VETS but the Ashbrittle contribution, although agreed, remained unpaid.

The RCI annual accounts for the period 1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021 had now

been audited by Derek Sowden and were re-submitted and are attached. The balance summary is :

RCI	£428.86
Active Living	£957.72
Youth Club	£522.95
Total:	£1909.53

Derek Sowden was thanked for his work on auditing the accounts and the Treasurer was thanked for her work on maintaining them.

PW commented that the previous 20% rebate on rate relief was no longer automatic and application had to be made; the resultant amount rebated could be anything between 0% and 20%.

**VETS:** JW reported that VETS was still running as a general helpline and she would recommend to Community Heartbeat Trust that it should continue this way. Pat Sweet was thanked for her conscientious regular testing of the system.

### Reports:

**Lunch Club** had restarted in November but the increase in COVID cases locally meant it had been cancelled in December and January.

**Walking Group** was still not meeting regularly although some group walking had taken place

**Oil Group** – next delivery was on 9 February

**Walks Project** – MiP will check up on leaflets

**Art and Craft Group** – is up and running but, with Village Hall rent now being £20 per session, a minimum of 5 people is needed to cover costs. It would now meet monthly on first Wednesday rather than weekly. LB undertook to promote the group through the school network and she asked about the possibility of a 'Mosaics Session' which PW would consider. This was essentially a 'Self Directed Art Group' and PW would put out a reminder by email when it was meeting.

**Youth Club** – LB had not had much response to her request for volunteers but she would coordinate a youth event during the Easter holiday.

**AOB:** JW wished to promote the Concert, 'Havin' a Larf!' with Steve Swan, Chris Britton, Phil Moore and others which would be held in the Pavilion on Saturday 30th April. Funds raised would be for Rossholme School in Kenya.

JH asked about plans for Jubilee celebrations in June. It is probable that each village will organise its own street party or similar with a bigger event to take place in the Pavilion in the evening.

**Next meeting** Wednesday 13th April 2022 at Stawley Shop, preceded by the AGM at 7pm.

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26th	7.00 pm	Talk by Phillip Broad " Army Nurse to the Rescue" Bathealton Village Hall
26th	7.30	Quiz Appley Pavilion. See advert on p11 for details
31st	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall
<b><i>April</i></b>		
9th	8pm	Easter Bingo, Appley Pavilion
11th	7.00 pm.	Bathealton Village Hall. AGM
23rd	8 - 11 am	St George's Day Breakfast, Appley Pavilion
<b><i>May</i></b>		
5th	2.30 pm	Bathealton Plant Sale at Hellings Farm
14th	2.30 pm	Attic Sale Bathealton Village Hall
21st	From 2.30 pm	Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete at Stawley Mill
<b><i>June</i></b>		
3rd		Jubilee Celebrational Music Evening, Appley Pavilion
<b><i>September</i></b>		
11th	2 pm	Annual Flower Show
<b><i>October</i></b>		
9th	All day	Community Apple Pressing Day, Appley Pavilion

**Next Deadline Date: Friday 18th March**

**Editors: Julia and Maurice**