

ASHBRITTLE

GREENHAM

STAWLEY

BATHEALTON

KITTISFORD



# Parish news



April 2022

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

## Church Services

<b>Sunday April 3rd</b> 9.30 am	Passion Sunday Parish Communion with the Village Festival Choir	STAWLEY
<b>Sunday April 10th</b> 9.30 a.m.	PALM SUNDAY Parish Communion.	ASHBRITLLE
<b>Friday April 15th</b> 2.00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY Music and Readings for Good Friday.	KITTISFORD
<b>Saturday April 16th</b> 3.00 p.m.	HOLY SATURDAY Children's service and Easter egg hunt.	GREENHAM
<b>Sunday April 17th</b> 9.30 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY Parish Communion.	BATHEALTON
<b>Sunday April 24th</b> 11.00 a.m.	LOW SUNDAY Parish Communion.	BRADFORD on TONE

As you will know, we are currently engaged in the process of discussing the future of the Wellington and District Team Ministry. The Team has been in existence for many years and the retirement of Tim Treanor has meant that now is an appropriate moment for all thirteen churches to consult amongst ourselves about the way forward. If you have views about this please do contact either your churchwardens or myself as your Associate Priest.

In order to facilitate these discussions we are holding a service on LOW SUNDAY at BRADFORD ON TONE at 11.00 a.m. This will be the only service in the Team on that day and please note the time of the later start.

We are also invited to bring along a picnic lunch and hope that the weather will be friendly! Over the course of the last two years we have had limited opportunities for this kind of social occasion and we hope to make it the first of many.

## Churchwardens and Clergy

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

Our house in Milverton is situated opposite a rookery. They are sociable birds but better known for their noise; I understand that their collective noun is a "Parliament"! I was once advised that if I was ever too far away from a bird to be able to distinguish between a crow and a rook, if the bird was alone the chances are that it is a crow but if surrounded by others, a rook. They are the birds first willing to announce the imminence of dawn, although two days ago a blackbird was singing happily and volubly just after five thirty in our back garden.

This time of year is full of the promise of spring. The days are lengthening and away from the easterly wind, the air carries the promise and warmth of spring. One of the poets that I would like to have included in my Lent course was John Clare, arguably the finest poet of the natural world that we have in English. His poem, "All nature has a feeling" is a good example.

*"All nature has a feeling: woods, fields, brooks Are life eternal: and in silence they Speak happiness beyond the reach of books; There's nothing mortal in them; their decay Is the green life of change; to pass away And come again in blooms revived. Its birth was heaven, eternal is its stay, And with the sun and moon shall still abide Beneath their day and night and heaven wide".*

The poem reminds us that the decision of the Church to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in the springtime was deliberate. Nature provides us with an annual reminder of the power of life over death. As Clare asserts, for nature, its "decay is the green life of change". When death occurs, inevitably it will "come again in blooms revived".

It would be both unlikely and disappointing for a priest to express doubts about the Resurrection. However, my belief in it is not confined to what we are told in the New Testament or what is expressed in the Creeds of the Church. My belief in the Resurrection of Christ from the dead is not limited to the testimony of others; I am persuaded of its truth by my observation and appreciation of the natural world where new life and re-birth is a reality.

If we are part of the world in which we live, if we are truly creaturely along with all those other species made by God, it is part of our nature that we should perish. However, only by and through death can we experience resurrection; the "eternal" about which Clare writes so eloquently.

With my best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter.

*Martin Beaumont*



## Coffee Morning

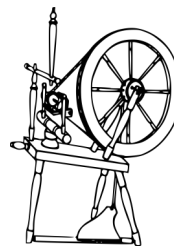
and  
Bring and Buy

To be held at  
The Old Rectory, Stawley  
on  
**Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
10am - 12 noon

*All proceeds in aid of  
Stawley Church*

## Stawley Church

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
will be held at Court Place Farm, Stawley  
at 6.00 pm  
on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.



## Spinning and Woolcraft Group

**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 still be the need to have a Zoom meeting 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 5th and 19th April  
at 2.30pm

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

## Country Matters

*Little Lamb who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
William Blake (1757 - 1827)*

**Mid February** There was a small amount of frog spawn in my ponds, but there is much less spawn to be found in ponds and ditches each spring. This is now of grave concern as our amphibians are in serious trouble, due to a combination of pollution, habitat loss, increased traffic levels and the outbreak of diseases such as ranavirus and chytrid fungus. Up to 3,000 frog's eggs float in jelly, while toad spawn forms long chains and newt spawn occurs singly.

February is the main month for badger births of up to five cubs. They are born in a chamber attached to the sett, no more than a metre below ground to maximize ventilation. The mother will have lined the chamber with moss, leaves and bracken and the cubs stay for about two months under ground being suckled. The mother will have been mated in the spring with delayed implantation.

**Early March** The rooks are busy building their nests and fighting over twigs, if not stealing them from other nests. It is said 'nests built in high tree branches mean a sun-filled summer, nests built in low branches mean a rainy summer'. Looking at my rookery I think the rooks are hedging their bets and building at medium height!

Barn owls are also nesting but have no intention of cleaning a nest or lining it with fresh moss. Instead the female lays her eggs on the encrusted bed of ingrained droppings, some of which may be many years old. Ravens are about the earliest birds to breed in the UK. They mate for life and do not need to waste energy 'courting'. They also use the same place and nest to raise their chicks. In the Lake District an often used nest was two metres high and wide.

The buds are swelling and the sap rising in trees and hedges. A green mist is covering the bare twigs. Birch is a very elegant and pretty tree and the Ukrainians name the month of March after them - Berezen, or the time of the birches. The people should be free to enjoy them and to tap the bark for the delicacy of birch juice.

Look out for swallows and house martins, chiff chaffs and many other summer visitors.

*Sally Merrett*

## Gardening Club

### Plant and Seed Swap

Julia Swan kindly hosted a plant and seed swap on Saturday 5th March which seemed to be the first sunny afternoon of the year. There was a good turn out and some interesting plants and seeds found new homes. It is always fun to add to one's garden with plants from friends rather than from the garden centres. We basked in the sunshine and enjoyed Julia's tea and cakes as well as her garden and look forward to some more of these occasions now that the weather is finally getting warmer.

### Flower Show

Because many people are still reluctant to meet indoors in large numbers it was agreed at the Seed Swap that we would draw up the schedule for the Flower Show which is on Sunday 11th September. Pat Sweet and Anna-Lisa and I will do this together and try and get a good balance of classes.

Please send any suggestions for new classes to [suejacoby@gmail.com](mailto:suejacoby@gmail.com) The schedule will be printed in next month's Parish News.

### Malvern Flower Show

We have some seats available for the visit to Malvern Flower Show on Friday 6th May. Coach departing Appley at 8.00 am.

For details contact Sue Jacoby on 07471 202978 or email [suejacoby@gmail.com](mailto:suejacoby@gmail.com)

And remember, new members are always welcome.

*Sue Jacoby*

### Rainfall Statistics February 2022

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2.38	3.00	8.30	4.37	3.86

*Val Coots*

### Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge  
26th April and 24th May  
From 9.30 - 9.50 am.

## The Ukraine Crisis

We will all be well aware of the Government's response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis asking property owners to register their interest in offering accommodation in their homes, or in an empty property they own, to refugees. Whilst many refugees may want to head to the cities where there is more opportunity to work, in rural areas we have plenty of space, quietness and a friendly community to offer sanctuary and a warm welcome.

A small number of local families have already registered their interest in the scheme. However, one concern, that has been expressed, is that any Ukrainian guests may feel isolated in our rural community. It would be amazing if we could join together and provide a rural hub for refugees, so that they can keep in touch and support each other through this crisis as well as meeting us locals. For instance, they could meet regularly in the Village Shop for coffee and give each other much needed advice and help.

If you are interested in registering your interest in providing accommodation, the website can be found at: <https://www.homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk>

The Sanctuary Foundation is another organisation providing useful information on ways to help and links to their partner charities. [www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk](http://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk)

A meeting has been arranged to gauge local interest and share information (see below).

If you are unable to attend the meeting it would still be helpful to register your interest with Ann-Marie or Rachel.

# STOP PRESS

## HOMES FOR UKRAINE

Are you keen to help Ukrainian Refugees either by providing accommodation or by assisting in other ways (Transportation, Food, Administration?)

Come along to a meeting to discuss how we as a community can help.

8.00 pm, Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March  
Appley Pavilion

For further information please contact either:

Ann-Marie Paterson: [annmarie.paterson@gmail.com](mailto:annmarie.paterson@gmail.com) 07836255900

Rachel Walker: [rachelmley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rachelmley@yahoo.co.uk) 07711140486

## *Open All Hours*

### **You Say Goodbye, And I Say Hello** *(Lennon & McCartney)*

Or perhaps the other way round, depending on how you are reading or listening to it. Maybe you are standing on your head! Sally and I are looking towards a new future and how it might affect us. And we need to do that before we rush off into doing this or that.

Running Stawley Shop has not been the easiest of jobs. It has been, to varying degrees, quite demanding. That's in terms of time spent on it, getting everything ready each day and making sure that the stock was well-ordered and containing the quality of goods we wanted to offer. It could be a joy. It could be tiring. It could be very stressful. But we wouldn't have changed it for the world.

The rewards have been great, not on the financial side, but that was never the aim. We have been involved with plenty of good people and have had the privilege of sharing in their lives. That was particularly the case during the Covid lockdown and since. To do what we could has been an honour.

But now that is about to end for us on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We know it will be handed on to a new tenant Katie with the support of the volunteers. The future of the shop looks well-set.

For us, will it be a case of.....

*"Yesterday  
Love was such an easy game to play  
Now I need a place to hide away  
Oh, I believe in yesterday"*

*(Lennon & McCartney)*

Six years seem to have flown by. But for me it must be nearly 12 years since, like a panto demon, I came up through the church stage in the area, taking occasional services, Sally there with me. That was the start of our relationship with the villages. Then I became associate vicar, which ended somewhat controversially but opened the door to further service of the people here via the shop.

All of it, I know, has been under the calling and guidance of the Lord. If it hadn't been grounded and empowered in that way we would never have arrived in your neighbourhood, let alone done whatever good we have been able to do.

So to conclude, I want to thank the Lord Jesus for bringing and keeping us here. I want to thank all who have supported and worked in the shop with us. Lastly, I want to thank you for the

privilege and blessing it has been for us to serve you.

See you around.

*Martin at the Shop*

## **Stawley Community Association**

### **News about Stawley Shop and Tearoom**

Sally and Martin Perry, after six years of creating and maintaining a very special service to the community that is 'Stawley Shop and Tearoom', will be retiring as tenants on Sunday 24th April 2022.

We'll all be very sad to see them go, but fully understand that they need a life outside the shop, and wish them the very best for a relaxing and enjoyable retirement.

The SCA is extremely pleased to announce that the new tenant for the shop and tearoom is Katie Ashworth who will take over the tenancy on 24th April. Katie is very keen to continue to offer the community service that Sally and Martin have brought to the shop, but she does have new ideas of her own which we look forward to experiencing.

Katie will be in the shop to 'learn the ropes' from Monday 4th April, so please drop in to meet her and say hello.

We are very fortunate to have Katie take over shop and tearoom, and we hope the members of our Community will do their best to support her.

Our very good wishes, Katie.

*Pauline Wood, for the SCA*



## **Beat surgery**

**at  
Stawley Village Shop and  
Tearoom**

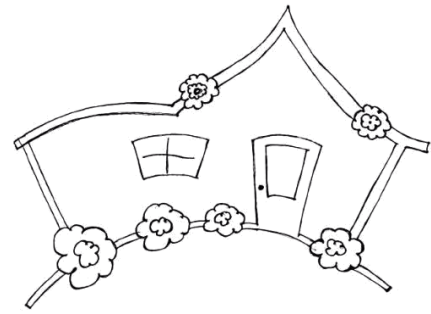
Tuesday 19th April  
From 9.00 - 10.00am  
with  
PCSO 6945 Louise Fyne

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Working together to make the communities of  
Avon and Somerset  
feel safe and be safe

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

# 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**

OPEN Good Friday 8.00 - 12.00 (bank holiday)

OPEN Easter Saturday 8.00 - 2.00 as normal

OPEN Easter Sunday 9.00 - 11.00 as normal

OPEN Easter Monday 8.00 - 12.00 (bank holiday)

**Come and use your local community shop - we are here  
for YOU**

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

Ring us on 01823 674361 or email [shop@stawleyshop.com](mailto:shop@stawleyshop.com)

*In April, the shop says goodbye to tenants Martin &  
Sally and a big hello and welcome to new tenant Katie!*



## Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*)

### Boil 'em, mash 'em put 'em in a stew.

Being slightly distracted by our impending move, I found it hard to single out and concentrate on a subject for this month - which is ridiculous really. April is the month where so much in the garden starts coming to the fore and one is spoilt for choice.

April is the month when, traditionally, you start getting your 'Spuds' in. This fact and my own thoughts of the upcoming move to our new home along with the appalling events happening in Ukraine kept bringing my thinking around to the very basic plant-based sources of nutrition and sustenance that we take for granted everyday and sometimes woefully underappreciate.

Growing up next door to Kittisford Barton I was surrounded by fields of potatoes (mostly main crop 'Desiree' and an earlier variety which went for canning I believe). I occasionally participated in potato picking over the school summer holidays, though my mother, Barbara and other local women, (you know who you are!) spent endless hours toiling on the harvesting machine, particularly lifting the later main crops, often in very inclement weather.

For my father, Reg, interest in potatoes mostly focused on first earlies - and getting them in as early as possible, often putting black plastic down with a carpet or straw on top and a thick layer of mulch to warm up the soil. There **really** is nothing to beat the flavour of your own extra early new potatoes! I start 2-3 tubers of a variety like 'Foremost' or 'Premiere' off in large pots as soon as they arrive from the suppliers in January, building up the compost level in the pot as the foliage grows. At present, I have the luxury of heated glass to start and force them, giving them plenty of water and dilute liquid feed during April to provide my employer with a plate of new potatoes to go with his first asparagus!

One of the main problems with growing potatoes, particularly organically, in the West Country is potato blight fungus (*Phytophthora infestans*), the spores of which initially infect the foliage and stems, moving down the connective tissues into the tubers causing them to rot in the ground or in storage. The best way to deal with the problem is to pick varieties that are proven to have resistance to the disease and in one case, almost complete immunity.

The 'Sarlo' varieties of potato are the ones to look out for, Sarlo Mira, Sarlo Una and Sarlo Axona being the ones least susceptible to

blight. 'Mira' has the most unbelievable disease resistance along with having a certain amount of frost resistance too.

Do visit the 'Sarlo' website; they are based in North Wales but the story of how the Sarlo varieties came in to being is a very interesting one with its origins in cold war era Hungary. There is so much more that I could write about this fantastic staple crop of our kitchen gardens and its development and history but that's for another day; meanwhile lets daydream of those first new baby potatoes with melted butter *mmm.....*

*John Ridgely*

*John has just accepted a new position at Knightshayes, the National Trust property, where he will be taking charge of the woodland garden and the formal garden around the house.*

*We wish John and Julie well and hope they will still make an occasional contribution to our magazine.*

*Eds*

## Stawley Parish Council

The meeting of Stawley Parish Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> March followed the usual format. The item of most interest was a discussion about broadband that is covered elsewhere in this month's edition of the Parish News.

There was one planning application to consider, the conversion of "The Bunker" (to the left of the entrance to The Globe) to provide holiday accommodation. The Council agreed to fully support the application to help the pub sustain its operations with more letting income and meals for guests.

The full minutes of the meeting can be found at <https://stash.org.uk>.



### AGM Change of meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Rural Community Initiative on Wednesday 13th April will now take place via Zoom at 7.00 p.m.

Mike Parkinson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting, please contact him for the link on [mike.parky3@gmail.com](mailto:mike.parky3@gmail.com)

**All welcome**



**By Popular Request**



**BATHEALTON  
PLANT SALE**



Saturday 7th May  
**HELLINGS FARM, BATHEALTON**  
(in aid of Church Funds)

**Gate opens at 2.30pm**

BEDDING PLANTS, HERBACEOUS, SHRUBS  
POT PLANTS and VEGETABLES

TEAS



**EASTER  
BINGO**

APPLEY PAVILION

SAT 9TH APRIL

EYES DOWN 8PM

ENTRY FEE £1 (INC TEA & CAKE)

RAFFLE

IN AID OF CRICKET CLUB

**Ashbrittle Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Tuesday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Councillors Present:** Charles Doble (Chairman), Jeremy Robbins, Helena Massie, Vicky Hughes.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** A parishioner has come forward to enquire about serving on the Council and they will be warmly invited to the next meeting.

**Correspondence Received:**

PCSO Louise Fyne sent her regular reports about crime and other policing matters within our area. The next 'Cuppa with Cops' at Wiveliscombe Silver Street Centre are on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30 - 12. Stawley Shop Beat Surgeries take place at 9 -10 a.m. on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**Reports from Councillors:**

**Highways and Planning** (Charles Doble)

i) A concern had been raised about the Hele Farm planning development. This concern came after the closing date for comments to the planning department but was noted.

ii) The conditions of the roads and verges was discussed. Several slippery areas of mud and leaves at the bottom of Ashbrittle Hill to Tracebridge. CD will get a quote for mechanically clearing road edges and passing places by a contractor with sweeper and gully suction.

iii) CD spoke about his concerns for safety on the A38 in the light of the ongoing problems with road safety, accidents and, sadly, fatalities. Also there are issues with signage, road joining and speeds. Although outside the Ashbrittle area, CD is in discussions at County level, Sampford Arundel Parish Council and other stakeholders. Our other councillors supported him with these concerns.

iv) HM has surveyed the six fingerposts in the parish. One post has already been renovated and five remain to be repainted. Quotes will be sought by CD.

**Footpaths:** VH commented on the condition of the stile on the footpath at the bottom of Bull's Field. JR will check if it can be repaired.

**Finance** (Helena Massie) HM presented the accounts to date. The certificate of exemption will be signed by the end of April and HM is preparing the end of financial year accounts for the next meeting. The insurance cover has been renewed for a three-year period. Continuing charitable giving was discussed and no new funding had been requested for specific parish projects. The council agreed to support parish events for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June.

**Any Other Business:**

i) The Queen's Jubilee: JR has spoken to Paul Musgrove (Stawley PC) to co-ordinate local events from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. There are proposed beacon lightings to start the events; in Wellington a street party is proposed on Friday, a fair on Saturday and picnic/music in the park on Sunday.

In Stawley parish /Appley Pavilion, an event is proposed for Friday and Ashbrittle will have an event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. JR and HM are to form a joint planning group with the support of the council.

ii) JR will replace the vimpel and halyard in the church tower and the parish council will pay for the replacement.

**Date proposed for next meeting/Jubilee planning meeting: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

**Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group**

We are holding a monthly get-together 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**

At 2.00 pm

**Wednesday 6th April**

**Wednesday 4th May**

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

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



**Calling all film buffs!**

**Do you want to join a local, friendly film club?**

We will bring to you contemporary, classic, British and international films that tend to not make local cinemas.

To launch this exciting venture we invite you to attend our first screening:

## **'Another Round'**

*A Danish comedy drama starring Mads Mikkelsen*

Venue: Hockworthy Village Hall

Date: 26th April 2022

Doors/Bar: 7.30pm Screening 8.00 – 10.00pm

Tickets on the door £6 per person

To ensure your seat please prebook by contacting:  
[hockworthyfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:hockworthyfilmclub@gmail.com)

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**Going forward annual membership at £20 pp/per year  
gives you free entry to 8 films!**

Entry will be through membership only commencing September 2022.

Membership forms will be available at the screening on 26th April.

***If you are unable to attend on 26th April  
but are interested in becoming a member  
please contact Val, Francesca & Andy.***

**[hockworthyfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:hockworthyfilmclub@gmail.com)**

## Broadband

Last month the Parish News had a lovely large advert for the meeting with Airband which was due to happen on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately, this did not happen because Airband cancelled their attendance due, we now know, to their representative leaving the company.

### Better news

However, that is the end of the bad news. Councillor Dave Mansell, who is our local District Councillor, has been working hard on our behalf and has had a meeting with Airband. He has discovered that we (the parishes of Stawley, Ashbrittle and Bathealton) are in contract C16 which is due to get fibre to our localities in 2024.

As has been stated before you can register your interest in getting fibre by going to [www.airband.co.uk](http://www.airband.co.uk). People who have been doing this in the past month have been finding that they get a call back from Airband very quickly to offer them a 4G system to get faster broadband whilst the fibre is coming.

### How you can help

Please go to their website and enter your postcode to find out whether you are “in contract” for delivery of fibre in 2024. If you get the following message you are in contract:

*“Your address is part of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) funded project”*

If, however, you get the response shown below you are **not** “in contract”:

*“You’re one step closer to getting connected”*

This is possibly because you live some way from the cable path, but there are cases where the property could be wrongly designated or arrangements could be made for a connection.

Please let me know if you are only “one step closer to getting connected” by e-mailing your address and postcode to [stawleypc@cantab.net](mailto:stawleypc@cantab.net) and also let me know how keen you are to get a fibre connection.

### A joint campaign

Working with Dave Mansell, our District Councillor, who represents all three parishes, we will then collate how many properties are not “in contract” and start a campaign to get them in.

*Paul Musgrove  
Clerk, Stawley Parish Council*

## Our spectacular local landscape



Oil painting course with Annie Musgrove at the Old Brick Workshop, Wellington TA21 9HW

Dates 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April or  
17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May  
9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June  
**10am - 1pm**

Cost £80 for 2 sessions including materials

**To book a place please contact:**

[amusgrove@cantab.net](mailto:amusgrove@cantab.net)

Tel 07530310795

[www.anniemusgrove.co.uk](http://www.anniemusgrove.co.uk)

## Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on

**Wednesday 13th April**


To place an order, please email:


[judy.milne@btopenworld.com](mailto:judy.milne@btopenworld.com) or contact

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

New members always welcome

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**GLOBE**  
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**APPLEY**

 Appley, Stawley, Wellington,  
Somerset, TA21 0HJ

 01823 673147

 [stuardurston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stuardurston@hotmail.co.uk)

### Wednesday 6th April: Pasta Night

For one night only an Italian Style Pasta Evening with guest chef, Vivien  
Please book in advance where possible as there are limited places available.

### Saturday 16th April: Easter Extravaganza!

Easter Bonnet competition and Easter Egg Hunt for our young ones.

Free to enter; phone or pop in for more information.

### Open

Wednesday to Saturday 11 till 11 Sunday 12 till 4

### Food

Served from 12 till 2 and 6 till 9

Pizza: every Friday 6 till 9

### Accommodation

American Silver Streak Vintage Camper and the newly completed Smythy,  
a luxury one bedroom cottage finished to the highest standard

## Stawley Under Fives



At Stawley Under Fives, we are looking ahead to being able to play outside without our waterproofs! The garden serves us well, but it is beginning to look a little worse for wear.

We are in the process of getting some quotes to revamp the equipment and we need to do the same with the artificial grass. If there is anyone in the local community who can quote for the grass, we would love to hear from you. Equally, if you have any large pipe (big enough to crawl through), sawdust/woodshavings or gravel going spare, we will happily take them off your hands!

On April 9th, from 2.00 - 4.00 pm, we will be holding an Easter Fun Day at the pavilion. There will be messy play, a scavenger hunt, assault course, egg decorating, colouring, face painting, crafts and more. Entry will be £5 for the first child and £3 for siblings. Under 1s are free. There will, of course, be drinks and cake on offer too!

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## Lunch Club

In February the lunch club reconvened after a two month break. Michael Fairfax, sculptor and musician entertained us.

Michael makes amazing musical instruments from various sorts of wood which he demonstrated. Then it was our turn to try them. That was great fun and created a very warm and friendly atmosphere as we discovered new ways of creating sound.

Thank you Michael.

## April meeting

Our April meeting is on Thursday 28th April, starting at 12.00. The speaker is Mike Parsons who is a wood turner who will talk about his craft and demonstrate. As ever, Jackie White will be providing our lunch.

If you would like to come, please contact me at [harlingdelia@gmail.com](mailto:harlingdelia@gmail.com) or call 01823 672203.

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*Poem: To my sisters and brothers  
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to fear.*

*They were kind the older ones.*

*They wanted me to live at least in partial  
peace,*

*to survive a while on a bewildering earth.*

*They gave me bricks that throughout my life  
I would learn to build large and wide and  
sturdy walls and so have shelter from a  
lowering world.*

*But there were other worlds within my mind  
so vast no walls could encompass.*

*I had arms, could reach beyond my  
childhood's prison realm, embrace a  
stranger and a stranger's world, could flee  
across the frontiers of a given name, call the  
unknown my kin and yes be hurt, be loved,  
but gaze upon no face with fear, see no  
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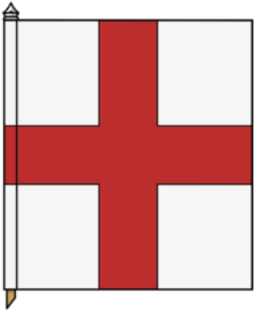
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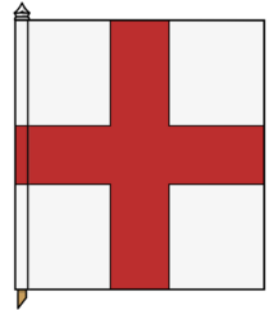
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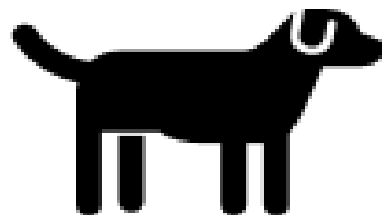
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### *April*

5th	2.30 pm	Spinning and Woolcraft Group
6th	2.00 pm	Art and Craft Group in Ashbrittle Village Hall
9th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Easter Fun Day with the Under Fives
9th	8.00 pm	Easter Bingo in the Apply Pavilion
13th	7.00 pm	AGM of the Rural Community Initiative
19th	9.00 - 10.00 am	Beat Surgery at Stawley Shop
19th	2.30 pm	Spinning and Woolcraft Group
22nd	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Youth Club meeting at Appley Pavilion
23rd	8.00 - 12.00 noon	St George's Day Breakfast at Appley Pavilion
26th	7.30 pm	'Another Round' Hockworthy Film Club in the Village Hall
28th	10.00 am - noon	Coffee Morning at The Old Rectory, Stawley
28th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall
30th	7.30 pm	'Having a Larf' at Appley Pavilion

### *May*

3rd	7:30 pm	Jubilee Tea Party Meeting, Ashbrittle Village Hall.
7th	2.30 pm	Bathealton Plant Sale at Hellings Farm
14th	2.30 pm	Attic Sale at Bathealton Village Hall
21st	2.30 pm	Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete at Stawley Mill
25th	8.00 pm	Taunton Deane Morris Men will perform outside Ashbrittle Village Hall and will also perform at 9.00 pm outside the Staple Cross Inn.

### *June*

3rd	3.00 pm	Jubilee Tea Party, Ashbrittle Village Hall
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### *September*

11th	2.00 pm	Annual Flower Show
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### *October*

9th	All day	Community Apple Pressing Day, Appley Pavilion
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### *December*

3rd	2.30 pm	Christmas Fayre, Bathealton Village Hall
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**Next Deadline Date: Friday 22nd April**

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