

ASHBRITTLE GREENHAM STAWLEY BATHEALTON KITTISFORD



Parish news



May 2022

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

Church Services

Sunday May 1st 9.30 am	Third Sunday and week of Eastertide Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday May 8th 9.30 am	Fourth Sunday and week of Eastertide Parish Communion.	ASHBRITLLE
Sunday May 15th 9.30 am	Fifth Sunday and week of Eastertide Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
Sunday May 22nd 9.30 am	Sixth Sunday and week of Eastertide Parish Communion.	BATHEALTON
Thursday May 26th	Ascension Day	
Sunday May 29th 9.30 am	Sunday after Ascension Parish Communion.	GREENHAM
Sunday June 5th 10.00 am	Pentecost Parish Communion	STAWLEY

Included above are the details of June 5th as this is the Sunday of the Queen's Jubilee. We will be joined by the Village Festival Choir at our Parish Communion at Stawley for this occasion. Please be aware of the slightly later time for the service.

All are very welcome and the service will be followed by a glass or two of something festive and fizzy!

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbittle with Greenham	Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbittle, TA21 0LQ David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbittle, TA21 0LE	01823 672365 01823 672436
Bathealton	Andrew Lyle, Road Hill House, Bathealton, TA4 2AW Sarah Eustice, Oakwood, Spring Grove, TA4 1NL	01984 629013 01823 401248
Kittisford	Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW	01823 672627
Stawley	Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT Graham Henson, Court Place Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HP	01823 672183 01823 672496
Associate Priest	Revd Martin Beaumont, Hilltop, Milverton TA4 1JR	01823 400127
Team Rector (interim)	Revd Martin Kirkbride	07746 519311

Thought for the month

I wonder how far we have managed to eat our way through the Easter chocolate, so long awaited (forty days of Lent) and so eagerly anticipated by those who, like me, are children at heart. However, I much prefer my wife's Easter biscuits, made with butter, sugar, currants and oil of Cassia. They are baked just before Easter for consumption during the Paschal celebrations.

You will notice from this month's services that Easter has not one Sunday but six and lasts forty days, sometimes referred to in the church as "the greater forty days". During this time, we continue with many of the customs that began on Easter Day itself. We continue with our frequent use of the "Alleluia", prohibited during Lent. We also resume our saying or singing of the Gloria during our Eucharists.

Many larger churches will have lit a Paschal Candle on Easter Day and this will be lit at all our services until the evening before the Feast of Pentecost. It reminds us of the presence of the risen Christ amongst his disciples after his resurrection.

All these additions are rather similar to our Christmas customs and they help us to continue our celebrations for the whole of the Easter season.

So do please continue to enjoy any of your Easter chocolate; it is not only permitted but encouraged!

I was asked during Lent why it seemed to carry on for more than forty days. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the evening of Maundy Thursday. However, a careful adding up would mean that we have a forty-six day Lent. This is because Sundays are not and never should be fast days and the Sundays of Lent are not included.

Ever since the Resurrection, each and every Sunday has been regarded as a celebration of Christ rising from the dead. Sundays have always been days of celebration and joy. Each Sunday is a weekly Easter.

Now where did I hide those biscuits?

With my best wishes,

Martin Beaumont

Stawley Bells Rang Out

A very good Passion Communion Service, taken by Rev. Martin Beaumont, was held in Stawley Church on April 13th. There was a congregation of thirty-eight and the Village Festival Choir were in attendance, which was very much appreciated. They sang *Be Still* by David Evans and *Lead me Lord* by Wesley.

Coffee and biscuits were enjoyed after the service.

Stawley Church cleaning

The interior of Stawley Church is looking good.

Five volunteers took it upon themselves to deep clean and polish all the woodwork. Guidance was sought from an expert in church restoration work for a suitable cleaning fluid, followed by lots and lots of elbow grease! Meaning many days of hard work involved, with a final polish for completion.

The parishioners show much appreciation of all the love and care which has been given to this project.

With many thanks to the volunteers.

Graham Henson

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**St Nicholas Kittisford are holding their
APCM in the church
at 6 pm on Monday 23rd May.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Refreshments provided.

The meeting will be followed by a
PCC meeting

Contact Annie Musgrove (Churchwarden)

amusgrove@cantab.net

or Sarah Burns- Cox (Secretary)

sarahburnscox@btinternet.com

Rainfall Statistics March 2022

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
7.56	4.64	3.12	2.76	3.15

Val Coots

Mabel's Baby Rabbits

12 weeks old, very cute and fluffy!

Dwarf Lops Beautiful colours
£25 each

Girls and Boys available

Viewings welcome, Appley Orchard Farm
Contact 07940906240 / 01823 672831

Country Matters

To Daisies, not to shut so soon

*Shut not so soon ; the dull-ey'd night
Has not as yet begun
To make a seizure on the light,
Or to seal up the sun.*

*No marigolds yet closed are,
No shadows great appear ;
Nor doth the early shepherd's star
Shine like a spangle here.*

Robert Herrick



Late March. The chiffchaff has arrived, with its familiar two note song which will be heard for the next seven months. These olive-green warblers arrive from Africa, the first of the summer migrants to arrive.

The flycatchers, martins, swallows and swifts will be arriving in the next few weeks.

The wild flower herb robert is beginning to flower. It is a pretty, pink-flowered member of the cranesbill family and is not toxic. In fact, several old herbals attest to its medicinal effects: it was thought to break up kidney stones and help with

upper respiratory congestion. I'm not sure how it was used!

The arrival of the blackthorn's white blossom is called 'the blackthorn winter'. It is well known to coincide with cold spells; which, true to form it did this April. William Cobbett in 1825 said 'it is a remarkable fact that there is always, in every year of our lives, a spell of cold and angry weather just at the time this hardy little tree is in bloom'.

Mid-April The warmer weather over Easter brought out quite a few butterflies. The bright coloured Brimstone and several orange tips mixed in with little blues have all been in the garden. The overwintering peacocks and red admirals have woken up and are ready to mate and lay eggs.

Most of the bees, especially the large bumble bees, (whose furry coat keeps them warm and dry), are about; delighted with the primroses and celandines, which have been glorious this year.

The dandelions are having their spectacular show. This seems to be earlier and earlier each year.

I think the later cutting of the verges last year has given a lot of wild flowers a chance to seed which will hopefully help the insects. Look out for swallows, house martins and, a bit later, swifts.

Sally Merrett

Cream Tea Come Rain or Shine

Join us for a strawberry cream tea at Meadow Farm in Greenham (TA21 0JW) to help raise money for the

Red Cross in Ukraine

Sunday 26th June 2 - 5 pm

Fabulous Raffle prizes



Contact Annie Musgrove, Sarah Jones or

Rachel Oliver for more details:

amusgrove@cantab.net



PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC
EVENING CELEBRATING 70
YEARS OF OUR QUEEN

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

FROM 6.30PM

AT APPELBY PAVILION

BRING YOUR OWN PICNICS,
PROSECCO BAR AVAILABLE TO
HELP CELEBRATE!

“FREE ENTRY”

CHILL OUT TO
11TH HOUR & ROBERT WEST
WHILE YOU NIBBLE YOUR CRISPS & DIPS.

PATRIOTIC FANCY DRESS (OPTIONAL)

SORRY NO DOGS ALLOWED

Ukrainian Refugees – Update

Wivey Welcomes Refugees is a new Community Association formed to provide a welcoming and supportive community for refugees (guests) by households in and around Wiveliscombe. Wivey refers to a much wider area than the town of Wiveliscombe and as you will see in the Newsletter below, for coordination purposes we have subdivided the area into four. I will coordinate our area (West) with Rachel Walker. If you would like to help in any way, either as a host or to offer support to hosts and guests please visit the website and complete the relevant form.

Thank you for your interest.

Ann-Marie Paterson 07836 255900
annmarie.paterson@gmail.com

Ukrainian Refugees May Newsletter



First arrivals The first refugee family arrived in our area on 10th April. To date we know of five hosts matched with refugees; three in Wiveliscombe, one in Ford and one in Milverton. There are twenty refugees in total, nine adults and eleven children. The visa process is long-winded and the granting of visas is unpredictable, for example: members of the same family receiving them days apart. Persistence is needed!

We know of about thirty other potential hosts in the Wivey area and we now have a form on our website asking for specific details so we can try and help with matching and inform schools etc of the situation. The form is at :

<https://wiveywelcomesrefugees.org.uk/wivey-hosts-form.html>

The Matching Process. Our aim has been to help this happen in a coordinated way so that extended families and people from the same area can be near each other. In practice, we are still following a number of leads overseas (mainly in Poland), but have not yet been able to find a single reliable partner who can help with this. If you know of anyone who can help please let us know! To date the most successful route has been through the *Homes for Ukraine Taunton Hosts* private Facebook group. If you're keen to get matched quickly we recommend registering with them as

well, or let us know if you would like us to pass on requests from them <https://www.facebook.com/groups/385559703401847/>.

The government are recommending matching through the RESET charity: <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/> We are waiting to hear of the first matches made that way. However a match is made, all hosts need to register with the government at <https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>

Questions that Refugees have. Every family coming over asks about schools, transport and work opportunities. Particularly if you are in a more rural area, please think and ask around how you can help meet these needs (for example: school bus routes, sharing lifts, sharing cars, etc)

Supporters - Details Please! If you can help in any way (lifts, befriending, childcare etc) please fill in the form for this purpose on our website: <https://wiveywelcomesrefugees.org.uk/wivey-supporters-form.html> As we cover quite a wide rural area we are intending to coordinate this in four rough areas: East (Milverton, Fitzhead, Halse, Ash Priors), North (Brompton Ralph, Huish Champflower, Clatworthy, Tolland, Chipstable and Raddington), Central (Wivey, Langley Marsh and Ford), and West (Bathealton, Ashbrittle, Greenham, Kittisford, Stawley, Appley and Tracebridge).

If you are a potential host and need to equip a kitchen or need extra bedding or a bed, please ask!

email wiveywelcomes@gmail.com

Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge
24th May and 21st June
From 9.30 - 9.50 am.

Beat surgery at Stawley Village Shop and Tearoom



From 9.00 - 10.00am
On 14th May and 15th June
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

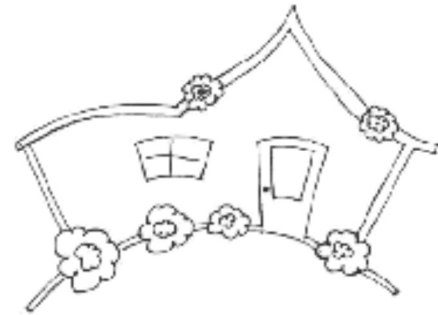
Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

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

Early May Bank Holiday (Monday 2nd May), open 8.00-12.00

**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

**Katie has taken over as the new tenant,
please come along and say hello!**



Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall

Our next meeting is on Thursday 26th May starting at 12.00 noon. Because of the proximity to the Jubilee celebrations we have decided to have a coronation themed lunch. Jackie White, our cook, will prepare us a special coronation meal. Preceding it will be a Coronation Quiz with tables competing against each other and a Top Prize for the winning table. We hope this will provoke some interesting memories as well as new information.

In March we arranged a local Gardeners Question Time, chaired by Sue Jacoby with our experts Morag Berthon, Maurice Stanbury and Jo Hartas. Very many thanks for their participation. As a more or less non gardener, I certainly learnt from the discussion and I am sure I was not the only one, as questions, answers and comments flowed from the audience as well as the panel. It is wonderful to have so many keen gardeners in this area.

If you would like to come to our next (Coronation) meeting please let me know. Details below. Please note the new e mail. It is very difficult (for me!) to access anything sent to the old address.

Delia Harling

Telephone 01823 672203

Email harlingdelia@gmail.com

Attic Sale

Bathealton Village Hall

May 14th at 2.30 pm

Entrance 50p

Lots of bargains to be had!

Temporary Road Closures

Appley Road, Stawley The works are expected to commence on 4th May 2022 and last for 3 days to enable Wessex Water to carry out replacement chamber works.

For any further information about this closure please contact Wessex Water on 0345 600 4600, quoting reference: ttr0451308TD.

Greenham Quarry Road. The works are expected to be carried out at night (9pm - 6am), commencing on 9th May 2022 and last for 5 days to enable BT Openreach to carry out gully sucking and cabling works.

**VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB
ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL**

Thursday, May 26th

Noon start

CORONATION QUIZ



and CORONATION LUNCH



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Delia Harling 01823 672203

harlingdelia@gmail.com



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

Contributions of surplus plants gratefully received.

Please contact:

Morag Berthon on

01984 623563

or Sarah Eustice on

01823 401248



JUBILEE PICNIC



AT STAWLEY MILL OPEN GARDEN

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 12-5

ENTRANCE £5 TO INCLUDE TEA AND CAKES

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

ALL DAY BAR – HOT DOGS

ANY PROFIT TO STAWLEY CHURCH TOWER FUND



Mosaic of Sound Vision
Presents



A Night of Creative Music Performance

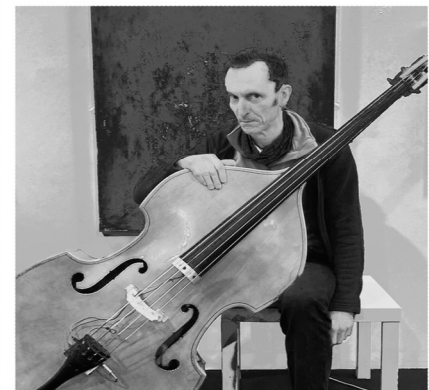
AN AMAZING CREATIVE EVENING, MUSICIANS
RESPOND TO TRANSFORMED RESCUED
ORGAN PIPES



THURSDAY
May 5th 2022
Adv tickets £10

Doors 7.30pm
Starts 8.00pm

CICCIC
Memorial Hall, Paul St,
Taunton, TA1 3PF



info & tickets www.ciccic.co.uk

Mosaic Pipe Project

Local artist Jo Kidd and musician, Louise Lawrence rescued twenty-five organ pipes that were destined for firewood. The pipes were distributed to twenty-five creative thinkers, the challenge - to work in secret and devise something out of their pipe - anything accepted - no limits. The re-invented pipes will be exhibited from May 4th to 20th at the Creative Innovation Centre.

On Thursday 5th of May there will be a spectacular event to launch the exhibition. Thirteen musicians (Sousaphone, harp, saw, electric guitar, sound effect pedals plus a variety of wind, brass and strings) - will perform dynamically as each pipe in turn is illuminated.

This event is a one off - not to be missed.

Ashbrittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club 2022

As a new season of cricket is fast approaching the groundsman has been busy on the square making it just right for 2022.

The first game will be on May 7th at Appley for the 2nd team as the 1sts play away. The full list of fixtures will be at the ground.

I just want to take this opportunity to say thanks for supporting the quiz night and bingo which between them helped to raise £600. A massive thank you to Alan Rose and John McIlwain for making excellent question masters! And also to the kitchen helpers who put on a lovely ploughman's supper.

We are continuing with our outdoor practices on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm for adults. New players are always welcome.

Youth practices will start at 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings. This is the ideal place to start at grass roots level with mixed abilities, catering for all ages under 13 years.

If you would like any more information about the club or playing give me a ring, Rob Williams on 01823 672266.

For youth cricket ring Mark White on 07928449583.

Go on, give it a go!

Rob Williams

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 4th May 2022

Wednesday 1st June 2022

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



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://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/> or email spicelandnotices@btinternet.com

Atlas

There is a kind of love called maintenance,
Which stores the WD40 and knows when to use it;

Which checks the insurance, and doesn't forget
The milkman; which remembers to plant bulbs;

Which answers letters; which knows the way
The money goes, which deals with dentists

And Road Fund Tax and meeting trains,
And postcards to the lonely; which upholds

The permanently rickety elaborate
Structures of living; which is Atlas.

And maintenance is the sensible side of love,
Which knows what time and weather are doing
To my brickwork; insulates my faulty wiring;
Laughs at my dryrotten jokes; remembers
My need for gloss and grouting; which keeps
My suspect edifice upright in the air,
As Atlas did the sky.

U.A. Fanthorpe (Quaker Poet)

Advertise Here

Our rates are:

£1.40 per month for a small box,

£12.00 for a whole page.

Further details on page 31

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on

Wednesday 8th June


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

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 Appley, Stawley, Wellington,
Somerset, TA21 0HJ

 01823 673147

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Sunday 12 till 4

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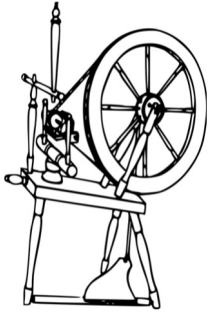
Food

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



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 and learn to spin with us?

Next Sessions
Tuesdays 3rd and 17th May

at 2.30pm

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

WIVEY GROWS

Sat 7th May
10am-2pm
Langley House
Wiveliscombe
TA4 2UF

Launch event!

Join us to celebrate the launch of Wivey Grows!

Gardens & grounds tours, pizza-oven building, sunflower planting, playing with clay, live music, cake-eating and more!

@wiveygrows

Wivey Cares, Charity reg no. 1183575



Soft Plastic Recycling

I have looked into what the Wellington and Wiveliscombe Co-ops do with the plastics they collect for recycling. I don't think enough people realise they collect. Since I have been bagging soft plastics, we make barely a carrier bag a month of landfill between three of us.

Here is an article from the Co-op website.

Emma Hurford

Clean it. Scrunch it. Co-op it.

Customers will be urged to return bags and food packaging to their local shop, whether they came from the Co-op or another retailer or brand. Crisp packets, bread bags, single-use carrier bags and bags for life, lids from ready meals and yoghurt pots, biscuit wrappers, and pet food pouches are all covered by the scheme.

Jayplas, a plastic recycling company, will process the materials collected. Bin liners, construction materials, and stiff plastic goods such as buckets can all be made from the pellets produced from the gathered waste.

It is also intended to reassure worried communities that the collected plastics will be recycled in the United Kingdom. Instead of filling landfills, going to incineration, or being transported overseas, the recyclable material is transformed into post-consumer plastic granules by Jayplas, which are then made into usable secondary items like bin liners, rigid objects like buckets and construction material.

Soft plastics are simple to recycle. Simply follow these three simple steps as advised by Co-op:

Clean it – Start by rinsing your package.

Scrunch it – Now scrunch it uptight – if it retracts back, you know it's soft plastic.

Co-op it – Drop it off at a Co-op near you in our soft plastics recycling bin.

From: www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics

Keep Somerset Safe.

If you have information about crime, tell the independent charity Crimestoppers.

You can speak up and remain 100% anonymous. Always.

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555111

100% anonymous. Always.

Garden Party and Fete



Saturday 21st May
2.30pm
Stawley Mill
TA21 0HT

Plants, Cakes, Bottles, Books, Bric a Brac,
Ceramics and Raffle.
Cream Teas and Strawberries

All Proceeds to Stawley Church

Our spectacular local landscape



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

Dates: 17th and 24th May
9th and 16th June

10am - 1pm

Cost £80 for 2 sessions including materials

To book a place please contact:

amusgrove@cantab.net

Tel 07530310795

www.anniemusgrove.co.uk



BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!

Avril Silk still has lots of brand new pink lampshades...

For a mere £3 you can receive a lampshade and an entry form for
THE FAMOUS PINK LAMP SHADE COMPETITION

Contact Avril as soon as possible to book your lampshade.

First come - first served.

A maximum of two per family.

Ashbrittle Arts is delighted that, once again, your work
will be displayed at Stawley Flower and Produce Show!

Please deliver your masterpiece, labelled with your name and age,
to the Pavilion on Saturday, September 10th between 6 and 8 pm.

AvrilSilk@aol.com (01823 672131)

Stawley Flower and Produce Show

Sunday 11th September

Now is the time to be sowing seeds for some of the exhibits for this year's Flower Show but beware the frost - in 2020 we had one on the 18th May. Pat Sweet, Anna-Lisa De'Ath and I have updated the schedule and introduced some new classes including one for upcycled or recycled items in both the adult and children's classes.

There are also a couple of new rules which apply for this year, see below.

New Rules for 2022!

Only one entry allowed per person per class.

Individual entries only, couples must make separate entries.

Classes

1. 3 Potatoes
2. 6 Runner beans
3. 6 French / other beans
4. 5 Chilli Peppers (can be mixed varieties)
5. 1 Beef tomato
6. 5 Tomatoes on or off the vine
7. A Pair of root vegetables
8. 5 Onions or Shallots
9. A Display of Vegetables (max size 45x45cm)
10. A Display of Herbs
11. 1 Cucumber
12. 5 Dessert Apples
13. 5 Cooking Apples
14. 5 Stoned Fruit
15. A Dish of Soft Fruit
16. Collection of Perennial Flowers, 6 stems, 3 varieties
17. Collection of Annual Flowers, 6 stems, 3 varieties
18. A Rose
19. 5 Dahlias
20. A Specimen Bloom
21. A Floral Display 'Jubilee Colours' (red, white & blue)
22. A Jar of Honey
23. A Jar of Jam
24. A Jar of Marmalade
25. A Jar of Jelly
26. A Jar of Chutney
27. A Bottle of Homemade drink
28. 6 Eggs
29. A Cake made from Citrus Fruit

30. 4 Scones
 31. 4 Cheese Straws
 32. 4 Chocolate Brownies
 33. A Loaf of Bread
 34. A Wool craft item
 35. A Needle craft item
 36. A Painting in any medium of a named local landscape
 37. A Photograph of any British Wildlife.
Unframed max size A4
 38. An item made from upcycled materials
 39. A metal, wood or ceramic item
- Classes 34 – 39 all to be made within the last year**

Children's classes: Ages 3-7 & 8-12

1. Design for the front cover of next year's programme
2. A Handmade Birthday Card
3. A Photo of a Farm Animal
4. An Item made from Upcycled Materials
5. 4 Decorated Cup Cakes
6. 2 shop bought Digestive Biscuits decorated
7. An Animal made from Fruit or Vegetables

Sue Jacoby

Local Elections – 5th May

The turnout at local elections is never very high. This is a pity because those elected for the high office of District or County Councillors can make a difference in improving our local services.

If we find ourselves with councillors that are ineffective or more interested in their political party than the people they represent then we only have ourselves to blame. We can use our vote by considering the person rather than the party. We choose where to put our cross on the ballot paper.

This year the election is especially important as the District Councils and County Council are amalgamated into the new Somerset Council. The new council will start work in 2023 after a year of getting ready. You will have two votes on the 5th May (or earlier if you have a postal vote).

Please consider the options carefully and make your vote count.

This is an opportunity to choose the people that have local knowledge and are canvassing on local issues like broadband!

Paul Musgrove

COME CELEBRATE!

**PLATINUM
JUBILEE
TEA PARTY**

ALL WELCOME NO CHARGE

**FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 3:00 PM
ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL**

Meeting to discuss plans for the event at Ashbittle Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd May 7:30pm

Come Along!

Somerset Jubilee Parish Portraits

At the end of the First World War, Joseph Henry Warner, journalist with the Western Gazette newspaper, put out an appeal for essays detailing the contribution parishes had made to the war effort. One hundred and seventy-two of these returns survive at the Somerset Heritage Centre and provide amazing detail on the county's war effort, all of them proving to be very valuable resources for those conducting research for the First World War centenary.

Just over a hundred years later in this Platinum Jubilee year the Somerset Archives and Local Studies Service, part of the South West Heritage Trust, are putting out a similar appeal to ask you to send us portraits of your parish, something which will mark your parish's place at this unique moment in history and to provide future generations of Somerset with information on our communities.

We aren't looking for a history of the parish, we have lots of that already, but a snapshot of your parish today, a celebration of what makes your parish special in 2022. Things which you may wish to include could be:

- Local shops and business
- Services and facilities
- Clubs, societies and village past times
- Schools and pre-schools
- Environmental initiatives
- Modern day traditions
- The effect of the Covid-19 Pandemic on your community, and
- How your parish is marking the Jubilee.

We are happy to receive your portrait as an essay, as a scrapbook, or a combination of the two – surprise us! If you are including photographs please label and date them where possible and please do not include any personal information such as addresses as we wish to make them available for research. We would also ask that the copyright of all the content, including photographs, be transferred to the South West Heritage Trust and for the portraits to be gifted to us.

Our five favourite portraits will be featured on the South West Heritage Trust website and on our social media pages.

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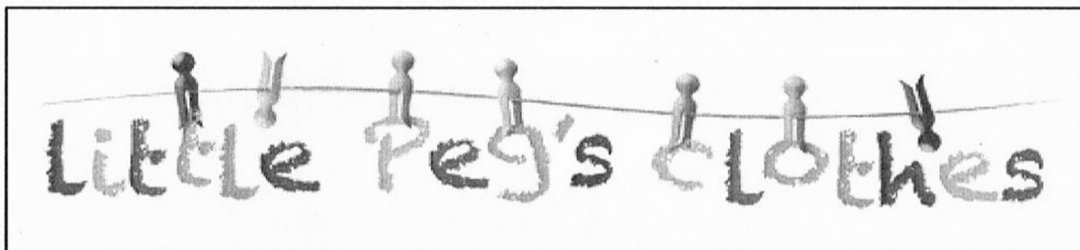
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<i>April</i>		
30th	7.30 pm	'Having a Larf' at Appley Pavilion
<i>May</i>		
3rd	7:30 pm	Jubilee Tea Party Meeting, Ashbrittle Village Hall.
3rd	7:30 pm	Stawley PC AGM
4th - 20th		Mosaic Pipe Project, Exhibition, (see page 11)
5th	7.30 pm	Mosaic Pipe Project, Music Performance, (see page 11)
7th	2.30 pm	Bathealton Plant Sale, Hellings Farm
14th	2.30 pm	Attic Sale, Bathealton Village Hall
21st	11 - 5 pm	Stawley Open Garden and Studio
23rd	6.00 pm	Kittisford Church APCM
25th	12 noon	Lunch club, Ashbrittle Village Hall
25th	8.00 pm	Taunton Deane Morris Men performing outside Ashbrittle Village Hall and also at 9.00 pm outside the Staple Cross Inn.
<i>June</i>		
3rd	3.00 pm	Jubilee Tea Party, Ashbrittle Village Hall
3rd	6.30 pm	Jubilee Picnic, Appley Pavilion
4th	12 - 5 pm	Jubilee Picnic, Stawley Mill
25th		Stawley Open Garden and Studio
26th	2 - 5 pm	Cream Tea, Meadow Farm
<i>September</i>		
11th	2.00 pm	Annual Flower Show, Appley Pavilion
<i>October</i>		
9th	All day	Community Apple Pressing Day, Appley Pavilion
<i>December</i>		
3rd	2.30 pm	Christmas Fayre, Bathealton Village Hall

Next Deadline Date: Friday 20th May
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