

Parish news

Stawley flower
and produce show
2022

September 2022

Phoebe Burridge
Age 7



Church Services

Sunday September 4th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 12 Parish Communion	STAWLEY
Sunday September 11th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 13 Parish Communion	GREENHAM
Sunday September 18th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 14 Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
Sunday September 25th 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 15 Harvest Festival Parish Communion	BATHEALTON

You will have noticed that we are holding the first of our Harvest Festivals in the group at Bathealton on September 25th.
Stawley's Harvest will take place on October the 2nd.
Kittisford's Harvest is booked for October 16th.

There will be further details in the October edition of the News.

Martin Beaumont

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
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Kittisford	Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW	01823 672627
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Team Rector (interim)	Revd Martin Kirkbride	07746 519311

Thought for the Month

The Stawley Show on Sunday September 11th will see the conclusion of the summer season of village produce shows. For Ruth and I, understandably, the highlight was the Milverton Flower Show held in July. Currently Ruth is the Chair of the local gardening club and was, therefore, involved in the show's organisation.

All these occasions have taken me back to the first time I attended such an event in 1974. I had just been ordained a Deacon in the Church and was slowly getting used to wearing a clerical collar and engaging with the parishioners in Walker, a suburb of Newcastle on Tyne, down on the river and adjacent to its more famous neighbour, Wallsend.

On one of my first Sunday mornings, after the 10.00 am Parish Communion, my vicar suggested that we go along to the local flower and produce show that was taking place in the CIU (otherwise known as "The Club"). By the time we arrived, the judging had been completed and the winning produce was arranged on tables in The Club Room. This room was usually set aside as an area where men and women could to meet together for a drink, as The Bar was a "men only" preserve.

As we walked up and down in our cassocks, admiring the prize winning leeks and potatoes, what my vicar had not told me was that Sunday lunchtime in The Bar was the regular weekly appearance of a stripper.

Trying as I was to concentrate on the green-groceries, it did cross my mind that my future life and ministry would not be complete without such examples of the absurd and ridiculous.

To-day, I do hope and expect that the Walker show continues and thrives. However, if it does take place in the CIU, I expect that certain things will have changed.

Discrimination legislation at places of recreation will have put a stop to men-only bars and indeed the extra attractions on offer on a Sunday morning! The Government's healthy eating agenda will doubtless have seen pork scratchings and pickled eggs replaced by 'Crushed Avocado' and "Quinoa" (whatever that might be). However, the leeks and potatoes will continue to be grown using secret and well defended recipes to enhance and enlarge the specimens chosen as exhibits.

However much we might try and regulate our lives in order, quite rightly, to ensure our own safety, I hope that moments of surprise and unpredictability will be allowed to continue.

If the words of Jesus in the gospels remind of us anything, it is that when we imagine that we have

life safely "taped" and thoroughly within our own control, we lose sight of what God has in store for us.

A full Christian life involves placing ourselves into God's hands and allowing Him to do with us as He thinks best.

Only then can we be fully grateful for His many gifts and this includes those moments of absurdity and ridicule that remind us of the richness of our human existence.

*With my best wishes,
Martin Beaumont*



Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland, Uffculme

**Spiceland is open for Heritage
Day on
Sunday 18th September 2022
2 - 5pm**



**Burial Grounds and Meeting House open
to the public
You are welcome to bring your own
refreshments to enjoy in the peaceful
surroundings of the grounds**

**For more information phone Ali Dominy
07810768557 or use the "contact us"
form on our website:
[http://
www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/](http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/)
or email spicelandnotices@btinternet.com**

**The Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers)**

Just My Kind of Book

Of course it is! I wrote the darn thing. It's my first published book and now on sale in the Village Shop. It's not long, about fifty pages. And it's poetry!

It's been published by Kingdom Publishers, a Christian company in London. That gives you a clue about the kind of subject matter.

But don't let that put you off. There's one about the pandemic; another one about a lady giving a vicar a cup of tea – amusing! Others about personal experience. Sonnets for Easter. One even contains a reference to a local church.

Encouraging. Entertaining. Enjoyable. Engaging the mind. And it's called...

Hints of Reality

Martin H Perry

£6.99

If the shop is out of stock, you can order a copy there or from me. Alternatively, it is available from Amazon.

Sonnet for Easter Sunday

*Burst forth, O empty heart, in overflowing praise!
Why did you ever doubt since clearly you were told
that mocking enemy, called Death, could never
hold*

*the one your faithful God did promise he would
raise.*

*So, tears, be dried, let chill of dark be warmed and
bright,*

*for past is death, and all its retinue of grief,
no power to hold that Man upon its jagged reef -
he rises free and glorious, full of heaven's light:
stands naked does the cross upon its barren hill
where fallen victors skulk within its darkening
shade,*

*there sigh for yester-week to change their cruel
parade,*

*that resurrection newness might their lost hearts
fill.....*

*so come now, praise this Man of living power and
worth,*

*who won that deathly fight, to bring us deathless
birth.*

If you do go down the Amazon route for a copy, and you like what you read, please leave a review on Amazon.

Martin Perry

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 and Textile crafts**

**Ashbrittle Village Hall At 2.00 pm
Next meetings**

Wednesday 7th September 2022:

Mosaic Session

Wednesday 5th October 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

Rainfall Statistics for July

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1.83	2.41	1.68	3.66	0.55

I thought the rainfall in July might qualify as the lowest since local records began, but I was wrong. There were actually two months where we had even less rain!

0.38 in April 2011 and 0.51 in April 2007

Let's hope August will turn out a bit wetter.

Val Coots

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on

Wednesday 12th October

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

Somerset Art Weeks

Art Exhibition at Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW

Opening Times: 10 am - 5 pm

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday between
24th September - 9th October**

**An exhibition of paintings, prints
and oak benches by**

Annie & Ed Musgrove

Children's activity Sundays 2-4 pm

Easily accessible from the A38. Turn right at the Cothay Manor sign when entering Greenham from A38: first house on the left 500m from the junction. Partial disabled access.

Refreshments available

www.anniemusgrove.co.uk

Tel 01823 672627 amusgrove@cantab.net



Beat Surgery

**Stawley Village Shop and
Tearoom**

Tuesdays 6th September and 4th October

From 9.00 - 10.00am

with PCSO 6945
Louise Fyne



AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

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

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Looking for a new home

A breeding pair of Embden geese and two female geese about 18 months old. They live on grass, need minimal upkeep and are good layers. We raised them but they are not a good mix with small children.

If interested, please contact Annie on
01823 672627 Meadow Farm, Greenham,
TA21 0JW amusgrove@cantab.net



Ashbrittle, Stawley & Clayhanger Cricket Club

The Ashbrittle cricket team, which was a mixture of 1st and 2nd team players, made it into the Somerset Minor Cup semi finals. This match was hosted by Ashbrittle at Appley on Sunday 31st July against Yeovil 2nds. The 20/20 match did not go our way, but the team should be very proud to have got so far; Yeovil was a very good side.

A massive thank-you to Pete Cooper, WHYKNOTWOOD, for donating the new playing shirts for the day; Andrew Burt "chef!"; Jon Dawes for umpiring; Mark White for preparing the ground and the two teams for the entertainment. We all had a great day.

Dave How: It was with great sadness we heard of the loss of our club president Mr Dave How.

He was a very keen cricket man and spent many hours at Appley playing, umpiring and watching over the years. A cricket tea in his memory will be held at Appley on Friday 16th September around 4.30 pm, as we play a touring match against a side that Dave would of played. Please feel free to attend and share some stories if you wish.

Fixtures for September

- 3rd Sept: 1sts away to East Huntspill,
2nds at home to Roadwater.
- 10th Sept: no game for the 1sts,
2nds home to Buckland St Mary and
Bishopswood.
- Friday 16th September: touring side. Home to
Heathfield Park. With memorial tea.

Spectators are always welcome!

Rob Williams



Above: Back row

L. Ayres (scorer), J. Wrightson, R. Popplestone, H. Norman,
C White, R. Embleton, R. Williams, P Woodberry.

Front row

G Dawes, A. Burns-cox, W. Burns-Cox, M. White,
O. White, S. Grant, C Cooper, C Westcott.

Right: Going out to bat; M. White and R. Embleton.



BRING-&-BUY BOOK-BAZAAR

**WANTED DONATIONS OF NON-FICTION
BOOKS**

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STAWLEY CHURCH FABRIC FUND

Contact: Martin Jacoby, who will happily collect,
on 01823 674471 or 07783 161187
or email martincjacoby@gmail.com

Mobile Library

Greenham Bridge

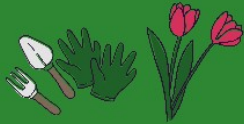
**Please note that the visit on
13th September is cancelled.**

The next date is therefore
Tuesday October 11th
From 9.30 - 9.50 am.

WIVEY GROWS



Wivey Grows is a community-based growing project that aims to provide the opportunity, space and support for people of all ages and abilities to grow food and flowers, eat, learn, create and play in a nurtured and shared, natural environment.



Langley House, Wiveliscombe is our beautiful 11-acre home! With gardens, barns, meadows, woodlands and a lake – it's a brilliant space with lots of potential!



Wivey Cares, Registered Charity Number 1183575



Find out more:



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- Visit our new website! - www.wiveygrows.net
- Follow us on social media - @wiveygrows
- Get in touch via email - info@wiveygrows.net
- Donate via our website



Become a Wivey Grower!

Becoming a Wivey Grower means you can come along to any Wivey Grower sessions, which we will be running at least once a week! There is no obligation, you can do as much or as little as you like.

Sign up below to create your Wivey Grower username and access our calendar of activities. You can also sign up to receive our weekly emails to hear about upcoming sessions. Then just turn up for the session and sign in. It's so easy!

To access the Wivey Grower registration form:

- Scan this QR code
- Or go to - <http://bttr.im/bm7b6>
- Or register via our website



VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL Thursday, September 29th Noon start

The Mysterious Fate of Commander 'Buster' Crabb, OBE, GM, RNVR.

Popular local speaker Ken Atherton will regale us with the true story of an MI5 agent, (possibly a Soviet double agent), Russian cruisers or warships and a Royal Naval frogman and diver all set in Portsmouth Harbour in 1956 at the height of the Suez Crisis.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Delia Harling 01823 672203
harlingdelia@gmail.com

Wivey Welcomes Refugees

Fifty-five Ukrainian guests have now moved into our area, although one family has already moved on to alternative accommodation. A number of others are deciding if they still want to come or are waiting for their visas.

At the heart of what we do is the Welcome Hub at St Andrew's, Wiveliscombe, running three times a week. Each time there is an hour-long English beginners lesson followed by a forty minute children's lesson, and we have started an additional conversation class for better speakers at the same time as the children's lesson. To date we have funded and delivered twenty-one adult lessons and ten children's lessons. All are well attended, and we can see a definite, steady improvement in the quality of English spoken and the confidence of our guests.

Just as important is the practical and emotional support our guests offer each other, the informal conversations that happen and friendships that are being built, and there is something of a mini food bank on Saturday mornings.

Everyone is welcome at the Thursday morning 10-12 'Cafe for All'; where the lesson takes place between 10am and 11am. We also have a small team of volunteers who provide refreshments and support at the lessons at the Saturday morning and Tuesday afternoon hubs. If you would like to help, offers of home baking are always most welcome, and we would encourage you to come along on a Thursday morning first to meet members of 'Wivey Welcomes' and informally meet some of our guests.

There is still a need for hosts and some refugees are finding it hard to find transport.

If you are able to help, you can email us at wiveywelcomes@gmail.com, look at the Taunton Homes for Ukraine facebook page, go to www.opora.uk or www.LoveBristol.org

Our bank account is now up and running: we can accept cheques made out to 'Wiveliscombe Welcomes Refugees' or BACS transfers made to sort code 30-98-97, account number 85902463.

Peter Pearson, Chair of WWR

With thanks to Ann-Marie Paterson

Stawley Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Stawley Parish Council will be on the 13th September at 7:30 pm in Appley Pavilion.

This meeting is open to all parishioners.

Stawley Flower and Produce Show

Some much needed rain has come at the end of our Mediterranean summer to boost our gardens ready for the Stawley Flower and Produce Show on **Sunday 11th September**. Here's hoping for a bumper display!

Schedules and entry forms are available at Stawley Village Shop.

We are pleased to be able to reproduce Phoebe Burrige's winning picture for this year's programme cover in colour and hope you enjoy it!

There are a couple of new rules for 2022 – by request.

- Only one entry per person per class
- Married couples must make separate entries.

Calling all 2021 Trophy Winners!

Please could you be sure to have your trophy engraved and polished (where applicable) ready for this year's winners to receive. Either bring them to the Pavilion on the day or bring them to Church Cottage, Stawley or let me know and I will arrange to collect them from the Village Shop.

Sue Jacoby

Reporting Potholes Works!

I recently became aware of a very nasty pothole at the edge of the road on Ham Hill, which had resulted in significant damage to someone's car. Highways had already marked other potholes for repair, but they had missed this one, so I thought I would test the system by reporting it on the Somerset County Council website. I posted my simple report on 11th July, had confirmation of intention to repair on 11th August, followed by the repair being done on 15th August. I even had notification when it had been done!

We all know that there are lots of potholes around these days, and it is easy to think 'someone will do something' - but this does not really work. May I suggest that, if you know of a pothole which is causing problems, it would be a great idea to simply report it, so that a repair WILL be done (for everyone's benefit).

Simply go onto the Somerset County Council website > Roads and Transport > Report a problem on the roads. Alternatively, simply use the following link:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>

Clive Wall



**STAWLEY FLOWER
&
PRODUCE SHOW**

Sunday 11th September 2022 at 2.30pm

An afternoon for all the family:

Cream teas & cakes

Raffle - Plant Stall

Auction of produce

Appley Pavilion TA21 0HH

**Schedules and entry forms
available**

from Stawley Village Shop

or Sue Jacoby suejacoby@gmail.com

07471 202978

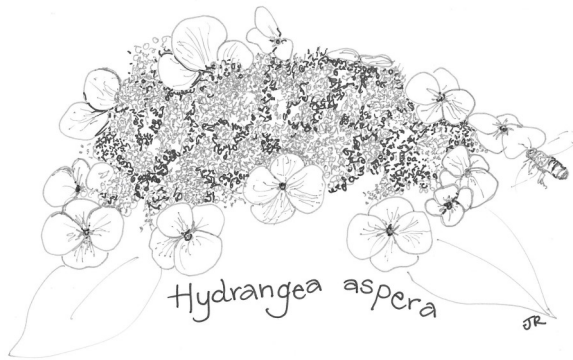
**COME AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON
AT APPELEY PAVILION!**

Hydrangeas

*Hydrangeas, pale blue in the rain,
blue in the moonlight*

Masaoka Shiki 1867-1902, Haiku.

I am writing this mid-way through August as the thunder clouds gather and the first meaningful rain for some time hits (and runs off!) my parched garden. Boy, has it been hot? And so alarmingly dry! My subjects for September's piece have suffered more than most but they do show a remarkable ability to bounce back from seemingly shriveled aridity. It's often the extreme 'heat shock' that does for them rather than dryness at the roots. The 'Flower Ladies' at Knightshayes want to start collecting Hydrangea heads to dry for the winter garland in the house but we are without doubt going to have fewer to choose from this year, due to recent extreme conditions.



One thing I have noticed is that specimens that were rigorously weeded around earlier in the summer look worse than those that were left relatively undisturbed. Hydrangeas have dense and fairly shallow spreading roots and those given a good thick mulch of compost around the root zone have certainly fared better than those that were not. Timing is also key, with any weeding and mulching best done in late winter and early spring when pruning is undertaken.

Hydrangea is a genus of around seventy-five species of flowering shrubs with large and often interesting foliage. They come from Asia and the Americas with the majority found in China and Japan. Most are woody shrubs, climbers and small multi-stemmed trees in their native habitats. A few grow almost as herbaceous perennials from a woody root-stock and are treated as such in the garden.

The name Hydrangea comes from the Greek meaning 'water vessel' and refers to the shape of the seed capsule rather than the common assumption that they prefer to live by water or need excessive moisture. They do, indeed, prefer

cooler, moister situations but they are remarkably adaptable. As a genus, Hydrangea, have been around a long time with fossil records showing they grew in the temperate forests of the northern hemisphere as long ago as the Eocene times (forty to seventy million years ago).

The first Species to be introduced to these shores was *H. arborescens* from North America (from which the ubiquitous 'Annabelle' is bred) in 1736. After this a slow trickle of species came in from China around 1798 via Joseph Banks. Hydrangeas have been grown, bred and cultivated for their beauty, significance in ritual and paper-making in China and, particularly, Japan long into antiquity. As these lands were to some extent closed off to the west, they did not really start appearing here until the 1840s onwards.

Of the numerous species and cultivars available I will suggest five very different examples, all favourites of mine and proven top-class garden hybrids.

H. macrophylla 'Bleumeise' (Syn. 'Teller Blue'): a sturdy medium to large shrub which reliably 'does' with a dense covering of beautifully formed 'lace-cap' flowers. Reliably a deep royal blue in acid soils and showing pink and purple hints in more alkaline soils. Continues to throw up new flowers of cream, maturing to blue well into September as the more mature florets develop a pink hue into the autumn.

H. serrata 'Blue Bird': developed from an old Japanese variety which produces a very fine shrub of some five feet and spread. They start flowering in June and continue till early October, producing a central corymb of fertile flowers of a blue-pink (depending on soil pH), surrounded by sterile flowers of pale blue, with each sepal being pink on its reverse. The leaves start green but take on hints of reds and yellows as the year progresses.

H. paniculata 'Limelight': a robust and upright selection of this species originally from China, Japan, Korea and parts of Eastern Russia. Sterile florets start pale lime-green, maturing to pure white, then on to shades of pink. The heads can become quite large and need to be grown in a sheltered position to get the best from them. Bright lime-green foliage is borne on grey-green stems and really light up a dark corner.

H. aspera 'Villosa group': found growing from the Himalayas to Southern China and Taiwan, this large, deciduous upright shrub has large, attractive, rough-textured leaves (the meaning of *aspera* in latin), and interesting peeling bark on mature specimens. It has large, flattened heads of purplish-blue flowers surrounded by sterile lilac-pink sterile florets. It prefers some shade and shelter and a moist, acid soil but will reward you by self-seeding if you are lucky.

H. quercifolia ‘Snow Queen’: a species from the south east USA, the ‘Oak-leaved Hydrangea’ is a open crowned, suckering shrub of up to eight to ten feet, with peeling, cinnamon-orange papery bark. The leaves are a vivid green with silvery felting underneath which develop lovely red and purple hints during the autumn. ‘Snow Queen’ has dense, conical flower heads of pure white which age to pink in the autumn. It is hardier in the UK than some other forms of quercifolia and the flowers dry well and make an impressive cut flower.

John and Julie Ridgely

Gardening Club

After a flurry of events last month, the watering of member’s own gardens has become a much needed priority this month!

Unfortunately, the planned visit to a member’s garden had to be postponed due to ‘logistical reasons’. Instead, a visit to Burrow Farm Gardens, between Axminster and Honiton, is scheduled. In 2021, the garden was named ‘The Nations Favourite Public Garden’ by the National Garden Scheme and The English Garden, so the visit is eagerly awaited!

The September visit will be to the National Trust’s property, Tyntesfield, near Bristol. The vast estate has an ornate Gothic Revival House set in extensive gardens and parkland. We are delighted that the Head Gardener has agreed to meet the group and introduce the garden to us. Most noteworthy are the formal terraces and topiary-lined walks, an arboretum for rare trees, a rose garden and extensive kitchen garden and glasshouses. Needless to say, the enjoyment of National Trust hospitality is also on the day’s agenda!

Val Wall & Di Roberts

Come and join us for an evening of
lively music and song
with

Wivelele

Wivelicombe’s Ukulele group

Bathealton Village Hall

October 1st at 7-30 pm

£5 Light refreshments



A Home for Holly

Holly, my rescued Welsh Native pony,
is looking for accommodation.
She would make an excellent paying companion
or herd member.

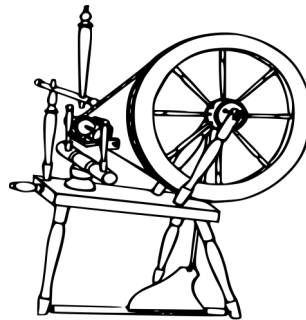
Easy to handle
Lives in or out
Approx 10 years old
Loveable nature

I would wish to be actively involved in her care
and will cover all costs

For further details, please contact

Liz Taylor

07860 143 158 or 01823 673000



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
Tuesday 6th and 20th September
at 2.30pm

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

Country Matters - September

Autumn is near: the days are growing ever shorter and the trees will soon be shedding their leaves. In the nearby fields, the masses of “brown butterflies” (locally the Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Ringlet and Speckled Wood), which were common in the long grasses during July, were joined in August by the “white butterflies” (Large White, Small White and Green-veined White). There are also more colourful butterflies, such as the Peacock, Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Brimstone. Some people have mentioned seeing fewer butterflies this year. Is that also your experience? Could the populations of these butterflies be affected by the strange weather we’ve been having recently? According to Butterfly Conservation, extended heatwaves can result in butterflies hiding in the shade and thus being less visible. Additionally, caterpillars, which are often limited in the plants they can consume, may not survive if their food plants succumb to drought. This can have a heavy toll on the following generations. UK butterfly populations took almost a decade to recover from the 1976 drought.

It has indeed been very hot in the last few weeks. Not only the plants seem to be affected, since the stream near us has run dry, insects come to drink from the leaves and the moist soil while we water the garden. The lack of water is likely to be affecting all of the animals that share our gardens. During drought periods it would not go amiss to place some shallow containers of water out for wildlife. Better yet would be a year-round, mini garden pond!

The swifts and swallows are starting to gather for their migrations and soon will no longer be swooping above us, chirping and clicking as they chase their insect prey. Indeed, many birds which disappeared during nesting have been emerging with hungry fledglings in tow. Bullfinches are moving around in small family groups sampling this year’s dock seeds and we have been seeing large flocks of goldfinches (20-50 during August), many of them in scruffy juvenile plumage, feasting on thistle-down seeds in the nearby fields.

In the hedgerows bramble flowers, elderflowers and wild roses give rise to clusters of black berries, elderberries and rose hips. These are welcome and important food for wildlife as the months grow colder. Along with seeds and nuts, the hedgerows will hopefully provide food throughout winter. Autumn fruits and nuts also provide tasty seasonal treats for us and are among the easiest of the wild edibles to forage for in the UK. For those of us not versed in foraging this makes autumn the best month to start!

Although we no longer have to gather our own food from the wild there is something delightful in doing so, especially on a leisurely walk. Nettles (both stinging and dead), common sorrel, dandelions and thistles of all kinds are also easily gathered food at this time of year. I confess that I have not enjoyed the tastes of either dandelion or thistles, though it is possible that the stage, type (of thistle) or method of preparation may have played a part in this so I’ve not given up experimenting. Nettles though we have successfully incorporated into soup and pasta sauces.

Apart from food, we have also been experimenting with obtaining fibres from the older nettles before they are used to enrich our compost heap. The process is fairly easy and provides strong fibres long enough to tie in plants such as sweet peas and tomatoes. Leaving some nettles to grow to maturity also provides habitat for many species of insects (including twenty-four species of butterflies and moths) and another source of bird seed. Note that while many people also value nettle seeds, leaves from mature nettle plants may be unsuitable for consumption. Foraging is a simple way to remind us that we are still a part of the nature surrounding us in this beautiful part of the countryside.

Alësha Naranjit

(with Frazer Higgins and Martin Jacoby)

Stawley Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13th September at 6.30 pm

Stawley Village Shop

New Committee members needed,
so please come along and support
your Village Shop

APPLE DAY REMINDER

Sunday 9th October, 10am - 3pm

Start saving your containers!


Free apple pressing.


There will be a charge for use of pasteurisers

Bangers and Mash 11am - 2pm


More details in October's Parish News

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APPLEY

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Somerset, TA21 0HJ

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 stuardurston@hotmail.co.uk

 The Globe INN Appley

Open

Change of opening times from 31st August
Wednesday to Saturday 12 noon till 11pm
Sunday 12 noon till 4pm

Food

Served from 12 till 2 and 6 till 9
Pizza: every Friday 6 till 9

Event: Saturday 24th September

Renowned DJ Vinyl Night!

Come and enjoy a blast from the past.
A mix of music from the Vinyl era! BBQ and dance the night away.

Accommodation

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

Lunch Club in Ashbrittle

In July we had a most entertaining performance from Paul Jacques, aided and abetted by Judy and Gerry Webb (The Webbairees) and Michael Fairfax (Mr Fairfaxophone) the white coated Technical Assistant. Billed as 'The History of the Saxophone', it combined untapped local talent, much laughter, a wide range of music and some solid factual information. Thank you Paul and your team.

Lunch Club in September will be very different, but I hope will again prove of wide interest, in what might at first hand be considered a specialist topic. Ken Atherton, a well known local speaker, who many our group will have heard before, has researched and planned another, entirely different area. Using official UK government papers, Freedom of Information requests and other sources, he will present a talk on 'The Mysterious Fate of Commander 'Buster' Crabb, OBE, GM, RNVR'. A true story, set in Portsmouth Harbour in 1956, involving a Royal naval frogman, spying on behalf of MI6, a possible double agent, a Russian warship and a headless, handless body.

If you would like to join us on Thursday 29th September, please let me know by Monday 26th, so I can pass the numbers on to our cook, Jackie White. My details are below.

We are open to anyone in our parishes, or with connections with us. New participants are always welcome. Starting at 12.00 noon, the format is a speaker or 'activity', followed by a delicious two course lunch. All for £8.00.

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Appley Pavilion: Autumn

2022 seems to be galloping along, a new school year about to begin and the Flower Show and Apple Day on the horizon! It is great to see life at the Pavilion back to normal with the return of regular groups and bookings for family celebrations and community events.

We were very sad when, after 10 years, Rachel Oliver stepped down as a trustee (and our chair). The good news is Rachel & Ian will continue to organise Apple Day, one of the best supported events in the community. Many thanks to Rachel for all of her hard work and support, we will miss you.

Recent improvements to the grounds and building include; the car park fencing, new picnic tables and benches for the veranda, new

indoor tables and storage trolleys, built in cupboards in the meeting room and wider guttering fitted to the whole building.

Work in hand for the rest of the year includes the refurbishment of the kitchen, installing a new roadside noticeboard, laying the hedge to the north boundary and making plans for the play area.

As ever, charities like the Pavilion and Playing Field, can only operate with the hard work of volunteers. The Pavilion is lucky to have supportive users and a dedicated (but small) band of trustees. Many thanks to the Cricket Club for the amazing job they do on the playing field and hedges and to the Pre-School for looking after the play area.

Volunteers

If you would like to come along to our next meeting at the Pavilion on Thursday 8th September at 7:30 pm to see how we 'spin all the plates', we would love to see you. It would be great to have a few more volunteers to call on for events and the odd bit of maintenance or spring cleaning. (You do not need to come to all of the meetings!).

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Many thanks - The Pavilion Committee
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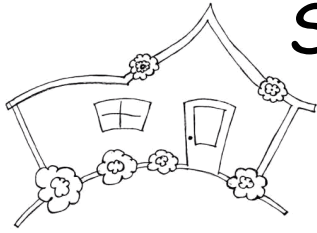
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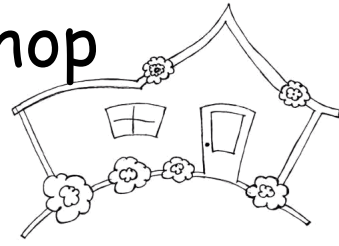
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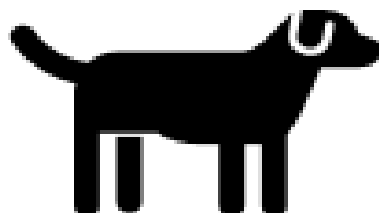
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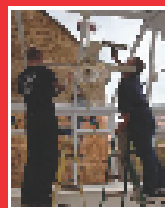
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8th	7.30 pm	Pavilion meeting
11th	2.00 pm	Annual Flower and Produce Show, Appley Pavilion (see page 9)
13th	6.30 pm	Annual Meeting of Stawley Community Association at the shop
16th	4.30 pm	Cricket Tea for Dave How, Appley Pavilion (see page 6)

October

1st	7.30 pm	'Wivelele' our local Ukulele group, Bathealton Village Hall
9th	All day	Community Apple Pressing Day, Appley Pavilion
15th	8.30am-11.30am	Big Breakfast Appley Pavilion, in aid of Cancer Research UK
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