



# Parish news

September 2023

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

## Church Services

<b>Sunday September 3rd</b> 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 13 Parish Communion	STAWLEY
<b>Sunday September 10th</b> 10.00 a.m.	Trinity 14 Confirmation Eucharist	ROCKWELL GREEN
<b>Friday September 15th</b> 7.00p.m.	Flower Festival Songs of Praise	STAWLEY
<b>Sunday September 17th</b> 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 15 Parish Communion	KITTISFORD
<b>Sunday September 24th</b> 9.30 a.m.	Trinity 16 Parish Communion	BATHEALTON
<b>Sunday October 1st</b> 11.00 am	Harvest Festival Everyone welcome	STAWLEY

Please note that the service on Sunday September 10th will take place at All Saints Church, Rockwell Green at **10.00 a.m.** It will be the only service in the Wellington and District Team on that day when the celebrant will be the Bishop of Taunton, Ruth Worsley. The occasion was originally planned to mark the conclusion of the Team before its new configuration as three separate benefices. However, as the Tone Deanery have a small number of candidates for Confirmation, Bishop Ruth has agreed that she will confirm on that day as well as celebrate the Eucharist and preach. Everyone is most welcome to join us. There will be refreshments after the service.

The Songs of Praise on Friday September 15th will be a service of Hymns, Readings and Prayers and we will be joined by the Festival Choir and John Young. Do please come along and share in our worship.

## Churchwardens and Clergy

<b>Ashbittle with Greenham</b>	Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbittle, TA21 0LQ	01823 672365
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	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>	Rev'd Martin Beaumont, Hilltop, Milverton TA4 1JR	01823 400127

### Artists Wanted!

Do you have a painting or photograph which could be used as a cover design for the Parish News? Seasonal and local images are particularly welcome.

*Front cover photograph - Robyn Farmer. Taken from Robyn's garden in Stawley early one morning when the sun made the fields overlooking Ashbittle look yellow!*



## Thought for the Month

All those human beings who are recognised by the Church as a saint have a particular day on which their life and example can be remembered and celebrated. August 24th is the day when we call to mind St. Bartholomew, who also happens to be the saint in memory of whom Bathealton Church is dedicated. As we will be in Bathealton Church on Sunday August 27th, we will be making a point of celebrating Bartholomew and the life and witness of "his" village church.

We don't know much about Bartholomew; he is numbered amongst the twelve apostles (Mark 3.18) and in Acts (1.13) where we are told he was "the son of Tolmai". In addition there is a tradition that he visited India before being flogged to death in Armenia. However, Bartholomew was venerated in England for centuries when a holiday was observed at the end of August by parishioners gathering together for a traditional "Fair".

Bartholomew's name is probably most easily and often associated with the hospital in Smithfield, London. Here, a church, dedicated to Bartholomew was built with the permission of King Henry 1 and attached to it a hospital for destitute pilgrims. "Bart's" still provides health care for London's sick and it is a continual reminder of the charitable work of the Church.

Please join us on Sunday August 27th for a celebration of St. Bartholomew

### An interim arrangement

I know that a good number of you have already attended two meetings at Appley Pavilion to discuss the proposals for the Ashbrittle Group of Parishes as the Wellington and District Team is re-configured. Discussions are proceeding apace and priorities have been identified in the person whom you would like to see appointed as your new full-time stipendiary incumbent. In order for this process to continue, it is now necessary for me to stand down as your "house for duty" priest and I will be retiring at the end of September.

However, bearing in mind that the current situation is somewhat unusual and there are a limited number of retired priests available to conduct services of worship, the Bishop is allowing me to continue taking services on a limited basis from December onwards. This means that although I will not be around the parishes very much, I will still be here on two Sundays a month. The other Sundays will be covered by a variety of retired priests who have the Bishop's "Permission to Officiate". I am sure you will make them all very welcome.

The new appointment should be made in

the New Year after a period of advertising the vacancy. My retirement is therefore rather more of an "Au-revoir" than an "Adieu"!!

With my best wishes,

*Martin Beaumont*

## Harvest Festival Lunch

at Stawley Mill

on

Sunday 1st October

£10.00 per head

Please contact Penny Hare on 01823 672183  
to book your place.



## Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland



*Spiceland is open for Heritage Day*  
on  
*Sunday 17th September 2023*  
**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.**

**COME AND SEE US - ONLY 1.5 MILES  
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## Country Matters - Marvellous Moths

There are over 2,500 species of moths in the UK living in a wide variety of habitats. While moths are often thought of as the drab, nocturnal relatives of butterflies, some are brightly coloured, many intricately patterned and they vary surprisingly in form. They pollinate a wide diversity of plants, are important indicators of environmental health, and are a vital food source for invertebrates, birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. In the UK, blue-tits feed their chicks around thirty five billion moth caterpillars a year!

To survive these numerous predators, many moths are masters of camouflage. The elaborate designs of some blend seamlessly into tree bark, lichen covered rock or a pile of dried leaves. The Buff-tip can easily be confused with a birch twig. The Chinese Character, while quite noticeable, looks like an unappetising bird dropping. Some moths, such as the Hornet Moth and Bee Hawkmoths, even disguise themselves (complete with transparent wings) as stinging insects to dissuade predators.

Camouflage, however, is not a moth's only defence against predators. The Eyed Hawkmoth's reddish underwings are adorned with startling blue eye-spots which are hidden at rest, but if disturbed are suddenly revealed to frighten off predators. This use of colour may also be used by the red, yellow and blue "underwing" moths which are also well camouflaged at rest but reveal brilliantly coloured underwings as they take flight.

Some of the most colourful moths are day-flying and rival many butterflies for colour. If you took part in the Big Butterfly Count last month you may have noticed the Six Spotted Burnet (red and black) and the Jersey Tiger (black and creamy white with brilliant orange-red underwings) included in the species to count. The red and black Burnet and Cinnabar moths have a different approach to avoiding predators, their colouration warns of their toxicity which was ingested from caterpillar food plants.

A good way to observe moths in an area is to use a moth trap (a light attracts the moths and a box collects them when they land). It is said that opening a moth trap is like opening a present on Christmas day - the anticipation the night before, rising early with the hope that something wonderful appeared while you slept and opening the box to reveal your surprise. After our first experience with a moth trap in Kittisford we are inclined to agree. There were over thirty species of moth in the trap including the Elephant Hawkmoth, so named for the trunk-like head of its caterpillar and the Privet Hawkmoth, which is the largest resident moth in the UK. Their patterns, shapes and names thoroughly delightful: Willow Beauty and

Burnished Brass, Leopard Moth, Brussels Lace, Clouded Silver and Scorched Wing.

Of course, you don't need a moth trap to get acquainted with your local moths. Checking your garden at night with a torch is a good first step or leaving a light on, especially near a white surface. Warm, still nights are best.

Wishing you Beauties and Hawkmoths, Carpets, Thorns, and Underwings.

Happy hunting!

*Alësha Naranjit and Frazer Higgins*

### Bathealton Parish Walk



The annual Bathealton parish walk will be conducted on **Sunday 3rd of September**, starting at 2.00 p.m. from Bathealton village hall.

All residents and friends of Bathealton are welcome to join the walk.

### Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

Painting and drawing  
Clay work and Textile Crafts

Ashbrittle Village Hall

Next Meetings:  
Wednesday 6th September  
and 4th October

***Please note new time: 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.***

Come and meet some local art and craft enthusiasts.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Pauline [pjw200355@gmail.com](mailto:pjw200355@gmail.com)





# STAWLEY FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 2023

SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
AT APPELEY PAVILION  
FROM 2.30pm

**Schedules and entry forms will accompany this issue of the Parish News  
and will be available from the Village Shop.**

**Email [suejacoby@gmail.com](mailto:suejacoby@gmail.com) for a copy**

Please could winners of trophies in 2022 have them engraved  
and returned to me or the Village Shop or to the show.

There is still time to make entries for the Art and Craft classes so let's make it a bumper year.

**Special this year: Flower Show Refreshments  
Traditional Cream Tea or Sunday Pud and Pimms/Prosecco  
Raffle, Tombola, Bucket of Ducats**

**Staging on Saturday 9th from 6.00 till 8.00 pm and Sunday 10th from 8.00 till 10.00 am**

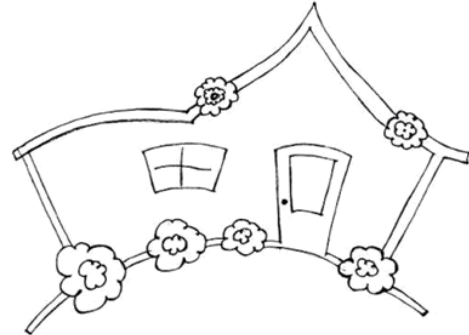
# Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

## Opening hours

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 8.00am to 2.00pm

Sunday 9.00am to 11.00am



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

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

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Hi Everyone! We hope you're all enjoying the sunshine in between the showers and are having a great summer!

**The Shop and The SCA (The Stawley Community Association) are bringing the joy and excitement of the big screen to Appley with an outdoor family cinema evening! 'Cinema under the stars' is an outdoor cinema experience (although there be in a marquee in case of bad weather) on Saturday 23rd September at Appley Pavilion. Doors open at 5:45pm and the film starts at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £5 per adult and £3 for children under 15 which includes entry into a lucky ticket draw that will be drawn on the night.**

**There will also be an SCA Raffle from which the money raised will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the shop.**

**We have a raffle prize donations box at the shop too so any donations would be very much appreciated. Tickets can be purchased at the shop but we only have a limited number of tickets available so get your tickets early!**

**Join us for a fun evening of film along with all the usual treats such as hotdogs, burgers, popcorn, ice cream and even a licensed bar for the parents!**

**So pull up a beanbag or straddle some straw and snuggle down for an evening of entertainment with a difference!**

*For more info please contact Katie at the shop on the number above!*

**To help cover our initial costs for things like equipment and the relevant licenses that we require to hold the event, we are asking local businesses for sponsorship. For only £20 plus a raffle prize, we will advertise your business logo at the cinema night, over our social media platforms and in the shop. If you would like to become a sponsor please get in touch with Katie or Alison from the Shop, if they aren't there, please leave a message and they will get back to you.**





# Flower Festival

## Stawley Church

14 - 17 September, 10am - 6pm



Garden and Teas 11am - 4pm  
Stawley Mill, TA21 0HT



## Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) - the love apples of the Andes

The same old up-turned bucket I used for picking my blackcurrants also comes in very handy for working through the tomatoes growing in my polytunnel. I can shuffle my way up the row on it whilst I 'de-side shoot', take off older lower leaves and tie-in the various (and mostly) heritage varieties that I grow. I've always enjoyed growing tomatoes; I like the ritual of starting them from seed, selecting the best plants and growing them on, planting out into their large pots, the training up strings, the pruning, the liquid feeding and watering. And most of all, the preparing and eating of them.

### A very tasty supper

Tonight I've had a simple three variety salad, a 'beefsteak' type called '**black brandywine**', and golden-yellow variety called (appropriately) '**golden sun**' and greenish-yellow variety called '**green grape**' sliced, a little salt, mozzarella, basil and olive oil... There are never too many, never a glut; any surplus can be turned into decadent home-made tomato soup or into passata and frozen for winter pasta dishes.

I remember my father tentatively growing 'Gardeners Delight' (an open pollinated cherry) and 'Marmande' (a rustic French beefsteak) which, along with the ubiquitous 'Money-maker', 'Alicante', 'Shirley' and 'Ailsa Craig', were seemingly the only varieties available in the home gardeners seed catalogues in the early 70s. He grew them outside which was OK if you had a long, hot summer but the dreaded 'Potato blight' (*Phytophthora infestans*) could reduce your crop to black, mouldy slop in wet and humid years and short, cold summers would leave you with, at best, a nice batch of green tomato chutney.

Dad fed his tomatoes with a liquid feed made of sheep-dockings placed in a sack which would be steeped in a water butt and used whenever the plants required a drink. Pretty stinky stuff but it seemed to do the trick. I use a similar method and have also found liquid comfrey feed very effective but often cheat and use Chase organics seaweed based liquid feed which gives a bumper crop of tasty, tasty fruit.

The history around the cultivation of tomatoes is a complicated and fascinating one and like many other fruits and vegetables that originated in the New World, it came to Europe through a number of circuitous routes and over several centuries which accounts for the mind-boggling array of varieties, sizes, shapes and colours in which the fruit come. The wild species that modern tomatoes are derived from is

*Solanum pimpinellifolium* which is native in Mexico, Ecuador and Peru but naturalized in other parts of South America. It is a sprawling annual with red fruits about the size of a pea and there is evidence that it was used by ancient peoples of the region and some selection for size, flavour and colour began with the Pueblo and Aztec cultures and it is most likely that these were the first seeds brought back into Europe by the Spanish. It soon spread to Asia (probably via the Philippines) where it was developed further before moving back into Europe from the east bringing new and fresh strains.

### Once considered poisonous

The botanist Carl Linnaeus gave the 'cultivated' tomato the name *Solanum lycopersicum* in 1753 and for a long time in northern Europe and the United States they were considered poisonous, sinister and connected with the devil hence the common names 'Love Apple', 'Wolf Apple' and 'Devil's Apple'. The real take off for their breeding and extensive culinary use in these regions started in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century and hasn't looked back since with massive and heavily funded breeding programmes to create the ultimate commercial varieties that can be grown intensively, ripen evenly, have a uniformity of (so called) 'quality' plus skin and flesh that is tough enough for machine processing and long distance transportation and storage.

All that, however, adds up to a pretty dull and innocuous 'product' with very little flavour and dubious nutritional value. Which leads me back, once again, to the up-turned bucket in my polytunnel and that just-plucked, sun-warmed, succulent and flavoursome heritage tomato that I am about to sink my teeth into! Bon appetit!

John Ridgley



## Coffee, Cake and Chat

Ashbrittle Village Hall

Saturday 16th September  
10 -12 noon

**Unlimited Coffee and Delicious Home Baked  
Cakes available.**

*All for £4 per head  
Please come and join us!*



**New Work on Show during Somerset Art Weeks  
by Annie Musgrove**

It has been a busy summer for local artist, Annie Musgrove. After winning the Ilminster Open with her oil painting “Untouchable Horizons”, she has also had work selected for the Evolver Prize exhibition in Yeovil and the Thelma Hulbert Open in Honiton.

Annie is a former geography teacher from Wellington School, and her knowledge of landscapes and the weather underpins her atmospheric landscape and seascape paintings. She is showing a large collection of her paintings and prints during Somerset Art Weeks.

**Somerset Art Weeks**

**Art Exhibition at Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW**

**Opening Times: 10 am - 5 pm**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday between 16th September - 1st October**

**An exhibition of new  
paintings, prints, cards  
and wooden  
benches**

**by Annie & Ed Musgrove**

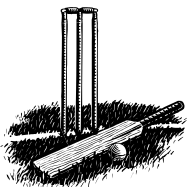
Easily accessible from the A38. Turn right for Cothay Manor when entering Greenham from A38: first house on the left 500m from the junction. Partial disabled access.

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**Refreshments available**

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**Ashbrittle Stawley & Clayhanger Cricket Club**

Disappointing weather for August disrupted most of our games; both teams were knocked out of cup competitions, but the 1<sup>st</sup> XI reached the semi-finals of the West Somerset League Cup. The 1<sup>st</sup> team are sitting on top of Division two WSCL at the moment, with four games (hopefully) to go.

**Fixtures for September 2023**

West Somerset Cricket League Div 2 and Div 4

**1st XI**

2<sup>nd</sup> Away v Wiveliscombe

9<sup>th</sup> Home v Stoodleigh

**2nd XI**

Home v Stoke St Mary

No Game



## Twining Visit



### Wellington welcomes twinning guests from Immenstadt

After a long journey, the German Immenstadter coach finally pulled into the Longforth bus park at about 10.00 p.m. on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. About twenty of us were there to welcome our fifteen guests from Immenstadt, southern Bavaria, who were all staying with hosts from in and around Wellington. They had been travelling for two days with an overnight stop at Aachen and were 'a wee bit tired'.

A week of activities had been arranged starting with a visit to Wellington School's wonderful chapel on Monday morning followed by a climb up the newly restored Wellington Monument (two hundred and thirty two steps). Our guest was Elsa Koenig who raced up to the top of the monument without any hesitation.

The following day we escorted our friends to the Walled Garden at Cannington combined with an informative presentation at the Hinkley Point C Visitor Centre. In the afternoon we went to Dunster where they loved the castle (Schloss Dunster), the town and, of course, some cream teas.

Bright and early on the Wednesday we climbed aboard their coach to go to Exmouth for a boat trip to Topsham. From Topsham it was an easy ride to Exeter with time spent wandering around the Cathedral and then the shops. It was a bit of a rush to leave Exeter as the Wellington Twining Association was hosting a dinner at the Oake Golf Club that evening. We made it, and about fifty of us enjoyed an international evening with a great meal and excellent service from the club staff.

Thursday involved a trip to Taunton and a visit to the MK Test Systems. That evening we took Elsa to The Globe at Appley, where she really enjoyed a meal in an English pub.

Oh dear, 4.30 a.m. on the Friday morning really did hurt! We needed to be at Longforth for our farewells prior to their departure at 6.00 a.m.

In summary, this was a wonderful week with a group of people who appreciate their connection to Wellington (and Ashbrittle). If anyone is interested in joining Wellington Twining Association, please contact Judy Webb ([judy@chackeridge.co.uk](mailto:judy@chackeridge.co.uk)).

We are also twinned with Lillebonne in France and Torres Vedras in Portugal.

*Judy Webb*



## Beat Surgery

### Stawley Village Shop and Tearoom

**Tuesday 5th September**

From 9.00 - 10.00am

with PCSO 6945  
Louise Fyne

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## Bathealton Boundaries Buddies (BBB)

***Why not drop into our monthly 'Pop Up' in Bathealton Village Hall***

**When : First Monday of the month:**

4th September and 7th October  
from 12 noon - 3.00 p.m.

Catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

**Have a light lunch; Home made soup and sandwiches, a selection of cakes with cafetiere coffee or tea: make time to Catch up and Chat**

Cost : £7.00 - a percentage of the profit will help to support the village hall.

### Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on  
**Wednesday 11th October**  
To place an order, please email:  
[judy.milne@btpopenworld.com](mailto:judy.milne@btpopenworld.com) or contact  
Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205 by the  
Monday before the Wednesday delivery  
New members always welcome



# **Pilates at The Pavilion!**

**Backache?**

**Stiff joints?**

**Hip or knee pain?**

**Come to class and FEEL BETTER!**

Never done Pilates?

No worries, it's suitable for beginners!

Feeling out of shape?

No problem, you'll feel better in no time!

Confused about what Pilates is?

Doesn't matter! It will feel familiar and comfortable.

**Tuesdays at 10:45am**

**Appley Pavilion**

Contact Sarah Grey to book your place:

**Email: [PilatesSouthWest@gmail.com](mailto:PilatesSouthWest@gmail.com)**

**07876 141605**

**move more - feel better**

## From volunteer to forging a new career

Volunteers in Somerset's NHS are being offered specialist training to help them forge a career in the health service. It's all part of a scheme, developed by clinicians, that aims to encourage volunteers to take up a role in the NHS to give them the training and knowledge they need at the same time.

The scheme, called 'Volunteer to Career', is one of a number of ways that the NHS in Somerset is addressing the huge workforce challenges facing the health service. In total, there are currently an estimated 110,000 vacancies across the NHS in England.

The focus of the scheme in Somerset is on the NHS Trust's neighbourhood teams, which are made up of various community services and GP practices. The teams of volunteers provide support across a range of services, including clinical administration, helping to address patient isolation and loneliness, reassuring patients before surgery, taking calls, offering family liaison and supporting the process when patients leave hospital. The volunteers are then given an opportunity to choose the areas they would like to support.

Since the start of the pandemic, volunteers have mobilised across the UK to provide vital complementary support to health and social care colleagues. Around 71,000 people took roles to help with the UK's COVID-19 vaccination programme. And 11,000 of those who volunteered to administer jabs have since decided to take up full-time jobs within the NHS – demonstrating the value of these opportunities.

Carly Schoepp, programme manager, said: "Many people volunteer in the NHS for different reasons, and some have aspirations to eventually work in health and care. It's vital that we think more about how we help those volunteers into their chosen career, to do so is good for the individual, for services and for patients."

Mark Newton, a volunteer who joined the trial scheme that ran in North Sedgemoor, said: "The Volunteer to Career scheme is proving to be an excellent way for me to gain practical experience and skills in my chosen field of mental health. I'm able to reflect on my experiences, seek guidance from professionals, and take advantage of the training and learning opportunities offered through the scheme."

"By volunteering, I have an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others, while also working towards my career goals. I would recommend joining this scheme to anyone looking for a future career within the NHS."

**If you're interested in getting involved:  
email [volunteering@SomersetFT.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteering@SomersetFT.nhs.uk).**

You are cordially invited to:

### **Books and Biscuits, Coffee and Cake**

#### **STAWLEY MILL STUDIO BOOKSHOP**

on the  
first and third Wednesday of each month

**6th and 20th September**  
from  
10.00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

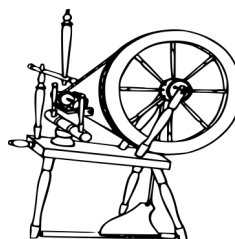
*All proceeds in aid of Stawley Church  
Fabric Fund.*

### **Donations for the Parish News**

Donation received from S. Williams. Thanks again, for your kind support.

Donations may be left at Stawley Shop or sent directly to the Treasurer. Details inside back cover.

*Andrew Millard, Treasurer*



### **Spinning and Woolcraft Group**

**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?**

**Or bring along your knitting, crochet or  
other needlecraft project. All welcome.**

#### **Next Sessions**

**Tuesdays** 5th and 19th September  
3rd and 17th October  
at 2.30pm

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



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A wickedly warm welcome awaits you  
at The Globe Inn this autumn

Eat, drink and be scary at our  
**Hallowe'en Spooktacular**  
on Saturday 28th October

Join in the ghoulishly good family fun from 3pm-6pm  
with our children's fancy dress and pumpkin carving competitions.  
Then get your graveyard gladrags on from 7pm til late for the  
devilishly exciting Taunton Vale Harriers Spooktacular fundraiser.  
Tickets are available at the bar and include a delicious buffet supper.

Plus, there will be fancy dress competition prizes  
and a frightfully good raffle.

(Advanced booking essential)

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Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

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## WHY SHOULD I KEEP SILENT?

Why should I keep silent?  
And seal my lips?  
Put down my pen?  
Lest someone slips  
upon my words and so is hurt again?

Storm comes, loud its wind  
around the eaves,  
through creaking boughs  
where widow grieves,  
makes sleepless, painful memories arouse

Why should I be dumb?  
I cannot speak,  
I must not say  
what's seen as bleak  
and turns some sunshine to a dreary day.

when the rain is dripping,  
the lightning flashes,  
sound thunder drums  
on window sashes,  
and on the drooping lane-side wiring strums.

What's the point of silence  
where no one's told,  
or no one's warned,  
so crushing cold  
then strangles life because near warmth was scorned?

What if I stay silent,  
no warnings given,  
no love is spoken,  
by badness driven  
are loveless those who end up bruised and broken.

Why should I be silent?

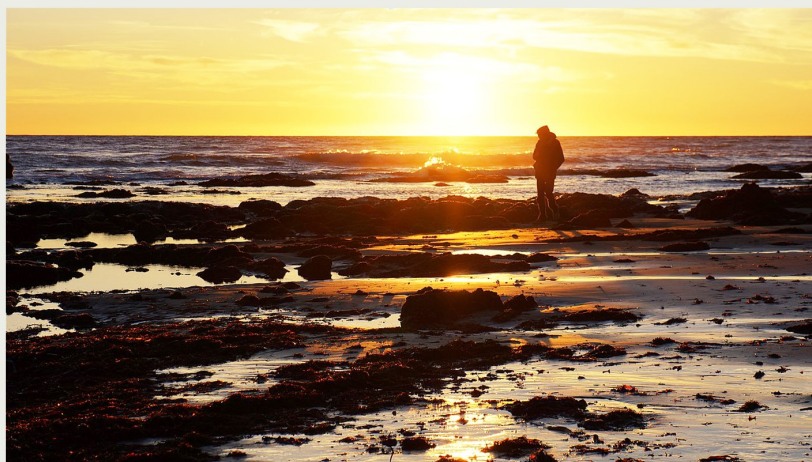
Why should you be silenced?  
Who locks our door?  
Who blocks our word?  
Might we explore  
and dare to show their world is quite absurd?

Silence is no option,  
if we would care,  
tell what is true:  
Love bids us dare  
to speak that all may know life promised new!

Why should I be silent?  
All life makes noise  
at happenings,  
sometimes annoys,  
in early hours when every dawn-bird sings!

Why should I so silent be?  
Must freely speak that you be free!

Martin H. Perry : August 2023



Solar Silence Damian Gadal (Wikicommons)  
<https://flickr.com/photos/23024164@N06/8462360067>

Venue 2

Venue 86

## Paintings by Tilly and Richard Willis

9th Sept - 1st Oct daily 11am-5pm (closed Mon 18th & 25th)

At Bicknells, Bathealton, Somerset, TA42AN



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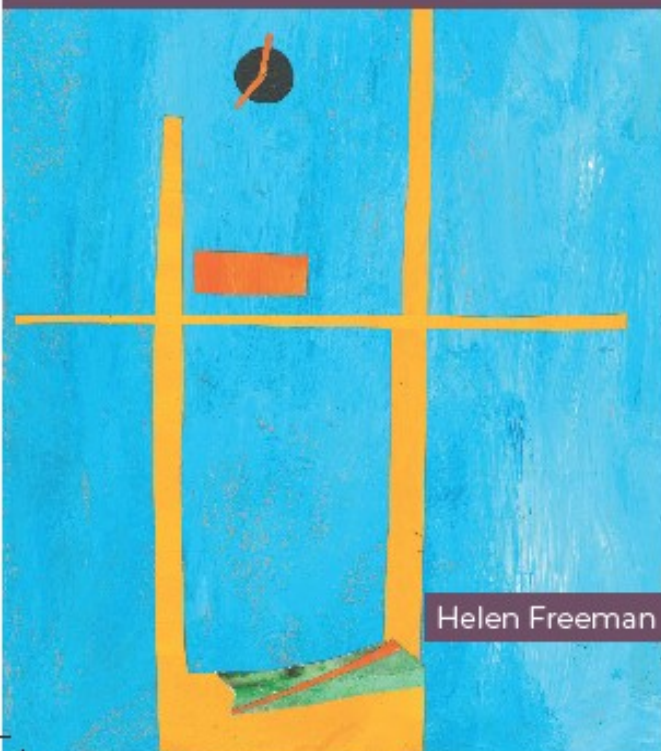
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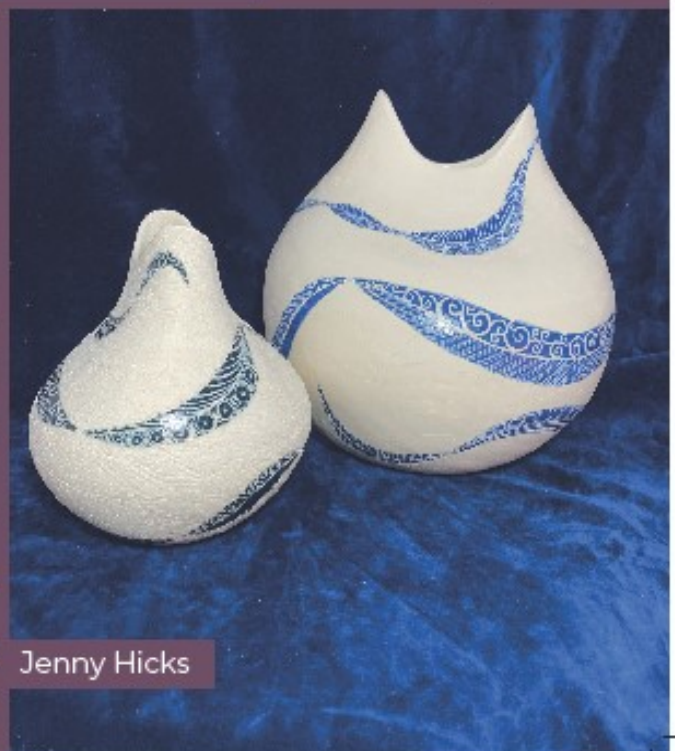
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## Gardening Club

Once again, two events were scheduled for August. The month's Garden Visit was very kindly arranged by Freda Parkinson and was an afternoon visit to Bradon Farm Garden, Isle Abbots, near Taunton. This is a private garden, belonging to the National Garden Scheme, which is opened both for special charity events and for groups, such as ours, by special arrangement. The garden is a great tribute to Deborah Stanley and her husband, with Deborah personally designing it. They created the garden from scratch, having to tackle the additional challenges of masking farm buildings and coping with the seasonal floods which characterise the area. A lot was learnt of the plant species which don't tolerate wet feet!

Over a period of years, the classic formal garden was created, often by using the hundreds of cuttings taken by Deborah herself, which were used to create an intricate tapestry of topiary designs. The garden is often said to be an inspiration and demonstration on the effective use of structure. Topiary of Box plants is in abundance, together with a parterre, knot garden, pleached lime walk and formal pond as well as herbaceous borders, orchard and wildflower planting. The Garden has numerous, and much admired, seating areas and these were greatly enjoyed for a delicious cream tea and, of course, lots of chat!

The other event for August, a Woodland Bring and Share Picnic in a member's grounds, is still pending with the hope that the sun, which miraculously appeared for the Bradon Farm visit, will again oblige!

The Garden Visit in September will be to Hestercombe Gardens and will be followed by yet another Member's Open Garden event. Whilst in October, the Club plans to visit Forde Abbey and Gardens, near Chard.

*Val Wall*

### Rainfall Statistics (inches) for July

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2.41	1.68	3.66	0.55	4.25

Looking back it feels as if there was endless rain in July – but would you believe it, there were ten dry days!

Not a record month either, only the fourth wettest July since 2010. The wettest was July 2012 with 5.02 inches.

*Val Coots*

## Lunch Club

Our July lunch club was particularly well attended and we were delighted to welcome some locals who are not regulars. As ever, Jackie White provided us with a delicious meal.

Our entertainment came from Paul Jacques, the Wandering Minstrel and his accompanist Alan Taylor who had come from Brighton for the occasion. They played a wide variety of music in which I think there was something for everyone.

Our next Lunch Club is on Thursday 28th September. Avril Silk will be telling us about her writing workshops - see our advert for more details.

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*Delia Harling*

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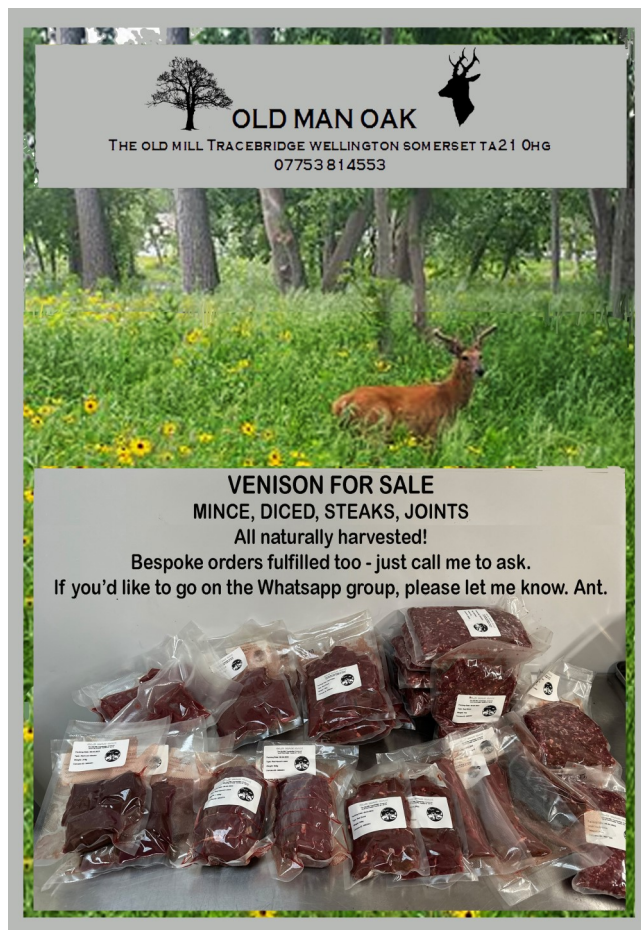
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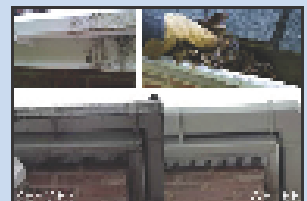
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19th	10.00 - 12 noon	'Coffee, Cake and Chat' in Ashbrittle Village Hall
6th and 20th	10.00 - 12.30 p.m.	'Books and Biscuits, Coffee and Cake' at the Stawley Mill Studio
10th	From 2.30 p.m.	Stawley Flower Show and Appley Pavilion Teas
9th - 17th		10 Parishes 'Exhibition of Work' at Greenways Studios, Ashbrittle
14th - 17th	10.00 am - 6.00 pm	Stawley Church Flower Festival with teas at Stawley Mill
16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>		10 Parishes/Somerset Arts Week - Exhibitions at Greenham and Bathealton
23rd	From 5.45 p. m.	'Cinema under the Stars' at Appley Pavilion
28th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall
30th	7.30 p.m.	Concert at the Pavilion, in aid of the Rossholme School in Kenya.

### *October*

8th	10.00 – 3.00 p.m.	Apple Day at the Pavilion
22nd	9.00 - 1.00p.m.	Breakfast and Car Boot Sale at Appley Pavilion

### *November*

24th	7.00 p.m.	Quiz Night at Appley Pavilion
30th	7.30 p.m.	Cricket Club AGM

### *December*

2nd		Mrs Bart's Christmas Fayre in Bathealton Village Hall
17th		Carol Service in Bathealton Church

### *February 2024*

23rd		Cricket Club Quiz Night at Appley Pavilion
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**FLOWER SHOW DONATIONS REQUIRED**

**PLEASE!**

**CAKES THAT DON'T MAKE THE COMPETITION PLATE!**

**TOMBOLA PRIZES AND RAFFLE PRIZES**

**DROP OFF AT THE PAVILION SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> (PM)**  
**OR SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> (AM) SEPTEMBER**

**Next Deadline Date: Friday 22nd September 2023**

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