



Congratulations, Dick, from the **Parish**
news

March 2024

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

Church Services

Sunday 3rd March 9.30 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent Parish Communion	Stawley
Sunday 10th March 9.30 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Parish Communion	Ashbittle
Sunday 17th March 9.30 a.m. 3.30 p.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Songs of solace and compassion with John Young	Thorne St. Margaret Stawley
Sunday 24th March 9.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Parish Communion	Bathealton
Thursday 28th March 7.30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Sung Eucharist followed by the Watch	Rockwell Green
Friday 29th March 10.00 a.m.	Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Lay led	Rockwell Green
Sunday 31st March 10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Holy Communion	Greenham

Please note: The new **West Tone Benefice** consists of the parishes of Ashbittle with Greenham, Bathealton, Stawley, Kittisford, Rockwell Green, Sampford Arundel and Thorne St Margaret.

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During the vacancy and before the appointment of a new priest in charge, any inquiries about services or the occasional offices of the church (weddings, baptisms or funerals) should be made to individual Churchwardens.

Front cover - Dick Willis is presented with a congratulatory birthday card from King Charles and Queen Camilla by Ted Allen, the Vice-Lieutenant of Somerset. Photo - Tilly Willis

Congratulations Dick

We offer our hearty congratulations to Dick Willis who recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday. Well known in the area, he and his wife Diana first moved to Greenham Barton in 1957, raising their four children there while Dick worked as a professional artist. After Di's death in 2010, Dick lived alone until 2015 when after almost sixty years at the Barton he moved to Nynehead Court Residential Home.

Lieutenant Willis was second in command of a landing craft which delivered US tanks and troops on to Utah Beach in June 1944. He still recalls the events of the D-Day landings and of suffering a shrapnel wound to his leg. Many years later he was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government.

As well as receiving a congratulatory card from King Charles and Queen Camilla on his hundredth birthday, a D-Day chart of the Utah landings was presented to Dick by Rear Admiral Peter Sparkes of the Hydrographic Office, Taunton during family celebrations.

Dick and the family were very much part of the local community, hosting various social events such as pantos, children's parties and painting days to raise funds for good causes.

A prolific artist

He was always a prolific artist and was the youngest exhibitor at the Royal Academy of Arts in 1942, aged just eighteen. Dick is particularly well known for his naval scenes and seascapes, inspired by his love of the sea and his wartime experience in the Royal Navy. As a young man he experimented with abstraction and sculpture, even having a large tubular steel sculpture transported, by RAF helicopter from Greenham, for installation in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace in Wells. Barbara Pugsley (98), Greenham's second oldest resident, remembers the great excitement caused by the RAF helicopter arriving and departing with this structure dangling below.

His other great interests were archaeology and local history and he would often be spotted driving his beloved Armstrong Siddeley motor cars around the locality.

Dick exhibited widely but many people will remember visiting his annual exhibitions at Greenham Barton and more recently with his daughter Tilly at Nynehead Court.

Whilst living alone at Greenham Barton, well into his eighties, he was targeted by burglars in the middle of the night. On realising there were intruders in the house, he clambered five feet down from a window and legged it to the neighbours Frank and Lin Colebrooke in the village. They recall being woken by Dick banging

loudly on the door alerting them to call the police. Just nine minutes later, the police arrived and apprehended the thieves who were busy loading their van with antiques,

These events were often mulled over with Dick sitting by the huge fireplace, with a nice bottle of red wine.

Eds - with contributions from Tilly, Frank, Lin and Barbara.



Quaker Meeting for Worship at Spiceland

**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.**

The Key to the Kingdom

It's not exile, homes and families behind us,
where we meet. It happens anywhere,
now: a stateless
state of no name, quietly seceding
from the crumbling empires round us,

without stamps or Eurovision entries.
No-one does it with a rough guide in a week.
You inhabit it
or nothing. Like this: in a pavement cafe
you blink and you seem to surprise them,

the crowd, all its separate faces at once,
coming out of solution like crystals,
like a rush of starlings
or the breeze that lifts the canvas awning
now and dents your cappuccino froth

with a crisp little sound. And that's it:
between breaths, just between you and me
as if; yes,
QED. You are received. This is
the freedom of the city, and the key

to the kingdom, and its borders ripple
outwards like a frill of breaking wave
onto flat sand,
a wavering line already fading leaving
spume-flecks high and dry,

a prickling on your palm; you're five
years old, looking up at the whole sea,
unsure:
will you laugh or cry?

*By Philip Gross - First published in Mappa
Mundi (Bloodaxe Books, 2003)*

Gardening Club

The first visit of 2024 was to East Lambrook Manor Gardens, South Petherton, for its annual Snowdrop Festival. As I was overseas when the visit took place, Penny Stanbury kindly hosted the visit and writes:

‘A small group braved the wet weather to visit East Lambrook Manor and the Snowdrop Festival. The owner, Mike Werkmeister, gave us a personalised tour and spoke about galantiers, the enthusiasts who have bred over two hundred varieties of snowdrop from three original sources. Like the early tulip wars, snowdrop bulbs may have their moment. In 2018 a single bulb sold on eBay for £1850.



*All smiles from the visiting party,
enjoying an afternoon at East Lambrook
- photo Penny Stanbury*

The many snowdrops naturalised in the East Lambrook garden are the common Nivalis strain. But they also raise special varieties in pots, producing a great display bed, and many were available to purchase.’

The East Lambrook Manor estate itself is also for sale. Whether it will be part of the Snowdrop Festival or other gardening opportunities next year is not yet known.

The end of February will see one of the most significant events in the Club’s year taking place in a member’s home. It will comprise a Bring and Share supper, preceded by a pre-supper review of 2023’s activities, a planning session to decide the programme of events for 2024 and a brief discussion of the Annual Flower Show. Members are encouraged to come armed with lots of ideas and, indeed, offers to organise them!

Val Wall

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Appley Pavilion

“Have your Say” meeting

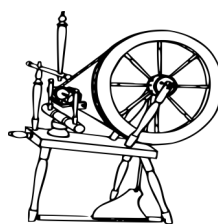
**Thursday 29th February
8.00 p.m.**

If you feel you would like to get more involved in your local Community Hall please come along; there will be coffee and cake!

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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 March
2nd and 16th April
at 2.30pm**

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



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Your local shop is still open, and all the lovely volunteers are looking forward to having a chat with you!

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All newspaper vouchers accepted.

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Country matters More food for thought

Much of what happens in the countryside is shaped by our demand for products or resources. In other words what we choose to buy. Close to home, the rolling fields we see largely exist to facilitate food production. What they contain (sheep, dairy or beef herds, grain, vegetables), and how they are managed (stock density, consideration for nature and human residents), depends on the products we purchase as a society and what we are willing to pay for them.

We (Frazer and Alësha) are currently in Trinidad, where in many areas of the countryside it is more common to see cocoa estates than rolling fields. With Easter approaching (think Easter eggs here) we thought it might be interesting to look at the effect of consumer choice on the countryside, related to chocolate production.

The world has an apparently insatiable desire for chocolate and other cocoa products. While we think of chocolate as a delightful, commonplace and remarkably affordable luxury, the reality of growing, processing and selling cocoa products has its dark sides. So how *do* big chocolate manufacturers and cocoa buyers keep prices low?

An all too familiar story

These businesses are often reluctant to pay enough to allow farmers and labourers to earn a living wage. Many of them source cocoa from countries with poor regulations or limited enforcement, allowing for environmental destruction and disregard of human rights that few consumers would willingly support: deforestation, child labour and slavery. These issues are well documented in West Africa, where the majority of cocoa is now produced. This is a very visceral and straightforward example of how what we choose to support through what we buy shapes the world around us, both socially and environmentally.

Fundamentally, the inequality in the cocoa supply chain is driven by cocoa buyers and chocolate manufacturers that keep attention away from the harm their industry is doing in order to maximise profits. These companies often blame the societies of producing countries or pretend issues have been resolved. Most corporate certifications from chocolate manufacturers are worse than nothing, since they provide consumers with a false sense that something positive is being done, allowing them to continue business as usual.

We are living in a world where we're so divorced from how and where things are produced that it's often difficult to see how the things we choose shape our world. Fortunately, there are

people working on improving the situation in the cocoa industry at all stages, from the farm up to providing customers like us with better information. **Fairtrade International** is considered the best mainstream certification, followed by **Rainforest Alliance**. One of the best options is buying chocolate produced within the country that grew the cocoa (so value is added at the source) which supports growers and the countryside they are in. The website EthicalConsumer.org has helpful information on which chocolate companies are taking steps to improve the situation and which are not.

This hasn't been our most light-hearted article to date but we think it addresses one of the most important issues any of us can face. What we choose to buy matters beyond just us, and has the power to shape lives and landscapes around the world.

Frazer Higgins and Alesha Naranjiti

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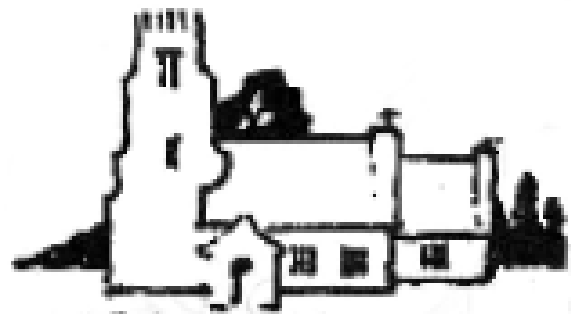
Parish Ramble and Tea

Sunday April 21st

3 pm at the church for the ramble
and 4.30 pm for tea

Join us for a ramble around Kittisford followed by tea and cake at St Nicholas Church, Kittisford. It will be a gentle, sociable ramble suitable for all ages along lanes and footpaths. Dogs are very welcome (leads will be needed at times). Tea afterwards and an opportunity to explore the hidden treasures of Kittisford Church.

Steven Wort, the Hedgerow Chaplain from Milverton will be joining us. For further information contact Annie Musgrove 01823 672627 amusgrove@cantab.net



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Good Luck and Thank You to Katie

On Saturday February 9th at Appley Pavilion, Katie Ashworth, the tenant of Stawley Shop and Tearoom, hosted an event to say goodbye and thank you to everyone for their support over the last two years.

Those able to attend enjoyed a lovely evening, a table laden with beautifully presented tasty food and a glass or two of wine.

It was also a chance for the community to show its thanks and appreciation for her hard work and commitment to the shop during her tenancy. It was a lovely atmosphere, a room filled with happy chat and laughter, a family affair enjoyed by children and adults alike.



Alison makes the presentation to Katie, watched by partner Adam.

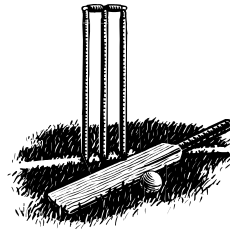
A collection by the community raised a generous sum and I was privileged to say a few words of thanks to Katie and her partner Adam on behalf of everyone that contributed. A presentation was made to Katie of flowers, a John Lewis gift voucher and a keepsake mug; printed with a picture of the shop sign and message of good wishes for the future.

A final message to Katie and Adam, you make a great team, we wish you both every success and a long and happy future together.

Alison Caswell

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. Please send hi-res images (300dpi) to Avril at AvrilSilk@aol.com Portrait format is ideal if possible.



Ashbrittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club

The new season is fast approaching

The conclusion of Ashbrittle Cricket Club's first indoor net session has set the wheels in motion for the beginning of the 2024 season, in which the 1st team will again be competing in Division 1, and the 2nd team challenging again in Division 4 of the West Somerset.

Indoor net sessions will continue on Thursday nights at Court Fields School, Wellington, 8 - 9.00 p.m. for £3.50 a session.

All cricketers welcome!

Our presentation evening was a great success, with all of our individual award winners picking up their trophies also. The awards went as follows:

1st Team:

- League Batting Average - Andy Hill
- League Bowling Average - Callum White
- Player's Player - Callum White
- Captain's Player - Wilf Embleton

2nd Team:

- League Batting Average - Carl Westcott
- League Bowling Average - Rob Popplestone
- Player's Player - Pete Woodberry
- Captain's Player - Rob Popplestone

And this year's **President's Cup** was given to Rob Popplestone for his continued effort and support shown to the club on and off the pitch.

Huge thanks to club stalwart, Andrew Gabriel of Fenton Farm for his continued support as our main club sponsor.

Sponsorship opportunities

There are opportunities for local businesses or individuals to support the club by being a sponsor for match weekends throughout the season. The cost of this package is £50 per weekend.

Please contact asccsponsor@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.

Callum Hamer



Waterrow Village Hall Film Night

Saturday March 2nd 2024

6.30 pm start

**Waterrow Village Hall,
Waterrow - TA4 2AX**



The excellent feel good film Dream Horse will be shown at the next Film Night. A

true story about people in a Welsh Town who form a syndicate to buy a racehorse, which was trained by Phillip Hobbs from Minehead, so also a strong local connection!

A delicious Soup will be served along with the ever popular **dessert selections. Please bring your own drinks.**

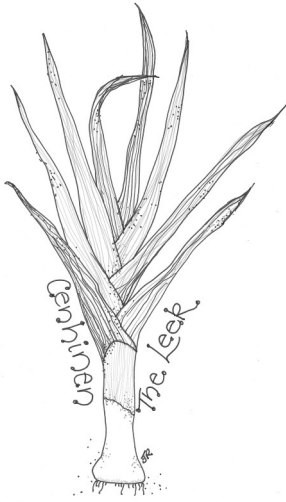
Ticket Information: Tickets can be purchased from:
Liz Kilbride at St Andrews café on Thursday Mornings.
Alternatively you can call - Sarah on 01398 361202,
or Liz on 01984 623431.

Priced at only £10 for adults - £5 for children under 12

Please note Tickets should be purchased by the 24th Feb

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

A vegetable of (Welsh) national importance!



With the rapidly approaching St David's Day (1st March) I thought it rather apt to write about another staple of the winter vegetable garden and symbol of the Welsh nation, the humble leek (*Allium porrum*).

This vegetable has a long and distinguished cultural history which stretches back to the ancient Mesopotamians and Egyptians

and is widely recorded in Roman texts - it was the Romans who were believed to have brought cultivated leeks and onions to Britain.

The ancestor of the modern Leek (*Allium ampeloprasum* or 'Babbington's Leek') is often found growing wild near, or around, sites of the early Christian church or remote religious settlements along the Atlantic west coast of Europe from Spain to Scotland. Whether they were actively cultivated or just happened to grow there is unsure, but it was certainly known that eating them had health benefits as well as making very plain food more interesting and dried meat/fish more palatable.

Allium porrum doesn't exist in the wild but is the result of centuries of cultivated selection and hybridisation of forms. The majority of modern leek varieties are grown from seed and, like onions, are effectively biennial, but some strains retain those perennial traits such as producing offsets or bulbils either below ground or in a 'scape' (a false flower), particularly if the developing flower head is pinched out before it can fully develop. These offsets can either be eaten as mild onions or can be grown on; the 'old country boys' who competitively grew leeks of mammoth proportions for rural produce shows knew that once a super-sized strain was identified, it could be grown on year after year using offsets.

Many of the older strains of culinary leeks (particularly French rustic varieties for some reason) develop a most pleasing 'blueness' to the 'flag' (the arrangement of leaves) in cold weather which is a good indicator of winter hardiness. There are 'summer' leeks which can be sown very much like spring onions, in situ, and pulled for use during the summer and autumn but tend to turn to sludge in a sharp winter - these are noticeably brighter green in their foliage.

So to return to the Welsh connection; there

are so many 'leek' references through its association with St. David and the history, mythology and poetry of Wales as well as Shakespeare's Henry V, the leek emblem on the coronation robe of Queen Elizabeth II and the cap badge of the Welsh Guards. But a story I was told many years ago (and I forget by whom) was that the miners of south Wales had allotments to grow vegetables to supplement their families' diets, with brassicas being the main winter crop. But increasingly, their plots became infested with club-root (a disease of all brassicas) and the families looked like they would go hungry. Luckily, someone had grown leeks which were untouched by the disease and the hardest of winters and so helped significantly when hunger was never far from the door, and this reinforced the place of the leek as 'the vegetable that saved Wales'! I can find no records of this story but suspect it has its roots (no pun intended) in truth and like onions and garlic, the leek is high both in vitamins C and B and in minerals. It also has anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties so no doubt helped feed and nourish many through tough times and poor diets.

Growing tips

Leeks like a good, water retentive soil, high in humus but not too rich in nitrogen - for breaking new ground they are the perfect follow-on after potatoes as their fibrous roots are good at breaking up clods and producing a good tilth after cropping; Get them established and give a good mulch to prolong soil warmth and keep growing as the winter approaches. 'Leek rust' can be a problem if the plants are grown a bit 'soft' as can leek moth but a micro-mesh covering will help keep the moth away.

So enjoy growing and eating these wonderful mildly onion flavoured vegetables, consider their history and importance to our Celtic cousins and most importantly, **Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant Hapus!**

John and Julie Ridgley

Rainfall Statistics (inches)

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
4.00	4.51	2.52	6.85	4.41

Looking at January, it appears to have been a fairly typical month, except for the fact that more than half of the monthly total rained down on us in the first four days of the year, followed by another downpour on the 21st.

Still, we fared a lot better than a year ago.

Val Coots

MISSING

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Albert is a tabby neutered male Exotic Shorthair cat who went missing on 28 October 2023 at around 00:00hrs. He is microchipped.

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Lunch Club

Our January meeting was popular and the hall was packed. Once again we heard the astonishing story of the Bhopal Industrial disaster in India. The worst industrial accident in history. Our speaker was John Dower who, forty years ago, was there. As a student priest he was obliged to get involved in helping the sick and dying. His talk was polished and shocking and will not be easily forgotten.

Next lunch club

Our next lunch club will be on Thursday 28th March. The speaker will be Pauline Wood. The subject 'The history of patchwork and quilting - not just for girls'.

If you would like to come in March, please let me know in advance.

Contacts: email harlingdelia@gmail.com or telephone 01823 672203.

Delia Harling

Guard Duty

“O boy, but it’s cold! What am I doing here? There’s Marcus over there, leant up against a tree. And my mate, Gaius, leant on his spear. He’s half asleep!

“Why is it so cold? They said nights is always cold here. P’raps ‘cause it is so hot in the daytime. Contrast, see. Or it’s coming off the grave stones – hundreds of them.

“And so quiet, But that’s how it is: there’s not much singing in cemeteries. Just tears and moans for what’s lost, no more to come. Another contrast – to the noise two days ago. Crowds and laughter when them three beggars were nailed up.

“The middle one’s buried, just over there. In that posh grave in the hillside, the one with the big round stone across the way in. No way out from there, matey!

“I had to laugh, mind. The VIPs – religious they looked like – came round and insisted – a big insisting it were: have the stone well sealed, they said. Ever heard the like? Someone rob the grave? Worse still, dead man punching his way out? You have to laugh. And they looked intelligent geezers!

“But why we have to stand here, I don’t know. Keep watch on that grave, the centurion says. Two night shifts we’ve done. It’s so boring. Keep alert, he says. Yeah, between catnaps!

“Hello, what’s this? Another of those religious fellas. He’s talking to Marcus. Had a few of ‘em. Always the same thing. Seen anyone? Marcus is shaking his head. Don’t know why they bother.

“Looks like the sun’s on his way up. Streaks of light in the east. At last. A bit of warmth. Change of guard. Off to the barracks for breakfast. Maybe a bed tonight.....

“Hang on! Is it me, or what? I can feel a rippling in my feet. Marcus and Gaius are swaying. Heck, so am I. And did you hear that? That loud snapping sound? Something’s roaring!

“It’s that stone. It’s rolling to one side. But there’s no one there, Crikey, there’s a light inside. Looks like someone’s moving about ...

“Hell, I’m off. Hey, Marcus, Gaius! Wait for me!”

And so the whole world and its history were changed for ever. And the doors to eternity were blasted open for all who would know the One who walked free that day!

Martin Perry

Dog Poo Again!

As a resident and dog owner of Ashbrittle I feel guilty by association. Our lovely village is blighted by dog poo. I don’t see dogs taking themselves for a walk, so why is our village full of dog poo?

As a dog owner you’re aware you should be cleaning up behind them. Looking around to see if anyone saw or walking your dog in the dark does not exempt you from picking up the poo!

We all take pride in our properties and mow the verges et cetera. Finding a poo is annoying for all of us and lastly, but most importantly, children live and play in the village.

Liz Burt



Coffee, Cake and Chat

Ashbrittle Village Hall

**Saturday 16th March
and 20th April**

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Thursday, March 28th at noon

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Delia Harling ~ 01823 672203
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News from the Parish News

Donations received from:

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AG and AJ Hill

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

Village Oil Group

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To book a place and for further information
please email: wiveylunchclub@gmail.com
or ring Eileen 01984 624374



Beat Surgery

**Stawley Village Shop
and
Tearoom**

Tuesday 19th March
and 16th April

9.00 - 10.00am

with PCSO Brianna Whelan
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Appley Pavilion


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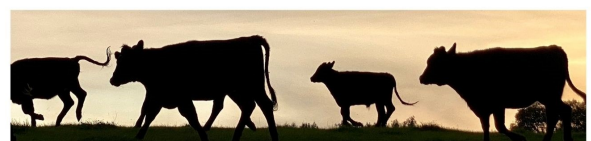


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6th and 20th	10.00 - 12.30 p.m.	Books, Biscuits, Coffee and Cakes at Stawley Mill
16th	10.00 - 12 noon	Coffee, Cake and Chat in Ashbrittle Village Hall
23rd	7.00 p.m.	Spring Concert by Wellington Choral Society at St John the Baptist Church, Wellington
28th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall

April

21st	3.00 p.m.	Hedgerow Ramble starting at Kittisford Church
28 th	9am - 11.30am.	Big Breakfast at the Appley Pavilion.

May

11th	2.30 p.m.	Bathealton Plant Sale
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June

1st	2.00 - 5.00 p.m.	Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete at Stawley Mill
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September

8th		Stawley Flower and Produce Show
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6th	10.00 - 3.00.p.m.	Apple Day at the Pavilion
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