



Parish news



May 2024

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

Church Services

Sunday 5th May 9.30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday after Easter Parish Communion and Celebration of Graham and Nancy Henson's dedication to Stawley Church.	STAWLEY
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist	ROCKWELL GREEN
Sunday 12th May 9.30 a.m.	First Sunday after Ascension Day Holy Communion	ASHBRITTLE
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	SAMPFORD ARUNDELL
11.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	ROCKWELL GREEN
Sunday 19th May 9.30 a.m.	Whitsunday Holy Communion	THORNE ST MARGARET
9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	KITTISFORD
11.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist	ROCKWELL GREEN
Sunday 26th May 11.15am	Trinity Sunday No Service	BATHEALTON
6.00 p.m.	Sung Eucharist	ROCKWELL GREEN
	Evensong	SAMPFORD ARUNDEL

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

The full list of services is available at: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11406/>

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbittle with Greenham

Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbittle, TA21 0LQ 01823 672365
David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbittle, TA21 0LE 01823 672436

Bathealton Andrew Lyle, Road Hill House, Bathealton, TA4 2AW 01984 629013
Sarah Eustice, Oakwood, Spring Grove, TA4 1NL 01823 401248

Kittisford Annie Musgrove, Meadow Farm, Greenham, TA21 0JW 01823 672627

Stawley Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT 01823 672183
Colin Haddrell, Tuck's Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HS 01823 672533

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.

Cover photograph - 'Busy Bees' by Maurice Stanbury (see p10).

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.

A Special Service at Greenham

On Sunday 31st April we held a service of Holy Communion at St Peter's Greenham. The officiant was Bishop Michael Langrish who retired as Bishop of Exeter a few years ago.

He was assisted by the Reverend Martin Kirkbride of Taunton.



A close-up encounter with Bishop Michael Langrish

The church was full and it was a joyous occasion with a good smattering of children as well which was great!

Refreshments were provided outside after the service in some rare spring sunshine.

The Church looked at its best and very many thanks to those who arranged the display of flowers - you know who you are!

What is very sad to report is that in the few days prior to the service our lectern bible was stolen. The bible has been in the church since it was built in 1868. This is so upsetting and pointless since it is of little monetary value and has "St Peters Greenham Somersetshire" embossed in gold on the outer cover and is readily identifiable.

I would ask it be returned please. This theft will not result in the church being locked: it is always open 24/7 as a place of solace and peace.

Charles Doble Churchwarden

A Tribute to Graham and Nancy Henson.

There can't be many people who have held the post of Church Warden as long as Graham Henson. With Nancy by his side, they have both worshipped at, loved and cared for St Michael and All Angels Church in Stawley for many years.

We thank you, Graham and Nancy, on your retirement from Church duties and being on the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Graham, for being Church Warden, Tower Captain and keeper of the churchyard and grounds and to Nancy as a treasurer and organiser of church flowers, as well as fete and coffee morning organiser.

There was also the fund raising and organising of the installation of the sixth bell, which was hung in 2007 and which completed the six bell peal. A special moment for the Church, thanks to Graham.

The present PCC will endeavour to keep this precious place of calm and worship in the same spirit of dedication.

We will be celebrating Graham and Nancy's dedication to our Church at our Parish Communion Service on Sunday 5th May at 9.30 a.m.

Penny Hare, on behalf of Stawley PCC.

Stawley Church Coffee Morning and Celebration of Spring

Thanks to the efforts of Judy and Michael Milne, the Stawley Church fundraising year has started. It was done, most appropriately, at The Old Rectory where we held our Spring Coffee Morning. We had a great selection of raffle prizes, and several interesting items on the 'bring and buy' table. A total of over £200 was raised, which will go towards keeping our wonderful Church maintained and accessible. Thank you, Judy and Michael, for hosting this event.

The church bells rang to welcome everyone to St Michael and All Angels in the evening of Sunday 13th April for a Celebration of Spring led by John Young, with Gail Britton playing the organ. The choir performed magnificently and sang a mixture of spring music, and were joined by the congregation in the singing of two well-known hymns. The music was interspersed with a selection of spring-themed poems.

The celebration was followed by wine and nibbles, and a general get-together and chat. A special thank you to John and Gail, and to everyone else who helped to make it such a pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

Colin Haddrell

Suddenly

Does the name of Sydney Sheldon mean anything to you? Maybe yes, maybe no. I had never heard of him until I came across a quote from him. He was a book-writing American from Chicago. His quote was this:

“Life is a very thin thread and it only takes a second to snap it.”

Gloomy? Maybe - it depends on how you understand life and its meaning. Whenever the end comes, it is always a second between the final breath and whatever comes afterwards. Why am I thinking about this? Partly because we are in the season of Easter and partly for five other reasons.

Those five reasons are to do with people I've known or heard about. Since the beginning of last November, I have been aware of five men who have died suddenly. One moment they were alive, and the next second their personal thin thread was snapped, as were, of course, the thin threads of love and happiness in their loved ones' lives.

One or two had health issues. Another was a good age, but he, and the remaining two, appeared to be very fit. Outwardly so, at the very least. Whatever the causes, no one suspected it. Why should they? Suddenly they are left with questions, like “Why?” “What caused it?” and “Is that it, then?”

At their Passover meal, the mood was one of impending gloom. Jesus was talking about betrayal and his death, and creating a simple means by which they would be able to remember him. Then he commented, “In a little while you will no longer see me”. Perhaps they accepted this as a statement about his death, now close at hand.

Then Jesus added, “Then in a little while you will see me.” They were confused. They couldn't seem to grasp it. He had mentioned before that he would be brought back to life. The thin thread re-created? They didn't really accept that bit. It just doesn't happen, does it?

Within three days, they did see him again. His thread of life was restored and wouldn't be snapped again. That was his message and it demonstrated and made them aware that his re-creation contained the power to re-give life, albeit on an eternal level.

Because of what happened to Jesus, the history of the world and each human heart has been changed. Everyone has the option to die and die for ever, or die and live for ever. That's fundamental to the meaning of life. For you. For me. For the five men I mentioned earlier, and for those who grieve for them.

“In a little while you will not see me; then in a little while you will see me.” The way of death into the way of life. A thin thread broken but then restored for good – made possible only by Jesus and our heart's welcome to him.

Martin Perry

Stawley Annual Parish Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in Appley Pavilion at 7:30pm on the 21st May.
If any resident wishes to add something to the agenda for the meeting please let the Clerk know before the 15th May by e-mailing stawleypc@stash.org.uk or by phoning 01823 672627.
All residents of the Parish are very welcome to attend.



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.***

**This poem was written by Darcy Palmer,
aged 13, who is trying to make sense
of the world.**

*Faith does funny things to people
I never understood it
I never understood
The fact that people could work
together
To create magnificent structures and
Copies of thick bounded books for a
string of hope
Hope for something better
Better than this
But yet threaten and tear each other
apart
Sacrificing lives because the string has
different material, practices, people
But all for the same result
Something better
I never understood it*



Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

SOS SAVE OUR SHOP

**We need the community to step up to keep our
wonderful shop and tearoom open**

**Come along to a
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday 13th May
7.00 p.m. at Appley Pavilion**

**Stawley Community Association (SCA) will report on
the viability of the shop and tearoom and their ideas
for the way ahead**

BUT...

**We want to know what YOU think but more support is
needed, such as
Financial - Admin - Collections and Deliveries
Volunteers in the shop
Otherwise the shop WILL close!
Refreshments will be available**

Lunch Club

Open to all residents from our parishes; just let me know in advance. We usually start with a speaker, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by Jackie White, a very well known local cook.

Our speaker in March was Pauline Wood, local mover and shaker, whose subject was quilting and patchwork. The history and often political implications were fascinating. We were able to view current quilting and patchwork projects as well as a patchwork quilt well over one hundred years old, which Pauline is currently restoring. Thank you for a well researched and engaging presentation.

In May our speaker will again be a local resident - Michael Fairfax, an internationally known sculptor. He was recently awarded a British Council 'Connections Through Culture' grant to work with artists in Thailand on a project called 'Whispering Nature' - hosted by a Thai theatre company.

Michael travelled to Thailand to work for three weeks with local artists using natural materials to produce music in a similar way to

Michael's own work. A highlight was an overnight trip to a remote jungle village in northern Thailand where he worked with a tribe making their own harp like instruments.

Michael has previously talked at our lunch club about making ear harps. This was a very memorable and fun occasion, so his next talk comes highly recommended.

If you would like to join us on Thursday 30th May at 12.00 noon, please let me know by early morning 28th May so I can give Jackie accurate numbers of diners.

My contact details are: telephone 01823 672203 or email harlingdelia@gmail.com

Delia Harling

Mobile Library

at
Greenham Bridge

Next visits: Tuesday 21st May
and 18th June

10.00 - 10.20 a.m.



VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB
ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL
Thursday, May 30th at noon

MICHAEL FAIRFAX
WHISPERING NATURE

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Delia Harling ~ 01823 672203
harlingdelia@gmail.com



Old Uncle Tom Cobley and all



A sudden bout of spring cleaning brought to light a letter and photographs sent to me when Ashbrittle Arts published our Millennium Book. Dennis Gibbins sent a photograph of him and his sister Evelyn at Poole Farm in 1941, (*see below*) and one showing a splendid group of local likely lads!

Avril Silk

From left to right:

Bill Brewer Jack Manning senior. Jan Stewer Jack Manning junior, (Bakers).

Peter Gurney Fred Yarde (GPO). Peter Davy Bucky Alderman (Ostler)

Dan'l Whiddon Ted Hurford (Farmer)

Not in the photograph - *Harry Hawke* was Dolf Parsons, a survivor of the Titanic and Postmaster.

Uncle Tom Cobley was Tom Coles, Churchwarden and farmer for many years as seen on the plaque in the Church.

Dennis Gibbins with sister Evelyn at Poole Farm in 1941

Joe Enticott was my special friend and worked for Tom Coles at Poole farm for many years. Although Uncle Tom brought me up he had never had children of his own. He showered love and kindness upon my sister and me. When I had problems Joe showed me the right way and as a young man advised me as he did his own children. Good old Joe.

Dennis Gibbins



Something stirs in the Asparagus bed...



I watch in eager anticipation as the first purple-headed spears start to break through the mulch; I started these plants three years ago from seed and hope for, at least, a little taster this year even though I know I should really let them build up their strength for another summer. It has always been an ambition to have my own asparagus bed (I've always been a man of modest dreams...) and Lord knows I've planted and established enough for previous employers and clients. But you do need a suitable piece of ground and plenty of time to nurture and enjoy the fruits of your labours - a quality asparagus bed can, with the appropriate management, provide a sizeable crop for up to thirty plus years!

Cultivated *Asparagus officinalis* originates from the coastal areas of the Mediterranean, Eurasia and much of Northern Europe. Records show that spears (the newly emerging shoots from a dense, fibrous crown) were gathered from the wild in ancient Egypt, Syria and also by the Greeks and Romans. The French were the first to select and cultivate asparagus in the monastery gardens of the 15th Century.

Most modern variety (one or two year old) crowns offered for sale are F1 all-male forms which are the most productive. Older varieties and seed grown forms can produce both male and female seedlings which can be a little less productive but the main drawback is that mixed male and female plants will produce berries (and thus, seed) which can germinate within the bed and possibly crowd out the established crowns. These berries will need to be removed before ripening and any

seedlings rogued-out as soon as they are seen.

To establish a healthy and long-lived asparagus bed you will need a good, fertile soil with plenty of humus (leaf-mould or well matured compost/ manures) and excellent drainage. Incorporating plenty of grit and sand in preparing the bed and building up the bed into raised rows or mounds on which the crowns are planted is the traditional way.

I have planted mine in a raised bed, constructed with lots of leaf-mould/compost mix and grit with blood, fish and bone meal added. If planting dormant crowns, it's essential that they are kept well-watered during the first year. No spears are harvested in the first year and a maximum of 10% of spears in the second year with full production commencing in the third year. Traditionally, the asparagus harvesting year starts in the UK around the 20th April and ends on the longest day. After this, all spears must be allowed to grow and 'fern' so that goodness can be put back into the crown for the following year. It also makes good sense to support the fern with a 'cats-cradle' of sticks and string to stop stems from being broken or snapped by strong winds.

Autumn management

The fern can be cut to the ground in autumn when it's fully 'browned'. I usually follow with a good mulch of well matured compost and a dressing of granulated seaweed or chicken manure pellets in spring for that burst of nitrogen necessary for top-spear production. Other than weeding and culture as described, the bed should need very little attention once established. Slugs can be troublesome in wet springs and Asparagus Beetle can cause defoliation and weaken the plants over time.

The old-fashioned idea of asparagus needing salt is a myth; due to it being a coastal plant, asparagus has a very high tolerance for saline conditions but does not need it at all. Granulated seaweed feed is the best in my view but traditionally on the big coastal estates with walled gardens (such as Heligan in Cornwall), they would have harvested seaweed straight off the shore and dressed the beds with it in the autumn.

So, whether lightly steamed with butter or made into a delicious soup, the delicacy of asparagus is well worth the initial time and effort needed for the production of those luscious spears, the true harbingers of spring. And the well-known after-effects of eating it? Ah, the mysteries of the body's bio-chemistry (its all down to the metabolism of certain chemicals into sulphur compounds apparently)...

In my opinion its well worth that too!

John and Julie Ridgley



BATHEALTON PLANT SALE



Saturday 11th May

HELLINGS FARM, BATHEALTON

(in aid of Church Funds)

Gate opens at 2.30pm

BEDDING PLANTS, HERBACEOUS, SHRUBS

POT PLANTS and VEGETABLES

Contributions of surplus plants gratefully received.

Please contact

Morag Berthon on 01984 623563 or Sarah Eustice on 01823 401248.

Kittisford Open Garden

Sunday June 30th

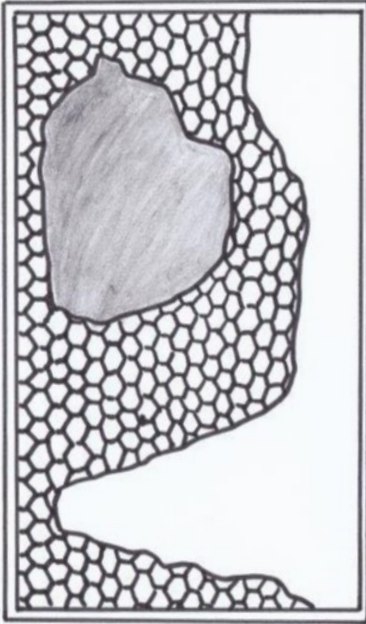
2.00 pm until 5.00 pm

Kittisford House

Tea, home-made cakes & wood-fired pizzas

All proceeds in support of Kittisford Church

Busy as a bee



The worker bees are very busy at this time of year, feasting on the nectar and pollen from hawthorn, dandelions, and garden flowers.

The front cover photograph shows sealed brood (shaded grey), with empty cells being cleaned and polished in preparation for the queen bee to lay her eggs, together with sealed food stores (unshaded)

which are in reserve for the hungry young larvae if the weather turns inclement preventing bees from flying.

The eggs take twenty one days to develop and hatch. The worker bees spend the first two weeks of their life on 'hive duties' before joining their flying comrades on outside duties. At the peak of the summer season their lifespan is relatively short because of the vast amount of work they do in such a short time.

Maurice Stanbury

Appley Pavilion

Don't forget our AGM on Thursday 16th May at 8.00 p.m.

More details on the back page.

Rainfall Statistics (inches) for March

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
3.12	2.76	3.15	7.01	4.96

A lot less rain this month compared to February 2024 when we had eight inches. The total for the first quarter of 2024 is 18 inches. On the bright side March gave us eleven days without any precipitation, so let's hope drier times lie ahead.

Val Coats

Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete

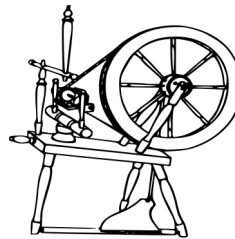
Please support our annual Garden Party and Fete on 1st June by donating anything suitable for the Bric-a-Brac stall.

Any household items, new clothes, toys, or unwanted gifts. would be most welcome.

Items can be left at the Village Shop, Stawley Mill, Church Cottage or I can collect.

Many thanks.

Sue Jacoby 07471 202978 or suejacoby@gmail.com.



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: 21st May

4th and 18th June

(please note no meeting on the 7th May) at 2.30pm

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

FRESHLY LAID FREE RANGE

GOOSE EGGS

£1 EACH

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Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete



Stawley Mill

TA21 0HT

2.00pm Sat 1st June

Plants, Cakes, Bottles, Books, Raffles and Bric a Brac

Cream Teas and Strawberries; entry for adults £1

All Proceeds to the Church

Wiveliscombe
Lunch
Club

Mondays from 10.30am at
Wiveliscombe Community
Centre

Come and join us for an incredible, two
course, home cooked lunch for just £5



We have many activities, cards, dominoes,
chair Pilates, crafts, a warm place to read
or just come for a cuppa and a chat!
Bring a friend or family member, the more the merrier,
just let us know in advance!

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

Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

Painting and drawing
Clay work and Textile Crafts

Ashbrittle Village Hall

We hold a monthly get-together as a self-
directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty'
project takes your fancy. Come and meet some
local art and craft enthusiasts.

Next Meetings:
Wednesday 1st May and 4th June
1.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Notice - due to the small membership, the group
can no longer afford to hire Ashbrittle Village
Hall for meetings.

We intend to carry on, but will meet at a mem-
ber's house. Arrangements will be confirmed in
advance, via the monthly reminder email. If you
are interested in joining us please contact
Pauline pjw200355@gmail.com

Gardener/ Handyman Wanted

Wellington area

Kitchen garden, poly-tunnel, greenhouse, lawns,
shrubs and beds to maintain.

Some support around the farm may also be need-
ed, so chainsaw and spraying qualifications
would be useful.

Please call 07745 999088



Beat Surgery

Stawley Village Shop
and
Tearoom

Tuesday 14th May
and 11th June

9.00 - 10.00am

with PCSO Brianna Whelan
Tel 07761 405460 or email:
brianna.whelan@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Coffee, Cake and Chat


Ashbrittle Village Hall

Saturday 18th May
and 15th June

10.00 - 12.00 noon

**Unlimited Coffee and Delicious Home Baked
Cakes available, for just £4.00.**

Please come and join us - all welcome !



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The Globe INN Appley

Gardening Club

This month's visit was to the National Trust's Dunster Castle Gardens and, of course, the wonderful Watermill Tea Room. Di Roberts kindly organised this visit and reports as follows:

"On Thursday 11th April, eight members of the Garden Club met at the reception hut at Dunster Castle. From there, we walked down a scenic path which took us to The Watermill Tearooms passing a lovely ornate bridge which spanned the gushing River Avil. We enjoyed a light lunch in a room reserved for our party and looking over the river. After lunch, we all trekked up the steep incline to the Castle where from the stables and shop we went our separate ways to explore the many paths beneath and around the Castle.

On our way up to the Castle, we took a path on which Pat Gainey and I came across a very beautiful flame coloured Yucca plant with green and pink leaves. The flower formations were just beginning and together with the colour reminded us of the claws of a lobster! We had a great day and the National Trust looked after us very well in the tea rooms."

Forthcoming Visits

The May Garden Visit will be to Chevithorne Barton, just north of Tiverton. This hidden gem is centred around a late Elizabethan manor house and has been in the Amory family since 1911. The garden is a stunning naturalistic garden, renowned for its magnificent collection of oak trees. Members will be shown around the garden by the Head Gardener and will take tea in the garden afterwards.

In June, the Club will enjoy two garden visits. The first, in mid-June, will be to Stogumber Open Gardens. This event is a regularly attended favourite and this year will involve twelve gardens, ranging from small central cottage gardens to large community gardens on the outskirts. However, one of the main attractions is the delicious refreshments in the village hall and the plant stalls, of course!

Later in the month, the Club will visit 'The Secret Gardens of Bampton' show-casing beautiful private gardens tucked away behind the slopes, not to mention refreshments and a plant stall.

Val Wall

Stawley Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Stawley Parish Council in Appley Pavilion on Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm. Residents of the parish are welcome to attend.

A successful strike for the bellringers

Stawley bell ringers entered two teams into the Taunton Branch Striking competition on Saturday 13th April. I am very pleased to announce that our novice team, at Corfe, came second (out of five entries). Our regular Thursday practices have been conscientiously attended and our learners have worked hard at improving their handling and listening skills. Their achievement was well deserved.

Our second team, led by Lawrence Webber, entered the call change section at Holy Trinity church in Taunton, one of nine local bands. We came a pleasing joint fourth.

It was an excellent occasion to experience some different and much lighter bells and to meet up with, and hear, other ringers. The ascent up the tower at Holy Trinity - stairs to a gallery, a tight shuffle behind the organ pipes, more stairs and finally a ladder to emerge (mind your head!) and clamber through a creaky hatch door on to the floor of the ringing chamber, was challenging.

The post ordeal tea in Corfe Village Hall was sumptuous with homemade cakes and a variety of sandwiches. Motivational for all!

Well done both teams. Great effort. Onwards and upwards for next year's competition.

Angela Johnson

STAWLEY MILL

JOIN US FOR



BOOKS & BISCUITS

COFFEE & CAKE

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

1ST & 15TH MAY

10AM—12.30PM

IN AID OF CHURCH RESTORATION FUND





STAWLEY FESTIVAL

2024

Sunday 7th July 2-5pm

RADIO SUNSET
TAYLOR LATHAM
+OPEN MIC!

Adults £5 (18+)
Kids £2.50 (1+)
Family Ticket £15
(2 Adults & 3+ Kids)

Appley Pavilion, TA21 0HH

Music, Food, Stalls, Kids Activities & Good Vibes!

For more details on signing up for open mic or stalls email - stawleyfestival@gmail.com

Stawley Flower Show Competition Classes

Vegetables

- 1 3 potatoes
- 2 6 runner beans
- 3 6 French/other beans
- 4 5 sweet peppers (can be mixed varieties)
- 5 5 cherry tomatoes
- 6 3 large tomatoes
- 7 5 carrots
- 8 5 onions or shallots
- 9 A display of vegetables. Max size 45 x 45cm
- 10 A display of herbs
- 11 1 cucumber

Fruit

- 12 5 dessert apples
- 13 5 cooking apples
- 14 5 pears
- 15 A dish of soft fruit

Flowers

- 16 A collection of perennial flowers, 6 stems, 3 varieties
- 17 A collection of annual flowers, 6 stems 3 varieties
- 18 A single stem rose
- 19 A scented rose stem
- 20 5 dahlias
- 21 A specimen bloom
- 22 A floral display 'Autumn' without Oasis
- 23 Floating flower heads

Cookery & Produce

- 24 A jar of marmalade**
- 25 A jar of jelly**
**Cellophane lids please
- 26 A jar of soft fruit jam**
- 27 A jar of chutney/pickle
- 28 6 eggs
- 29 A bottle of home made drink
- 30 A chocolate cake
- 31 5 scones
- 32 5 cheese straws
- 33 5 chocolate brownies
- 34 3 bread rolls

Arts & Crafts

- 35 A knitted or crochet hat
- 36 A needle craft item
- 37 An 'Abstract' painting in any medium. Max size 60x60cm
- 38 An item made from upcycled or recycled material
- 39 An item made from wood
- 40 A photograph of a West Country Bridge.. Unframed max A4

Classes 35 –39 all to be made within the last year

CHILDREN'S CLASSES Ages 3-7 & 8-12

- 41 Drawing for the front cover for next year's programme, **Size A5**
- 42 A decorated clay flower pot. Max diameter at top 15cm
- 43 A painted pebble
- 44 3 decorated cup cakes
- 45 2 shop bought Digestive biscuits, decorated
- 46 An animal made from fruit and/or vegetables

FUN CLASS

- 47 Most humorous exhibit. Open to everyone

Sue Jacoby

Vacancy on Stawley Parish Council

Clive Wall will tender his resignation as a Councillor, after many years of service to the parish, at the next Council meeting to be held on the 14th May.

A notice will be published on that date stating that an election may be held for a new Councillor if ten residents request one. If no request is made then the Council may co-opt a volunteer.

We have about six meetings each year but they are not long (normally about an hour) as a lot of the routine matters are considered by the use of e-mail.

Please let me know if you would like to take Clive's seat on the Council.

Paul Musgrove

For Sale

Indesit American Fridge/Freezer - 3 - 4 years old

Excellent Condition/Perfect working order
Colour - Silver

No Plumbing required.

179cm height

90cm width

75cm depth

Buyer to collect - Available after 24th May.
Can be viewed working.

£375.00

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Dog Training

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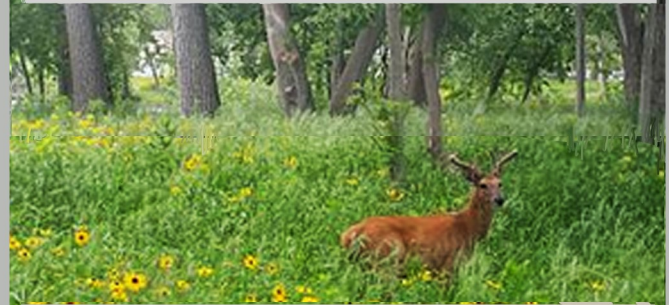
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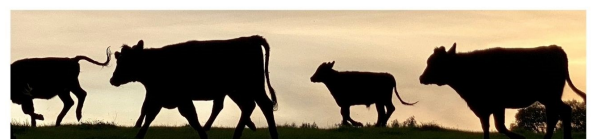


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