



Parish news

June 2024

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

Church Services

Sunday 2nd June

9.30 am
11.15 am

First Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion
Sung Eucharist

STAWLEY
ROCKWELL GREEN

Sunday 9th June

10.00 am
9.30 am
11.15am

Second Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

ASHBRITTLE
SAMPFORD ARUNDEL
ROCKWELL GREEN

Sunday 16th June

9.30 am
9.30 am
11.15 am

Third Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

KITTISFORD
THORNE St MARGARET
ROCKWELL GREEN

Sunday 23rd June

9.30 am
11.15am
6.00pm

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist
Songs of Praise on
the Village Green

BATHEALTON
ROCKWELL GREEN
SAMPFORD ARUNDEL

Sunday 30th June

11.15am

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sung Eucharist

ROCKWELL GREEN

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
David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbittle, TA21 0LE

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01823 672436

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

01984 629013
01823 401248

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

01823 672627

Stawley Penny Hare, Stawley Mill, Wellington, TA21 0HT
Colin Haddrell, Tucks Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HS

01823 672183
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.

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.

Front cover - 'Fragments of Time' by Wren French. Wren's GCSE Exam piece, using an acrylic medium, was inspired by the stone carvings around the windows of Lockerley Church.

Thought for the Month

A time to be born and a time to die

We enter life by the gift and power of Nature, via the union of a man and woman. The quality and the circumstances of that entry can vary enormously. We grow, mature and age until we come to die. The timing is unknown as is the method of our passing. It's all part of the natural process.

Esther Rantzen was a very well-known TV personality in public life. She presented "That's Life", a programme concerned with the well-being of society's vulnerable, and for the highest standards to be exercised by those who care. She founded "Child Line", a charity to help children at risk of, or being, harmed.

She has a history of effective campaigning. She also has terminal cancer. Supported by members of her family, she campaigns still. She wants the government to debate assisted dying with a view to changing the law which forbids it. She has, apparently, signed up to "Dignitas", the euthanasia clinic in Switzerland.

Ms Rantzen has been a strong, determined fighter on behalf of the vulnerable, but might not her latest fight become a threat to them? Her own plans for dying could well prove a green light to people suffering physical or mental hardship to take the suicide route. Families, hurting badly at seeing loved ones trapped in a miserable old age or lost in dementia, may want to ask for doctors to help them die.

A slippery slope?

Some say it would be a slippery slope. It would move from an extreme solution for a very severe situation to something commonplace. When abortion, for example, was de-criminalised, it was to happen only under circumstances defined as serious, like a threat to the mother's life. Now it seems to be used as a way out of something inconvenient. There are those that say that, if a pet is in terminal pain, we have it put down. The question is posed – why is it not the same for human beings?

The answer to that is this. We are not simply animals and pets. We are human beings, capable of facing and dealing with our troubles as best we can, while maintaining life and love in our relationships. We know the outcome to our state, and human care and family love enable us to make the best of each day. Animals don't have such awareness and knowledge. They look to us to do what they cannot do for themselves.

This was brought home to me when, a few weeks ago, our cat Widdy, nineteen years with us, was diagnosed as beyond help and healing. No way back. Nothing would get better. The decision was taken to put her to sleep.

If that had been a mother or daughter, we would do all we could to help them live their last days as well as we could, comforted by mutual love and human closeness. Should we ask a doctor committed to healing to compromise their principles? No, we shouldn't. Might your family member, or a loved one, ask you to end their life or do we take our own action to do such a thing? No, we shouldn't.

Love and relationships are the strength to life. I believe we should give comfort and see them reach their end safely and at peace.

Martin Perry



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.**

How can we walk with a smile into the dark? We must learn to put our trust in God and the leadings of the Spirit. How many of us are truly led by the Spirit throughout our daily lives? I have turned to God when I have had a difficult decision to make or when I have sought strength to endure the pain in dark times. But I am only slowly learning to dwell in the place where leadings come from. That is a place of love and joy and peace, even in the midst of pain. The more I dwell in that place, the easier it is to smile, because I am no longer afraid.

If we dwell in the presence of God, we shall be led by the spirit. We do well to remember that being led by the spirit depends not so much upon God, who is always there to lead us, as upon our willingness to be led. We need to be willing to be led into the dark as well as through green pastures and by still waters. We do not need to be afraid of the dark, because God is there. The future of this earth need not be in the hands of the world's 'leaders'. The world is in God's hands if we are led by God. Let us be led by the Spirit. Let us walk with a smile into the dark.

Gordon Matthews, 1987

Mobile Library at Greenham Bridge

Next visits: Tuesday 18th June and 16th July

10.00 - 10.20 a.m.

Appley Pavilion Committee Annual Report

Management Committee – *Four elected members and four user group members plus up to three co-opted members appointed by the committee.*

The Pavilion Committee met six times during 2023/24 and held a public meeting in February 2023.

Community Council for Somerset (CCS) <https://ccslovesomerset.org>

The Pavilion is a member of CCS and has applied to renew its quality standard Hallmark 1 in July 2024.

A Hiring Agreement is signed by the hirer when booking. The hiring agreement sets out the conditions of hire and identifies the respective responsibilities of each party to the agreement.

Licences The hall has a Premises Licence (not including alcohol) and is registered with the local authority for small society lotteries. The hall is licensed by the Performing Rights Society for live and recorded music.

Health and Safety and Risk Management

The Pavilion, recreation field and cob hut are insured by Allied Westminster; there is an annual review of cover and approval by trustees. Items considered - risk assessment, PAT, EICR, fire prevention equipment and alarm servicing. Regular user group insurance certificates held on file. Accident book, fire safety record, first aid box, kitchen hygiene/cleaning checklist, play area inspections in place.

Bookings 2023/24

Many thanks to Suzette Williams for expertly managing the booking diary and all of the associated paperwork. The Pavilion continues to be well used; Preschool three days, term time; Cricket Club, summer season; weekly Tia Chi and Pilates and many other casual bookings; bingo, seasonal School/Preschool/FOSS events, band practice, local and charity fund raisers, touring cricket matches.

Pavilion fund raising events included a very successful May Spring Ball (a joint fund raiser with the Cricket Club and Preschool/School), an autumn Big Breakfast and Car Boot, teas for the Flower Show (joint fund raiser with the Flower Club) and a very well supported community event, Apple Day.

The committee would like to thank all users of the Pavilion and all the volunteers who give a huge amount of time and effort to help run events.

Accounts 2023/24

Many thanks to Kath Rose for managing the Pavilion's financial records and producing the annual accounts, Andrew Millard has kindly completed an audit of all 2023/24 transactions and signed off the accounts as a true and accurate record.

A Reserve/Sinking fund account has been set up to help cover, the increasing likelihood of unplanned works since the Pavilion is almost twenty years old.

Hire Fees

It is the responsibility of the Trustees to manage the Pavilion's budget on a self-financing basis. Hire fees are set to cover running costs. The committee review hiring fees every year and 2023/24 has been particularly challenging with increases in so many running costs. We appreciate the understanding of regular users and how, together, we have agreed new rates of hire.

2023/24 Maintenance and Improvements

To Do and Snagging List – A running record of day-to-day repairs is reviewed at every committee meeting and an annual inspection picks up any other works. Works are completed, where possible, during school holidays.

ROSPA inspection of the play area and report June 2023 – Thanks to Preschool for play area inspections. Use of the play area is under review and it is currently closed for public use.

Cleaning – The new cleaning routine continues to improve the appearance of the building.

Playing field - The Committee much appreciate the Cricket Club's high standard of maintenance to the playing field, pitch and perimeter hedges, as ever, it looked superb throughout the year and forms a wonderful back drop for Pavilion events. Special thanks to 'Chalky' for the work he puts in all through the year.

Looking forward and plans for 2024/25

There is a continuing need to attract and retain younger people on to our local committees and find ways to work collaboratively with other groups and organisations.

Following a very well-supported public meeting in February 2024 a new WhatsApp 'Friends of the Pavilion' group has been set up. It is hoped to recruit a couple of new Trustees at the AGM.

If you use the Pavilion, please let us know of any improvements you would like us to make.

Appley Pavilion Committee, May 2024

On behalf of the community, we would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work in managing such a valuable local resource - Eds

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

Arisaema - Something sinister and serpentine in the shrubbery



For a good few years now, I've been growing and building up a modest collection of these fascinating tuberous Aroids, relations of our native *Arum* (Lords and Ladies or Cuckoo pint). As a family, there are nearly two hundred species found across wooded regions of central Asia into China, Nepal, India, Japan and Taiwan and in parts of Northern Africa as well as the United States.

I was first introduced to the bizarre charm of these 'Cobra lilies' some thirty years ago when I was given a tuber of *Arisaema griffithii* which comes from Nepal, Bhutan and Northern India. As the stem first appeared, pushing through the leaf-mold I was hooked; striped, spotted and mottled like snakes-skin, opening up to show a large and exceedingly strange looking hooded 'Spathe' of purples and greens, densely netted and striped in silver and topped with burgundy-edged fresh green tri-partite leaves. These weird and slightly sinister looking flowers eventually developed into a column of red berries containing seeds which, for many species, are remarkably easy to grow with patience and somewhere to over-winter them (they are often somewhat tender when young though most adult species are fairly hardy).

From my collection, some of which are rather obscure, I will pick a selection of *Arisaema* that are easier to obtain and more accommodating to grow.

***Arisaema triphyllum* (Jack-in-the-Pulpit)** A variable north American species commonly found across the States as far south as Texas and as far north as Canada and Alaska and one that grows fairly reliably in sheltered, shady areas rich in leaf litter in the UK. The 'triphyllum' refers to the three leaves characteristic of the species and the common name 'Jack in the Pulpit' refers to the purple (or occasionally, green) inflorescence or 'Spadix' (Jack) which sits within the Green and purple striped (occasionally all green) hood (or *Spathe*), which is the pulpit. In the wild, this plant would be growing alongside other American woodland species such as *Trillium grandiflorum* (Wake Robin) and *Erythroniums*.

***Arisaema speciosum* (Himalayan Cobra lily)** Another variable species with a wide range, this time from Nepal, Tibet, Northern India and parts of southern China. This really looks like a formidable beast but is remarkably easy to grow, either in a large pot or under trees and shrubs in a sheltered, organically rich but well drained soil. Unlike many other *Arisaemas*, this species grows from large, spreading rhizomes which sit just under the surface of the soil. It produces large, dark green leaves atop a stem of mottled snake-skin and large rich purple-red *Spathe* (hood) hiding a fleshy purple inflorescence with a long whip-like filament that protrudes and hangs down. These readily form clusters of red berries later in the season and I have found them easy to grow from seed but they will need protection from frost for the first year or so.

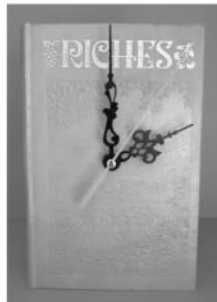
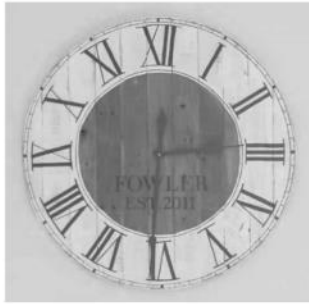
***Arisaema candidissimum* (Pink striped Cobra lily)** This is, perhaps, the most attractive of all the *Arisaemas*; coming from China where it grows in mountain forests and wooded valleys. In the UK it doesn't emerge from the soil until late May or early June and produces large, fresh green leaves on short stems between which large crystalline white spathes appear, striped with candy-pink. The corms can grow quite large and dish-like (similar to *Cyclamen*) and produce many offsets (babies!). This species is reputed to be very hardy but as with all of this genus, after they die back in the autumn, a good thick dressing of crushed bark or leaf-mold will provide an insulating layer.

***Arisaema flavum* (Yellow Cobra lily)** A smaller species found over a wide range, from Northern Africa, through the Arabian peninsula into Asia and across to China. The species is generally fairly small in stature and the hooded flower often quite squat, yellow in colour with a variable amount of purple at the throat. These produce seed and offsets readily and rapidly and are very easy to grow and flower from seed. There are many improved forms which have been grown by specialists that have much larger, open flowers with a more distinct flush of purple at the throat.

In conclusion, like many specialist plants, *Arisaemas* can be addictive, are highly collectable (and thus, often alarmingly expensive) and some need specialist conditions and protection to do their best. But the ones I've listed are fairly straight forward and though requiring a little more time and effort, make excellent woodland garden plants and a definite talking point!

John and Julie Ridgley

CLOCK MAKING WORKSHOP



Ever wanted to make a clock?

Ashbrittle Arts will be running a clock making workshop at Ashbrittle Village Hall on the 8th June 10 - 1 pm.

The course will be run by Michael Fairfax and Jane Embleton.

Bring your inspiration and if you have any ideas for making the most wondrous clock we will help you realise it. The backing could be an old vinyl record, a plate, card with a photograph on, or bring your favourite photograph and we can stick it onto some card. The more you bring the more we can explore your ideas for your own personalised clock.

The Workshop will cost £5.00 including clock mechanism and battery

Adults and Children 11+ welcome

To Book please call Jane Embleton on (01823) 672689 or text
(07551) 485817

Bathealton Plant Sale

Well, what a wonderful day we had for Bathealton Plant Sale at Hellings on May 11th. The sun shone, the plants looked wonderful, and the cakes were delicious. We were very sorry Morag was absent this year. She has worked so hard growing and sourcing plants and allows us to use her lovely home for the venue.



Lots of lovely plants to choose from...



...and lots of delicious home-made cakes to eat!

Thank you to Jo Forrester for organising the plants for the sale in Morag's absence. Thank you to all the volunteers leading up to the sale, on the day and who helped with the clearing up. It takes a lot of time and effort whether it's cake making, growing plants, transporting tables or erecting gazebos; the list goes on.

And, of course, a big thank you to all who came and supported the event and for spending so freely, raising a total of £1170 for St Bartholomew's Church funds.

As Church Wardens, we are extremely grateful.

Sarah Eustice and Andrew Lyle

Gardening Club

The May garden visit to Chevithorne Barton, just north of Tiverton, proved hugely popular with members. Indeed, for the first time for the Club, there had to be a reserve list! Seventeen members arrived in torrential rain and had to take shelter in some out-buildings where the Head Gardener, Greg Watson, had very thoughtfully provided welcome refreshments.

The garden proved to be inspirational in terms of its natural planting and, in addition to having the National Collection of Oaks sourced from around the world, had a stunning array of other trees and shrubs, including a large collection of yellow-flowered Magnolias. The garden is centred around a late Elizabethan manor house and has been in the Amory family since 1911.

The naturalistic woodland garden is complemented by a walled garden and vegetable patch. As well as their inherent interest, these areas provided some comfort to Club Members as, like all our gardens this season, they were not weed-free and showed evidence of the activities of Molluscan damage!

Greg Watson, the extremely knowledgeable Head Gardener, was diligently on call throughout our visit to identify species, explain features or elaborate on the ongoing development of the garden and its collections. Such was the enthusiasm for the garden that a return visit is envisaged, perhaps to enjoy the autumn colours.

Forthcoming Visits:

In June, the Club will enjoy two garden visits. The first, in mid-June, will be to Stogumber Open Gardens and is being co-ordinated by Penny Stanbury. 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 of the village.

Further attractions are 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. Sue Jacoby has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this visit.

Next month

The main July garden visit will be to Marwood Hill Gardens, an event to be organised by Brenda Hollick.

Val Wall



Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

Shop Volunteers Needed to **SAVE OUR SHOP**

Following a well-attended Public Meeting that showed an overwhelming desire to keep the Shop and Tearoom open, the SCA are exploring a Community Shop route.

This will only be possible with more Volunteers in a variety of roles. Initially, we need people to join our friendly team.

Volunteering in the shop

Training will be given. It's good fun, you'll meet new people, learn new skills, and get to feel part of our amazing and friendly community.

Interested? Contact Sally to arrange to spend a couple of hours with her for a trial session and some initial training to see if this is for you. Email: shop@stawleyshop.com / phone: 01823 674361 / or pop in and see her.

Please see a report on the Public Meeting from the SCA on page 10.

St George's Day – Big Breakfast

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the St George's Day Big Breakfast. An amazing one hundred and eleven breakfasts were served in three hours.

Special thanks to Suzette, Kath, Kristy, Charlotte, Liz, Lucy, Izzie and Freya, a brilliant kitchen team and to all the other willing helpers who pitched in when the orders were coming thick and fast!



A very busy morning at the Pavilion.

It was great to welcome Wiveliscombe Cricket Club for breakfast, followed by a friendly match to start the new season.

The morning raised £566.50 to be shared equally between the Pavilion and the Cricket Club.

Sally Scott

SOS Meeting for Stawley Village Shop and Tearoom

The Stawley Community Association (SCA) committee was very encouraged by the turn out on Monday 13th May, with an attendance of over fifty local residents, who came to listen and give their suggestions and support on the shop's future. Overall, the mood of the meeting was very positive.

The meeting began with the Chair, Nigel Paterson giving a brief overview of the current situation.

The information that the SCA has, currently based on two months data, indicates a modestly positive trading position. This would suggest that it is viable if operated under a 'Community' led structure, with a shop manager / co-ordinator and an extended team of volunteers.

There was an informal show of hands of those attending, which indicated overwhelmingly the wish to move forward with developing an ap-

propriate solution for setting up and running the Shop and Tea Room as a Community shop. Very encouraging were the many positive ideas which were shared in regard to support, structures and financing.

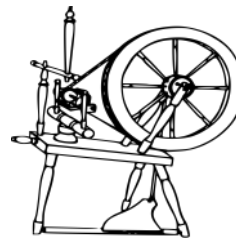
To ensure the continued success, now and into the future, there was an impassioned plea by Ann Marie, for additional volunteers. There are many roles a volunteer could take on including, serving customers, back-office administration, collection / deliveries. Anyone who is interested in finding out more can call in at the shop for a chat.

To setup as a Community Shop, will require start-up funding, in the main to enable the purchase of stock, activate a wholesaler newspaper account and the initial business expenses. If anyone feels they can pledge any money, please get in touch with the SCA on SCAcommunityshop@gmail.com or speak with a committee member.

There were many good ideas that people wrote down or discussed with committee members while everyone enjoyed food and drink provided. The committee will be meeting very soon to discuss the way forward in more detail so watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kate Holloway (Secretary)



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: 4th and 18th June
2nd and 16th July
at 2.30pm

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

**ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE
HALL**

**SKITTLES
& BBQ**

... BYOB ... RAFFLE ...



FRIDAY 21st JUNE

7.00 P M

Deer Watch

It's been a while since my last missive and I suspect you have all missed my deer blatherings! Anyway, thought I'd write another as it's one of my favourite times of year in the deer calendar.

By the time you read this roe does will have been having their kids since May. I've seen photos of roe kids since the beginning of that month. Roe does often have twins. When born they are striped and tiny and very cute indeed. Their mother will lay them in the long grass whilst she goes off to feed. They have no scent as a sort of survival device against predators. Sadly, the biggest predators they are likely to encounter are dogs off a lead or well-meaning humans who think they might be orphaned, pick them up and take them to the RSPCA whereupon the kid is ruined!

So ideally, folks, if you do see little roe babies in undergrowth or field margins please leave well alone. If it's their destiny to be eaten by a predator, better it's a wild one like a fox, badger or bird of prey!

The hedgerows, fields and woodlands at this time of year are simply beautiful with nature having well and truly woken up from the post-winter slumber and got going throughout the spring. Roe deer will be increasingly difficult to spot in the woodland.

Roe bucks become elusive as they mark out their territories prior to the rut beginning in July. If you are up at dawn or about at the other end of the day towards dusk, you might be lucky and see mature males marching along the boundaries of their 'patch' with their heads down sniffing for male intruders who they will then track down and fight. Their testosterone is building for the rut so they are effectively working out to get into shape for the battles ahead.

With regard to other deer, I had a very busy January through to March with some of the bigger species. The numbers of red and fallow deer in some parts of the country are truly staggering. I've been sent clips of herds of four hundred plus fallow rampaging through arable fields. If you're the farmer having sown a crop, four hundred fallow deer will cause a major issue. Particularly when you think an average fallow doe will consume 4kg of wet matter per day. That's a lot of grass...and other stuff!

Locally, with the very wet winter we have had, red deer have been trashing hedge banks and some woodlands. Saying that, nature does a good job of recovering as much as it can. Still, there will be more numbers to deal with come August.

Amazingly, I was on the way home from Bampton on Friday 18th May and we spooked a

muntjac doe and followed her for about one hundred yards. It's the first time I've seen a muntjac in this area – about two miles or so from Ashbrittle. Let's hope they don't make it to the parish gardens or I will be getting calls from grumpy gardeners complaining that their herbaceous borders are mysteriously disappearing...

This autumn there will be even larger numbers of red and fallow deer to cull so if you haven't tried it yet, eat some venison. It's completely natural, has no additives or chemical treatments, is low in cholesterol and high in protein and, most importantly, is delicious!

Anyway, hope you all get the chance to spot some deer in the next few weeks. Please feel free to send me any questions you might have: antonyweeks@btinternet.com

Antony Weekes



Beat Surgery

Stawley Village Shop and Tearoom

Tuesday 11th June
and 9th July

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 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 !

Kittisford Open Garden

Sunday June 30th



2.00 until 5.00 pm

Kittisford House

Kittisford House Wellington, *Somerset, TA21 0SA*

Tea, home-made cakes & wood-fired pizzas.

Garden tours at 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm

with the Head Gardner

Plant sales

Adults £5 Children Free

All proceeds in support of Kittisford Church

Contact Annie Musgrove amusgrove@cantab.net 07530310795

Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council
Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at
7:30 pm on the 14th May 2024

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM), Pat Sweet (PS), Matt Vellacott (MV), Clive Wall (CW).

1. Apologies for Absence: Sarah Jones (SJ); Dave Mansell (DM) (Somerset Councillor); Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor)

2. Election of Chairman and Allocation of Responsibilities.

i) Clive Wall had given notice of his resignation from Council earlier in the year, to be effective from the date of this meeting. Clive was heartily thanked for the seventeen years service as a Councillor, five of which were as Chairman. His steady thoughts and observations during this period will be sorely missed by the Council.

ii) PS proposed PM to continue as Chairman for the year. This was seconded by MV. PM was re-elected as Chairman and accepted the position.

The Portfolios were allocated as follows:

- PS – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
- MV – Highways
- SJ - Footpaths

The Planning Portfolio will be left open pending the election or co-option of a new Councillor.

3. Declarations of Interest – None

4. Minutes of last meeting.

These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere

Parish WhatsApp Group. This will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 21st May 2024..

6. Finance

The current bank balance is £15,103.30.

- Invoices;
An invoice for £59.04 has been received from Microsoft for the annual use of Microsoft 365. An invoice for £44.02 for renewal of support for the website has also been received. These were paid by the Clerk who will be reimbursed.

- Grants,
The following grants for burial ground and recreation area maintenance were authorised:

- Stawley £220.50
- Ashbrittle for Greenham £73.50
- Kittisford £196.00
- Pavilion £600
- Savings.

Lloyds bank are offering 4% interest on a 95 days notice or 2.5% on 32 days notice. However as the minimum to be invested is £10,000 it was decided that these were not suitable for the Council to take advantage of. The RFO will investigate other avenues for savings.

- Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR was presented to the Council who agreed that the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement was approved and could be signed.

7. Planning

35/23/0008 - Erection of a single storey link extension between dwelling and barn with construction of a first floor rear extension to the barn at Rose Cottage, Tracebridge. Approved with conditions

35/23/0010 - Erection of a single storey extension to the side of Newhouse Farm, Kittisford Road, Stawley – Approved with conditions

35/23/0011 - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing change of use of dwelling (C3) into a children’s residential care home (C2) at Brookbank, Kittisford Road, Stawley. Application withdrawn but replaced by 35/24/0001 for use as a home for up to four children. This application was approved on the 2nd April 2024.

Enforcement:

Kittisford Hedge – The latest from Somerset Enforcement Officer is that they are chasing the Planning Inspectorate and RPA for answers.

Tracebridge Quarry – No application has been made and there is no news of further enforcement.

8. Reports from Members

Roads – Potholes are being reported regularly but there is little action from Highways.

Footpaths – No report

9. Any Other Business –

Ashbrittle Parish Council will be making greater use of the stash.org.uk website.

CW will continue to ensure that the defibrillator at the Shop is maintained.

The Highways Working Group set up by the Local Community Network and based on Wiveliscombe is doing good work to alleviate

the financial stress being felt by Somerset Council. The Clerk will re-circulate the details to Councillors for their information.

The Government is encouraging all Councils to move to a .gov.uk website. As we have just paid for our domain for three years we will consider a move in 2026.

The Shop may need some funds in the future. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would be in a position to provide some seed capital and possibly on-going grant money if the shop became a community asset. A draft letter to the SCA informing them of this decision will be circulated to Councillors for approval.

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Follow the signs near Saint John the Baptist Church on June 30th at 6.00 pm.

Birthday Day is inspired by the short story, *A Notable Oaktree*, by Nick White, which itself was inspired by conversations with Somerset farmer Duncan Palmer. The story explores relationships, traditions, untold truths, birthdays and seasons of change. It brings people together through food and theatre, and encourages us to reflect on the relationships we have with our own community, the land and each other.

A glowing review from Gay Pirrie-Weir for *The Fine Times Recorder*

WASSAIL, known as Somerset's resident theatre company, is back with a bang (or at least a strawberry pavlova) in a new show called *Birthday Day*.

Based on a short story by company founder Nick White, it does what Wassail does best – get into the heart of the community to tell a tale that is a fiction about a situation that, in fact, happens all the time. On a strawberry farm in deepest Somerset, the family has lived, growing succulent fruit, raising cattle and passing the land down through the generations. Melissa's two daughters, Jean and Lily, are born on the same day, four years apart, and so their annual celebrations become *Birthday Day*, and all the family, friends and villagers are invited to tea.

Of course there are the usual sibling squabbles and contests, but the family is close, so when Jean announces she is leaving to live in Yeovil, it's shocking and disruptive. Times are changing, and the impact of the changes is felt in subsequent Birthday Days over the years. The family is conventional and although the technology of tractors might change, the social constraints and expectations remain rigidly conservative.

These three strong women, with their babies (played to perfection by a folded towel), evocatively take their tea-party guests through the decades with the help of beautifully sung, played and arranged pop music of the time. The actresses are Somerset-born or based and each creates a memorable character full of joy, hope, fear, love, disappointment, frustration and driving family loyalty.

The audience is involved as various relatives and villagers, and there is always the pavlova – the traditional centrepiece for *Birthday Day*.

Nick White has directed with a keen eye for detail and the perfect pace and tone, never veering towards the yokelese sometimes imaginatively imposed by outsiders! Eleanor Westbrook not only plays Melissa but an accordion and banjo, composed the music-scape and directed the excellent singing. Rachel Cohen is the sparky Jean, torn between her deep love of the farm and the family and her urge to get away and see the world. Helena Payne is homebody Lily, expected – as the youngest daughter – to do just what she's told by parents, relatives and her beloved older sister.

Birthday Day is the perfect summer entertainment, performed in the round in a tent to keep off the hottest of the sun and the wettest of the rain, bedecked with birthday-card-bunting, wild flowers and strawberries. This really is Wassail at its best, story-telling from the heart.

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Our speaker in April was Martin Jacoby. His subject was Heritage Interpretation - 'A Brief Autobiographical Ramble'. We were treated to a small insight into his pre-Stawley life. He was latterly working in Spain in an advisory role in biological sustainability. As ever we were dazzled by the breath of his expertise and knowledge.

Our speaker for June, recommended by Michael Parkinson, will be Emily Sharp. She has a freelance business called Study Sharp. She teaches British Sign Language and deaf awareness to businesses, charities and other organisations across the UK.

Her talk entitled 'Are You Hearing Their Voice?' will explore what is meant by the concept of deaf awareness. We will look at statistics around deaf people, have a brief insight into deaf culture and the challenges of lip reading. We will have the opportunity to learn some basic sign language phrases and go through the top ten tips for deaf awareness.

If you would like to join us on 27th June at 12 noon please let me know by Monday 23rd June as I need to give Jackie White, our cook, the numbers for lunch.

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

Delia Harling

Bees

It's that time of year when flowers everywhere are buzzing with the sound of bees. There are more than two hundred and fifty species of bee in the UK, including honeybees, bumblebees, mason bees, mining bees, leafcutter bees and carpenter bees.

The honeybee and eighteen of the twenty four bumblebee species in the UK are social insects. Social bumblebees live in colonies of twenty to three hundred and fifty individuals while honeybee hives typically have fifty to eighty thousand bees. While all social bees collect nectar and pollen for their young, in the UK, only honeybees make honey which feeds the colony over winter. Bumblebees may store nectar in wax cups but they do not store food for winter, typically workers and males die off and new queens hibernate until spring.

Some bee species may appear social but are either gregarious, choosing to nest close to each other in aggregations, or form communal associations, sharing a nest in which each female creates and provisions her own cell (where she will lay eggs and store pollen for the larva to eat when they hatch). In this latter case the single shared

entrance to a nest appears to offer some protection from parasites and predators.

Social bees make up less than 10% of bee species in the UK. Most of our bees are solitary, including six species of 'cuckoo' bumblebees, so called because, like the Cuckoo, they are parasitic. They don't have workers and don't collect pollen since they don't have to feed their young. They lay their eggs in the nests of other species, either taking over a colony by force or using mimicry to enter a host nest.

The European Red List for Bees indicates that almost one in ten species of wild bee now faces extinction. Two of our bumblebee species have already become extinct and eight others are now listed as conservation priority species due to large-scale declines in their distribution. More locally, a study of twenty three at risk bee species by Buglife reported in their South West Bee Project summary indicated that Somerset had lost six of the seventeen species which were historically present.

Changes in their environment

There are many reasons for declines in our bee species: pesticides and herbicides used in agriculture; habitat loss; increases in keeping and moving managed honeybees, which have spread diseases and parasites while also competing for pollen and nectar resources to name a few.

For anyone interested in supporting our bee species there is a wealth of information online which can guide you in bee friendly gardening (Buglife, The Wildlife Trusts and The Bumblebee Conservation Trust all host excellent resources). Principally this involves creating nesting habitats; ensuring that there is always water available; and especially providing a diverse range of flowers with high quality nectar and pollen.

You may also be inspired to join BeeWalk, a citizen-science scheme organised by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to monitor bumblebee abundance across the UK. Volunteers walk a route monthly, recording species and abundance of bumblebees they see as well as some other information on habitat, land-use categories and sometimes the species of flowers bees are visiting.

Frazer Higgins and Alesha Naranjit

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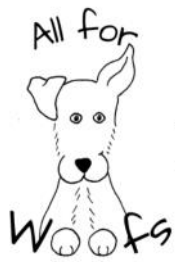
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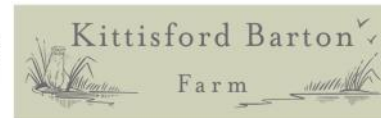
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**KITTISFORD, TRACEBRIDGE &
APPLEY:** 01823 245101

The VETS numbers are available should you need assistance in an emergency or help to access a defibrillator. Remember, in the event of a possible cardiac arrest in your household: **ALWAYS DIAL 999 FIRST IN AN EMERGENCY AND, IF A CHANCE ARISES, THEN DIAL THE VETS NUMBER, SPECIFYING THAT YOU NEED A DEFIBRILLATOR RATHER THAN GENERAL HELP**

There are four local **defibrillators** which are easy to use and available to anyone. They are permanently located at these places and can be found using the //What3words codes below.

Ashbrittle Village Hall, on outside wall
blurts.flats.crouching

Bathealton Village Hall, on outside wall
relatives.widgets.rolled

Kittisford New House Farm, on wall,
opposite church *bonkers.regime.lyricist*

Stawley Shop, on outside wall
messaging.servers.quaking

These are all accessible 24 hours a day and no access codes are required.

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Community Halls

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Local Groups

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PARISH NEWS DETAILS

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

1st	2.00 - 5.00 p.m.	Stawley Church Garden Party and Fete at Stawley Mill
5th and 19th	10.00 - 12.30 p.m.	Books, Biscuits, Coffee and Cakes at Stawley Mill
8th	10.00 - 1.00 p.m.	Ashbottle Arts - Clock Workshop in the Village Hall
20th	10.00 - 12 noon	Coffee, Cake and Chat in Ashbottle Village Hall
21st	7.00 p.m.	Ashbottle Midsomer BBQ on the Village Green
27th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbottle Village Hall
30th	2.00 - 5.00 p.m.	Open Garden with tours and teas at Kittisford House
30th	6.00 p.m.	Ashbottle Arts - Open air performance with Wassail Theatre

July

7th 2.00 - 5.00 p.m. Stawley Festival

September

8th Stawley Flower and Produce Show

October

6th 10.00 - 3.00 p.m. Apple Day at the Pavilion



A Service of Celebration was held at Stawley Church on Sunday 5th May to thank Graham and Nancy Henson for their long and dedicated service to Stawley Church. The Church was full with parishioners and ringing friends from far and wide.

Left to right - Frazer Higgins, Laurence Webber, Sue Webber, Jill Hansford, Pat Lee, Nigel Paterson, Nelly Calascoine, Colin Haddrell, Graham Henson, Rev. Dr. Maria Hearl, Nancy Henson, Angela Johnson, Jenny Henson and Penny Hare.

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