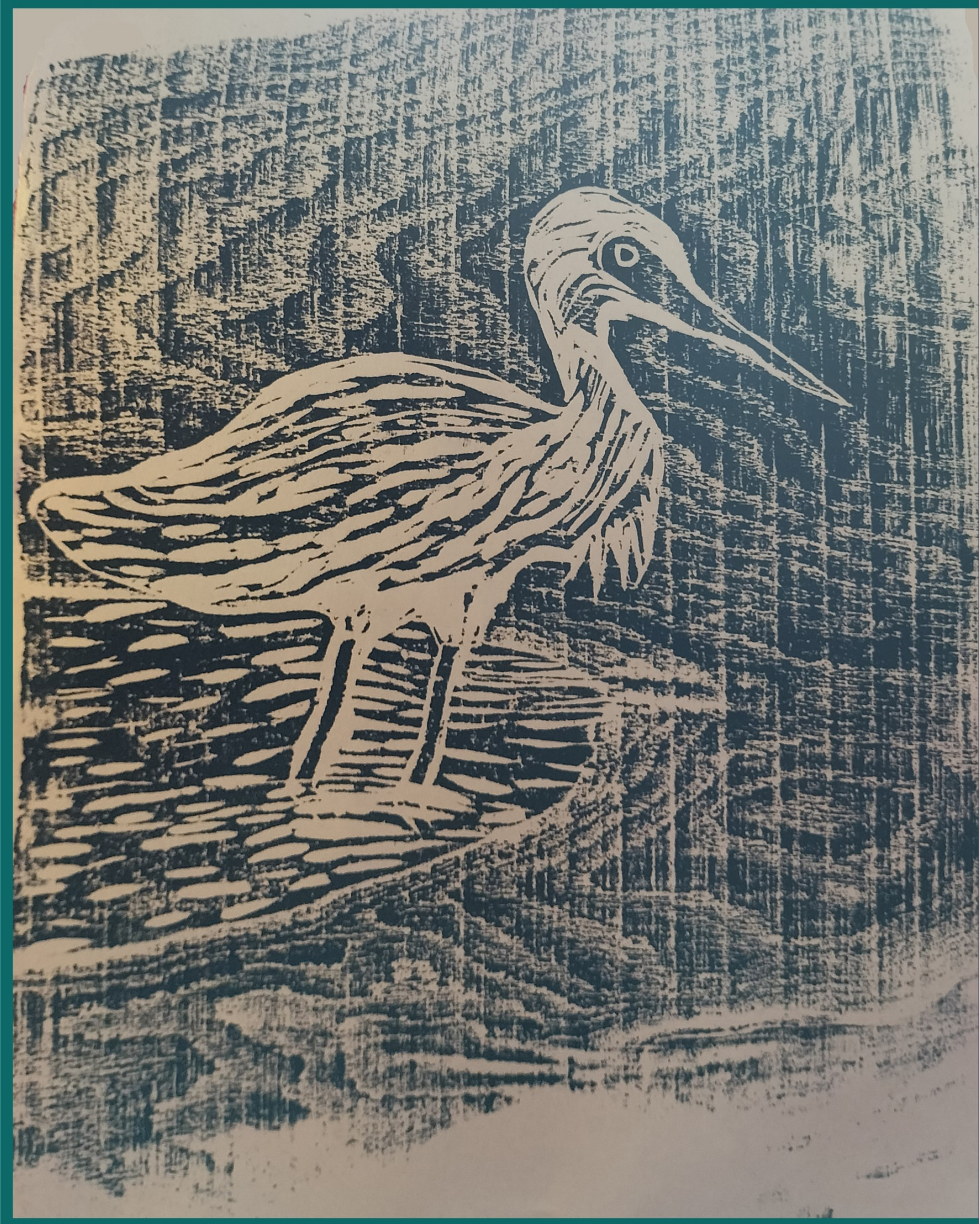


ASHBRITTLE GREENHAM STAWLEY BATHEALTON KITTISFORD



Parish news

September 2024

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

Church Services

Sunday 1st September 9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion Sung Eucharist	STAWLEY ROCKWELL GREEN
Sunday 8th September** 10.15 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Licensing of Rev'd Andrew Barton	ROCKWELL GREEN
Sunday 15th September 9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Morning Prayer Sung Eucharist	KITTISFORD ROCKWELL GREEN
Sunday 22nd September 9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	BATHEALTON ROCKWELL GREEN
Friday 27th September 6.30 p.m.	Harvest Festival	SAMPFORD ARUNDEL
Sunday 29th September 9.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity BCP Communion Harvest Festival Service at Rewe Farm, Thorne St Margaret	GREENHAM THORNE St MARGARET

****Everyone in our parishes is invited to the Celebration for a New Ministry**
of
The Reverend Andrew Barton
as Priest in Charge
of the new benefice of West Tone
by
The Rt Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells
and The Venerable Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton
at
Rockwell Green Church on Sunday 8th September at 10.15 a.m.
Refreshments will be provided after the service

Churchwardens and Clergy

Ashbrittle with Greenham	Charles Doble, The Old Rectory, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LQ	01823 672365
	David Hanks, Manley House, Ashbrittle, 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, Tucks Farm, Stawley, TA21 0HS	01823 672533

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Thought for the Month

Quakerspeak

Following Ali Dominy's interview with the Oak tree at Spiceland Quaker Meeting House, I was inspired to reflect on my own attendance at Wellington Meeting. One of the many joys of attending Wellington, or indeed, any, Quaker Meeting, is the time-honoured use of centuries-old words and phrases. These can be baffling for newcomers. I am indebted to Ealing Quaker Meeting for their comprehensive jargon-busting site.

<https://www.ealingquakers.org.uk/about/jargon-buster>

I could have done with reading this forty years ago! Here's a selection:

Discern – to seek the leading of the Spirit in reaching a decision, often in a Meeting for Worship for Business. Quakers love discernment about anything and everything and don't use voting to reach a decision.

Concern – an idea or prompting by the Spirit that leads a Friend to take on an issue as a personal crusade. The Friend will probably bring their concern to their business meeting to be tested, that is to see if it is a true 'concern' or simply a 'notion'. Quakers try to judge rarely, but deciding when something is a notion is one time when they do. Not the kindest term. Not often used.

Occur – as in 'This Friend's name would not have occurred to me', used when deciding on nominations of Quakers to particular roles as a way of disagreeing with whether an individual is appropriate for a role.

My Friend speaks my mind – said during business meetings when another Friend has just spoken exactly what you were thinking, and you cannot stop yourself from saying something.

Prevented – when a Friend can't make Meeting for Worship.

And here's two I'd never heard of:

Daffodil ministry – every spring a Friend notices how lovely the daffodils look as they come to meeting for worship, and they minister about how lovely the world is. Sometimes a pejorative term to describe uncritical and predictable ministry.

Popcorn ministry – There are days when everybody seems to have something to say at meeting for worship. There is little or no silence,

and people burst into ministry like a panful of popcorn on the stove. A pejorative term.

One of my favourites is **Right ordering** – the correct manner of doing things, in keeping with Quaker tradition and practice - a body of wisdom and insights that has evolved over three hundred years of seeking the guidance of the Spirit.

The English language is another source of joy and delight, with its own hotly debated rules for **right ordering**. I will re-visit this splendidly controversial subject in another article!

Avril Silk



Harvest Festival
Lunch
at
Stawley Mill

On Sunday 6th October

£10.00 per head

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

Kittisford Harvest Festival
Sunday 20th October at 4.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us in a
service of celebration with the
Village Festival Choir

Light refreshments after the service



Contact Annie Musgrove for further information



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.**

**Spiceland is open for Heritage Day
on
Sunday 15th September 2024
2 - 5pm**



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Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Unfortunately, due to the dwindling membership since lockdown, the decision has been made finally to close this group

I would like to thank all members past and present, for their participation and encouragement in the art and craft sessions we have held

Pauline Wood

Stawley Flower and Produce Show Sunday 8th September

The schedule and entry forms are included with this month's issue of the Parish News. They will also be available from the Stawley Village Shop.

Staging will be on Saturday, 7th September from 6.00pm - 8.00pm and Sunday 8th September from 8.00am - 10am.

Please return entry forms by Thursday 5th September to suejacoby@gmail.com or to the Village Shop. Payment either on the day or with the entry form at the Shop. **Late entries on the day are £1.00 each.**

Any enquiries contact me by email or on 07471 202971.

Sue Jacoby

A Celebration of Autumn Stawley Church

**Wednesday 16th October
7.00pm**



All are welcome to join the Village Festival Choir, led by John Young, in singing some favourite music and sharing readings to celebrate Harvest and the arrival of autumn.

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on
Wednesday 9th October

To place an order, please email:
judy.milne@btopenworld.com or contact
Judy or Michael Milne on 01823 672205 by the
Monday before the Wednesday delivery
New members always welcome

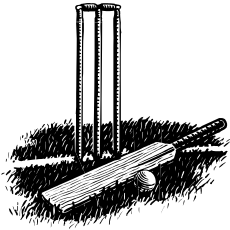


STAWLEY FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER at 2.30pm
APPLEY PAVILION



Pimms and pudding and traditional cream tea. Raffle.
With WIVELELE
Wiveliscombe Ukulele group





Ashbrittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club

Silverware for the 2nds!

As we approach the final few weeks of the 2024 cricket season, we've had a recent run of both good and bad news from the club.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be in the West Somerset League Cup Final for our 1st XI vs Over Stowey, painfully losing with just eight balls to spare. However the 1st's are still well in the hunt for the Division 1 title, only needing twenty six points to guarantee the trophy with two fixtures left to play.

It was also a brilliant weekend for our 2nd XI who have secured the Division 4 title along with promotion to Division 3! This result is an incredible achievement for our 2nd's as this will be their first promotion from the 4th Division since their inception. After consistent performances this year, they secured top spot going into what would've been the play-off games.

However, we recently had news that the play-off games were to be cancelled this year due to lack of players from all sides. This means that the 2nds have won the title!

The 1st XI still have two fixtures to go against Stoke St Mary away, and then a huge game vs 2nd place Bagborough at home to conclude the season.

Remaining fixtures

There will be a Family Fun Evening following the Bagborough fixture on 31st August with the very first Ashbrittle Olympics, BBQ, Music, Games and a raffle!

Please feel free to bring family and friends, as we look to celebrate a successful season for both 1st and 2nd Teams!

If you'd like to bring a raffle prize, that would be greatly appreciated.

Callum Hamer

New arrivals

If anyone is aware of someone moving into any of our parishes, would they please let me know, on 01823 672054 so that I can supply them with a 'Welcome Pack' as was previously supplied by the RCI.

Many thanks.

Mike Parkinson

Bathealton Parish Walk



Come and join us

Why : great time to have a nice walk with the local community and meet new friends. Bring your children and dogs (on leads).

**When: Sunday 15th September
at 2.00 p.m.**

Meet at Bathealton Village Hall

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Coffee, Cake and Chat

Ashbrittle Village Hall

Saturday 21st September

10.00 - 12.00 noon

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

Please come and join us - all welcome !

News from the Parish News

Donation received from:
Sarah Royal

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



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Silence

“Silence!” Shouts the angry teacher to their unruly class. Suddenly there is quiet, but the air is filled with the noiseless collective whimper of a cowering dog. Silence may be silent but not always quiet.

Consider the triumphant end of a grand symphony, coming to a loud crescendo, then stopping. Not a sound between then and the rapturous applause which soon erupts. That absence of sound for a few seconds has a lot to say, and all part of the experience of orchestra and people.

We all like peace and quiet. It rests us. It uplifts us. It is comforting like a cuddly toy, after a lot of noise, clamour and busyness. After a day spent in a city, touring the shops, we come home. If the weather is warm and sunny, we sit in the garden, cup of tea to hand, and admire the view. Peace. Silence. Apart from the birds twittering in the bushes, a distant throb of a tractor and an occasional breeze lipping through nearby branches.

“But my words like silent raindrops fell and echoed in the wells of silence.” (Paul Simon)

Writers have spoken of the idea that the stars and planets have sounds, even music. It all looks very quiet to us. Suppose we were able to fly to the sun, in a non-inflammable spaceship: we go well into the outer flames of our star, and then open a window. What might we hear? Anything? Or a vast confusion of burning and explosions, too immense and terrifying to hear? The noise of London’s traffic at rush hour would be silence by comparison.

Let’s go back to the quiet garden. Imagine you are there. Close down on hearing the noise of your own breathing, and still the thoughts if only for a while. Listen. In the quiet, what do you hear? In the box below, jot down the noises you noticed, from the louder, more obvious ones, to the more distant, unobtrusive discoveries.

Did you do that? Did you enjoy it? What may have seemed like silence wasn’t, was it? Yet if silence is made equal with quiet, then there was a quietness about it, sometimes inspiring, sometimes brooding, that depends, perhaps, on the mood.

You may like to take it further. You are still in your place of relaxation. Listen again to what you had been hearing. This time, in your

mind, your feelings, your inner being, try to reach out beyond what you’ve heard. Reach for the stars, if you like. Reach for the silence of the universe. Spend a while moving yourself out there, as far as you can. What do you hear?

Or rather, what do you sense?

That great silence has a power, even a presence that you become aware of, and that enfolds you as part of itself. After all, you are a being of your garden and of the universe, in the silence that’s all around you.

That’s what the Bible means when it says “Be still, and know that I am God.” It’s what the Christian knows as the basis of prayer.

Martin Perry

Garden too small?

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A friendly warm space: time to catch up with old friends or meet new ones.

A light lunch of home-made soup; pies; sausage rolls and a selection of savoury dishes. Handcrafted sandwiches; artisan bread; homemade cakes and desserts with unlimited fresh cafetiere of coffee or a selection of teas: Cost £10.00*

Where: Bathealton Village Hall TA42AL:

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When: 2nd September and 23rd September 2024

7th October and 21st October 2024

Time: We will serve food from 12 noon till 3pm

Why: Make new friends or catch up with old.

The new are silver and the old are gold.

Please call Dee or Del to reserve a place: 07355 810132

* With a percentage going to the Village Hall.

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Lunch Club

Our latest speakers were Jo Hartas with Sue Jacoby and Anna Lisa D'eath. The topic was 'what to do with a garden in August which is either suffering from floods or drought'.

Discussion was lively and varied with lots of hard information about hardy plants and lots of audience participation.

We also had the good fortune to see a short film of Jo in her garden made by Michael Fairfax and originally destined for the BBC. It all looked wonderfully dreamy and relaxing, as if absolutely no work had been involved.

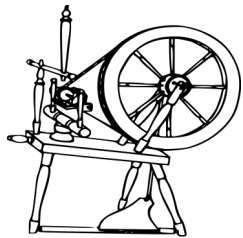
In September our speaker will be Jeremy Hammett, a neighbour from Appley. Having spent a career as a marine engineer he retired early and concentrated on his overwhelming interest in Astrophotography. He has bought a large telescope and set it up in Appley.

Jeremy will give us an introduction into what we may see in the night sky with illustrated descriptions of objects he has photographed.

If you would like to come to what is sure to be a most interesting talk, please book a place, no later than Monday 23rd September, at lunch club.

The date is Thursday 26th September at 12.00 noon. My contact details for booking are: email harlingdelia@gmail.com or telephone 01823 672203.

Delia Harling



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: 3rd and 17th September
1st and 15th October
at 2.30pm

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

GARDEN PAINTING DAYS

With Jane Embleton

At the Old House, Ashbrittle, TA21 0LE

September 25th 10.30 - 4 pm.

Treat yourself to a whole day painting or drawing the garden, sheds, barns or the spectacular views around the garden or in the village.

Morning coffee and a mostly homegrown lunch and cake included.

Undercover spaces for too much heat or rain, tuition, guidance and some basic materials are on offer or just come and do your own thing.

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Stawley Community Association



Stawley Village Shop & Tea Room

A Significant Milestone

September sees a number of significant steps forward in the transition of the Village Shop & Tea Room to a Community Volunteer led business. As of 1st September, the SCA takes over the running of the Village Shop & Tea Room.

Thank you to both Sally and Martin for kindly taking on and running the shop over the last six months. Their valued support has allowed us to reach this significant milestone in the life of Stawley Shop.

As part of this change we warmly welcome Vikki Voysey into the newly created position of shop coordinator. Vikki will support our volunteer team with the business administration, including supplier and stock management.

Key to this change, is the increased support of our wonderful volunteers, who have re-organised themselves to ensure that all the shop opening hours can be covered, with a new, refreshed menu for the tea room.. Our volunteers are key; their continued commitment, freely providing their valuable time and skills, makes all the difference and allows the continuity of our community shop. If you can spare some time, then please come and join the growing volunteer team.

Our Setup Fundraising, that was commenced in August, with a target of £10,000, is rapidly progressing, having already reached in excess of a third of our requirements. Thank you to those who have already kindly donated, it is so appreciated.

If you can support, no matter how large or small, please could you donate via a bank transfer to:

Account Name: Stawley Community Association Ltd

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-46-05

Acc. No: 41236350

If you would like to reach out and discuss, then please either, email scacommunityshop@gmail.com or telephone.

Nigel Paterson (Chair)
Stawley Community Association
Telephone: 07795 664043

Bathealton Village Hall AGM Minutes

Present: Stephen Cottrell (SC), Shelley Ward (SW), Dennis Sheehan (DS), Jess Bunn (JB), Phil Broad (PB), Mike Tarr, Adele Broad, Chris Campbell

Apologies: Tilly Willis, Simone van der Linden

Minutes: Agreed by all

Chairman's Report:

The attic sale was a great success and raised about £400. There was also a music evening, and talk about Grand House decorations. A very well attended quiz was enjoyed by all.

Further events had been curtailed by the need to renew the floor and install new kitchen equipment.

There was a question over who had decided on the make of cooker and sink as no members of the committee seemed to have been involved in the decision.

Finances:

The report, produced by the treasurer, was reviewed and agreed.

Election of members:

All members of the committee are Trustees of the Village Hall.

Stephen Cottrell: Acting Chairman and Treasurer

Shelley Ward: Secretary

Dennis Sheehan: Estates

Tilly Willis: Booking Secretary

Additional Members:

Adele Broad – proposed by SC, seconded by DS – agreed by all; Simone van der Linden – proposed by JB, seconded by SW – agreed by all.

All other members were re-elected.

User Group Members:

Parish Council: Jess Bunn

Parochial Church Council: Stephen Cottrell

Pop up café: Adele Broad

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

David Hugh-Smith

AOB:

SC stated that all the fire extinguishers had appropriate certificates. Fire drill was discussed

Mike Tarr thanked DS, SC, PB and CC for their hard work renovating the village hall. An excellent job had been done on a very tight budget as the members had done the work themselves. All the village hall committee members agreed as previously recorded.

Shelley Ward (Secretary)

Rainfall Statistics (inches) for July

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.68	3.66	0.55	4.25	3.03

Val Coots



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The Globe INN Appley

The trees are thriving in our new wood!

We completed our summer maintenance weekend recently and it was really exciting to see how well the trees, that all you wonderful donors and volunteers planted in February, are doing.

From a personal perspective, we may not have been all that happy about the very wet first half to this year, but the trees have loved the rain which has helped them get off to a great start. A great relief after the type of severe droughts experienced in recent years where competition for water can mean saplings struggle and tree losses can be high.

We've recently inspected the trees and found around twenty trees that have not survived, which is only about 1% of what we planted. On average losses are around 10% so we're doing really well so far, though it's early days in the life of our trees and there are still likely to be more losses.

The weekend involved checking all the trees and guards and resetting any that had fallen over. The grass has grown long so sometimes these were hard to spot but in nearly all cases the sapling was still there poking up through the grass.

Where we could see that grass was growing inside the tube and smothering the sapling we lifted the tube and weeded around the tree to give it some light. Many of the tubes were clear of grass which could be because of the vigorous 'screefing' many were doing whilst planting in February. A special thanks to the 'screefers'.

Amazing growth

It was amazing to see how much the trees had grown; depending on the species some were already half way up the tube and several already surging out of the top. Some of the thorny shrubs even had berries!

We've also started monitoring biodiversity; plants, birds and insects, in the field. Steve, the ecologist at Protect Earth has suggested several types of surveys such as nesting birds, a butterfly transect and moth traps and we are enlisting 'citizen scientists' to help carry these out. It's going to be very interesting to track how it changes over time, hopefully for the better. Do let us know if you or anyone you know would be interested in helping out with this.

We have been impressed already by the number of butterflies flocking to the field, despite it being less than a year since sheep grazing was halted. We will keep monitoring, as the woodland develops, over the years (and decades), and keep you updated.

Do visit the website <https://woodcouldshould.org/> or follow on Instagram for

more photos and news on the project including our plans for a wildlife pond and the work we are planning to restore the existing woodland, and please take a look around the field any time you happen to be going near that part of Somerset (and share what you see).

Looking ahead we will shortly be reserving the remaining 2850 trees to plant next February and will keep you posted on dates.

Adam, Kiran and Lawrence.

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Stawley Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held at Appley Pavilion
at 7:30 pm on the 6th August 2024

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM), Sarah Jones (SJ), Matt Vellacott (MV), Olga Dawer (OD) - see below.

Co-option of new Councillor – Olga Dawer was co-opted as a Councillor, signed the declaration of duties and interests and took part in the following parts of the meeting.

Finance: The current bank balance is £13,611.63.

Savings: As part of the application to the Unity Bank a “business plan” has to be provided. A draft of this is being prepared and will be discussed and possibly approved at the next Council Meeting.

Planning

35/24/0005 - Demolition of part of school buildings with erection of a single storey 2 No. classroom primary school with relocation of canopy structure and associated external works at Stawley Primary School, Stawley. It was agreed that this application should be supported but a comment should be added highlighting the problems of traffic flow and requesting a sustainable transport report to encourage parents to make alternative arrangements to parking outside the gate of the school.

35/24/0006 - Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations at Stawley Wood Farm, Stawley Wood, Stawley, Wellington. No comment.

43/24/0065 - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage at Woodpeckers, Ham Hill, Stawley, Wellington. No comment.

Reports from Members

Roads – It was suggested that the turning to Cothay outside Greenham Barton was very dangerous because of a lack of a sight line towards Greenham bridge. This could be improved by the provision of a mirror on the wall of Greenham Barton. The owners of the house will be approached to determine whether they would agree to this.

Footpaths – Mr Melrose, who has been an excellent Footpath Warden in our area, may be redeployed. This may mean more self-help in the Parish for footpath maintenance.

The meeting closed at 8:14 p.m.

The full minutes can be viewed at <https://stash.org.uk/>

Paul Musgrove, Chairman

Wivey Cares - an Introduction

Wivey Cares is a Charity registered project run by the community for the community. The activities of the organisation cover the ‘ten parishes’ which include Ashbrittle, Bathealton and Stawley.

Wivey Cares was set up in September 2019. In its first year it served one hundred and five clients and recruited eighteen Micro-Providers (Self Employed Carers) and twenty two volunteers.

We now have fifty Self Employed Carers, and in the current business year have dealt with one hundred and thirty seven client requests so far. Since our inception we have cared for more than five hundred clients!

Care ranges from companionship to full personal care. Our only expense is the coordinator who maintains a list of carers, receives referrals and sends a few to the person needing support. The client then chooses the carer they wish to employ and then a contract is signed between the client and the carer.

This pioneering project has many benefits including :-

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There are some six thousand churches in Britain with bells where regular ringing takes place. Some towers may have six bells, (mostly country churches), some eight or ten or even twelve bells (mostly Cathedrals). Each bell requires one ringer to pull on the rope to swing the bell and cause the clapper to hit the inside of the bell with a dong!

In this country the swing of the bell is controlled so that the bell can be held motionless in an upright position. This gives the familiar sound of ‘one note at a time’ ringing as opposed to Continental ringing where the bells ring in a haphazard (but joyful) clatter.

A part of history

The weight of the bell can vary from some three hundredweight to over three tons. The heaviest bell in the county is the tenor in Wells Cathedral. Each bell has its own particular character to ring, depending on where, when and how it was cast and how it has been hung in the tower.

At Stawley we are fortunate in having three bells cast by the Exeter foundry between 1420 and 1440, two bells cast in 1871 and the lightest bell cast in 1902. Of these six bells, the tenor, the heaviest bell, weighs eight and a half hundredweight: the lightest bell, the treble, weighs three and a half hundredweight. At Ashbrittle there are six bells, whereas Kittisford and Bathealton only have four apiece. The tenor bells weigh eight, seven and seven cwt respectively.

So much for the local bells. The local bell ringers vary too in age, weight and character! We all enjoy the challenge of ringing as a team and keeping up a centuries old village tradition. We have recently rung for a local wedding and a funeral as well as helping out at a neighbouring tower when they were short of ringers.

If you would like to find out more, come and join us at our Thursday evening practice at seven o’ clock in Stawley Church.

Angela Medlycott

Gardening Club

Following last month’s visits to Stogumber open gardens and ‘The Secret Gardens of Bampton’, on 25th July we visited the gardens at Marwood Hill Gardens, near Barnstaple. They cover an area of twenty acres in a steeply wooded valley. They were purchased in 1949 by Dr Jimmy Smart, a local GP and anaesthetist and keen plantsman. The whole garden is maintained by a staff of three employees, plus a number of volunteers.

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Sixteen members of the club arrived for the necessary cup of coffee after which we were given a very interesting talk by the Head Gardener, Malcolm Pharoah. He has been tending the gardens for forty years and came back from retirement ten years ago to make some improvements!

After a morning strolling round the gardens in a light drizzle we returned to the café for a delicious lunch, after which we made an obligatory visit to the plant sales! Our thanks go to Brenda Hollick for organising this trip.

On 21st August twenty two members came together at Chackeridge for a Bring-and-Share supper. The views are superb looking towards the Blackdown Hills. The weather thankfully stayed dry but there was a chilly wind which was noticeable in the exposed positions. We had a leisurely stroll round both gardens, which were looking very trim, before gathering for a delicious meal provided by members.

The evening ended with a bit of a sing-song in the summerhouse. Our thanks go to the hosts Nigel and Ann-Marie and Gerry and Judy and all members for providing such lovely grub!

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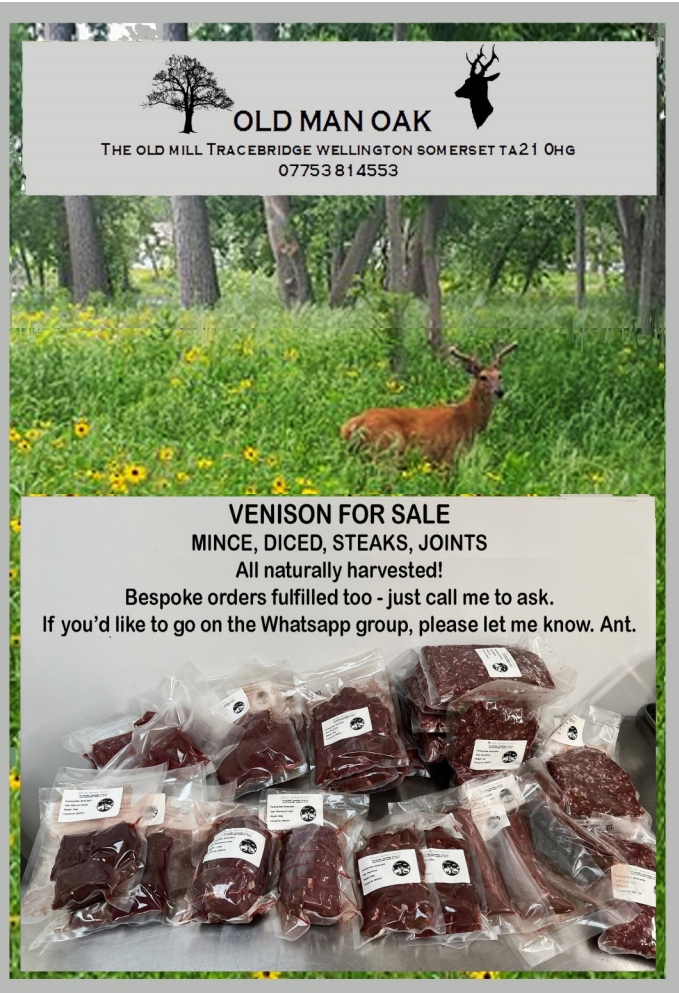
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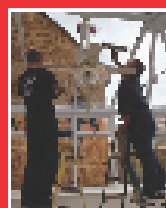
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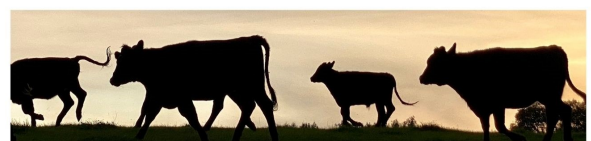


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4th and 18th	10.00 - 12.30 p.m.	Books, Biscuits, Coffee and Cakes at Stawley Mill
8th	2.30 - 5.00 p.m.	Stawley Flower and Produce Show
15th	2.00 p.m.	Bathealton Parish Walk - meet at the Village Hall
15th	2.0 - 5.00 p.m.	Heritage Open Day at Spiceland
20th	7.00 p.m.	'No-one is listening' Ashbrittle Arts in the Village Hall
21st	10.00 - 12 noon	Coffee, Cake and Chat in Ashbrittle Village Hall
26th	12 noon	Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall

October

5th	7.0 p.m.	'Curry by Candlelight' in Bathealton Village Hall
6th	10.00 - 3.00 p.m.	Apple Day at the Pavilion



Congratulations to the newly weds, Luke and Lucy Williams, as they emerge from Ashbrittle Church under a traditional and symbolic archway of pitchforks, cricket bats and hockey sticks.

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