



Parish news

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

Church Services**Sat 1st Nov**

6.00pm Reflection time for All Souls St. Margaret's, Thorne St. Margaret
 Candlelight, time to reflect, and beautiful music, as we remember those we have loved and lost. If you would like someone to be remembered - email welcome@westtone.org.uk

Sun 2nd Nov All Saints Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion Service St. Michael's, Stawley
 11.15am Patronal Sung Eucharist All Saints', Rockwell Green
 11.15am BCP Communion Service St. John the Baptist, Ashbrittle

Sun 9th Nov Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Remembrance Communion Holy Cross, Sampford Arundel
 10.45am Remembrance Service St. Margaret's, Thorne St. Margaret
 11.15am Remembrance Eucharist All Saints', Rockwell Green

Sun 16th Nov

9.30am Holy Communion Service St. Margaret's, Thorne St. Margaret
 9.30am Morning Service St. Nicholas', Kittisford
 11.15am Sung Eucharist Service All Saints', Rockwell Green

Thu 20th Nov

7.00pm **Church in the pub** The Globe Inn, Appley
 RSVP welcome@westtone.org.uk Join us at The Globe Inn for good company, food, drink and chats about life and faith, often providing more laughs than answers. Please note the different date this month.

Sun 23rd Nov

9.30am Holy Communion Service St. Bartholomew's, Bathealton
 11.15am Sung Eucharist Service All Saints', Rockwell Green
 6.00pm Evensong Service Holy Cross, Sampford Arundel

Sun 30th Nov First Sunday of Advent

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion St. Peter's, Greenham
 Join us for this musical service as we start the Christmas countdown. Please note the later start time going forwards.

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 Sarah Eustice, Oakwood, Spring Grove, TA4 1NL 01823 401248

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

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Priest-in-Charge

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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 - 'The River Tone' by Frank Colebrooke.

Thought for the Month

Remembrance

As the leaves slowly fall from the beautiful trees around us, so the celebrations that we have enjoyed over harvest time fall away as our minds now turn to a different season, that of remembrance. This is less celebration and more commemoration, and no less important for that shift in style.

Remembrance for you might start with All Souls, a time where people remember those they have loved and lost, human certainly and possibly animal too. It is a chance to pause and ponder on the lives that have touched us, shaped us and that we now miss and mourn.

If you would like a safe place to remember someone who has died, with candlelight and some beautiful music, then please join us at St. Margaret's Church on Saturday 1st November at 6.00pm.

Remembrance Day is traditionally marked on the second Sunday of November and so this year falls on 9th November. This important Memorial Day is observed not only in the UK but also across the globe. Here we stop to commemorate the contribution and loss of British and Commonwealth servicemen and women in the World Wars (*see article on page 8*) and all worldwide conflicts since.

There are many local church services on Remembrance Sunday, including ours at St. Margaret's Church in Thorne St. Margaret at 10.45am, with an earlier one at Holy Cross Church in Sampford Arundel at 9.30am. All are welcome as we join the national two-minute silence so, in the words of King George V, our "thoughts may be concentrated on reverent remembrance".

The 11th hour of the 11th day leads us to also mark Armistice Day on 11th November. Closely associated with Remembrance Day it marks the moment that the Armistice came into effect on the Western Front during the First World War. Originally dedicated therefore to the remembrance of all those who fell in the First World War, its meaning changed after the world went to war again in 1939.

It can be easy to lose hope that wars will never end. Since the world wars there has been conflict somewhere in the world every year. So, what are we to do, how should we respond? Remembering those who have died and commemorating their sacrifice can concentrate the mind. But this alone is clearly not enough.

Peace is something to be actively sought and worked upon. Whilst we may not find ourselves at the negotiating tables in the battles between Ukraine and Russia, or those in the

Middle East, we can certainly keep in mind the people who are. We can pray for them, and peacemakers everywhere.

We should also not underestimate the role that we can each play daily, building and maintaining peace within our families, workplaces and communities. Kindness and forgiveness in the face of hurt can be hard but valuable, particularly when reciprocated. We are fortunate to have many wonderful local organisations working hard to bring a just and peaceful society, in areas like food poverty, education and the environment.

A friend recently reminded me of Professor Dumbledore, that well known peacemaker of the Harry Potter world. He was quoted as once saying that happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light. In this season where we remember those who died fighting for peace, who can you turn the light on for today?

Revd Andy Barton

Coffee morning

On October 9th we enjoyed the generous hospitality of Sue and Martin Jacoby at their Church Cottage Coffee Morning. Items were purchased from the bring and buy table (it's never too early to buy a Christmas present!) and there was a plentiful selection of biscuits to accompany our coffee.

The autumn sun emerged through the morning and we were able to stroll around Sue's beautiful garden, then relax in the sun room while the raffle tickets were drawn.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone there (and some who weren't) a total of £300 was raised towards repairs to the tower of Stawley Church.

Annette Haddrell

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on
Wednesday 10th December

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

Mobile Library

at Greenham Bridge
**Next visits: 18th November
and 16th December**
9.50 - 10.10 a.m.

Country Matters

Landrace gardening: growing plants that are “just right”

Lately I’ve been interested in Landrace (or Adaptation) gardening. It is a simple, low effort approach that allows us to harness nature’s adaptability. I was first attracted to it because it offers the option of less watering, weeding, feeding and protection of crops while still providing good yields of tasty, nutritious food. What really intrigued me though, was that food crops didn’t historically need such intensive care. Intentionally or not, modern varieties were bred this way and landrace gardening is a way to return natural resilience and vigour to our crops.

“Landrace” literally translates to “country bred”. Traditionally, crops would adapt to a farm’s local conditions (including climate, pests, disease and the farmer’s growing practices) because the farmer would re-plant seed saved from the previous year. These plants developed characteristics making them an identifiable group (similar to a plant variety). However, unlike formal plant varieties they contained enough genetic diversity to remain adaptable to environmental conditions year to year. This meant yield was fairly stable across years even in adverse conditions.

Currently available varieties are often bred to thrive under ideal conditions of temperature, light, water, food and protection from pest and disease. They are often not the “right plant” for our place and we have to work harder to get them to thrive in our less-than-ideal conditions. Even varieties specifically bred to tolerate adverse conditions such as drought, may lack the genetic diversity to adapt to new adverse conditions, such as flooding. The good news is that by planting several of these varieties and saving the seed we can create our own resilient landraces.

Survival of the fittest

The foundation of Landrace Gardening is based on “survival of the fittest”, “promiscuous pollination” and planting saved seed. Seed saving for this method does not require a minimum number of “parents” or isolating varieties; the more cross-fertilising the better. While promiscuous pollination is desired, some plants, like wheat or tomatoes, don’t cross well. This is overcome by planting a mixture of varieties of that crop and saving seed as usual. Sometimes just doing this can produce plants which cross-pollinate more readily. The only “rule” is that you only save seed from plants that are thriving: if you had to “help them along” they aren’t suitable for your conditions.

A fascinating result from this process is racoon-resistant corn plants. Racoons were allowed

access to the corn plants and seed was saved from undamaged plants. This seed produced plants that were tall, strong and too much trouble for racoons to push over. Other good examples are carrots that thrived in un-weeded beds; and landrace squash which were untouched by squash-bug while heirloom varieties in the same garden were decimated. There’s even traditional Mexican landrace corn which fixes nitrogen from the air, allowing it to thrive in nitrogen-poor soil. Something modern corn varieties are incapable of doing without additional fertiliser.

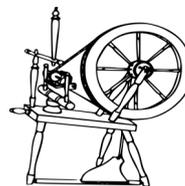
It’s an interesting approach to dabble in or to jump in with both feet. It is low effort, can provide plants which are resilient in the face of climate change, help support biodiversity and lets you creatively select plant characteristics. However it does take time to see results (usually about three years) so you will need to trust the process.

Alesha Naranjit

Rainfall Statistics (inches) for September 2025

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
3.66	3.66	5.47	5.83	4.02

Val Coots



Spinning and Woolcraft Group

A twice-monthly get-together at a member’s house for textile crafting, chat and a cuppa

Perhaps you would like to learn to spin with us?
Or bring along your knitting, crochet or other needlework project

All welcome

If you would like to join us, please contact me and I will add you to the mailing list.

Next Sessions

Tuesdays: 4th and 18th November
2nd and 16th December
at 2.30pm

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



CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOPS

Friday 28th November 10am-12.30pm £35
Sunday 30th November 1pm-3.30pm £35
Sunday 7th December 1pm-3.30pm £35
Saturday 13th December 1pm-3.30pm £35
Sunday 14th December 10am-12.30pm £35

Join craft expert Anna-Lisa De'Ath,
AKA The Crafty Country Fox, in her stunning
Stawley studio (TA21) to create your very own
gorgeous fresh foliage wreath.

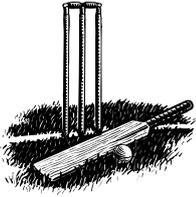
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As featured in
Your Home
Christmas Made Easy
magazine
&
Country Homes
& Interiors
magazine





Ashbittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club

To wrap up our 2025 Season, we held our Presentation Evening!

Our Award Winners:

1st XI Player's Player - Luke Williams

1st XI Captain's Player - Steven Grant

1st XI Batting Average - Sam Shaikh

1st XI Bowling Average - Steven Grant

2nd XI Player's Player - Chris Hill

2nd XI Captain's Player - Ellie Popplestone

2nd XI Batting Average - Chris Hill

2nd XI Bowling Average - Mike Hill

President's Cup - Mark White



*Congratulations to all of the award winners,
very well deserved.*

We also completed our End of Season renovations and ground tidy before shutting down for the winter.

We'd like to thank all of the usual volunteers who came to help, along with a couple of new faces who stepped up to the job. We appreciate all the hard work and time that goes into this club.

Callum Hamer

Ashbittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club

AGM

8.00 pm on Friday 7th November
at
Appley Pavilion

All Most Welcome

Gardening Group

On Wednesday 15th October a select group of just six members visited Post Box Cottage, West Bagborough. This 18th century cottage is owned by Martin and Jill Jones who have lived there for twenty years, in former times it was the village bakery. They have created the garden from scratch.

What had been a concrete foundation for the previous bakery outbuildings is now an area incorporating a conservatory and a gravelled path bordered by numerous tender plants in pots which can be removed under cover in the winter.

Looking down the slope of the garden, on the left is a meandering path which leads to the orchard. Near the top of this path can be found a Banana palm which is partially hidden by a tree fern, a beautiful pink Fuchsia paniculata growing to six ft, numerous other fuchsias, a Cercis canadensis with lovely autumn colour.

In the central section of the garden were numerous shrubs and perennials and a Liquidambar styracifolia again with autumn colour. On the right-hand side at this level were meandering paths surrounding a circular bed with an arbour. The edges of many of the beds were bordered with tender plants which are moved in the winter.

A lateral path at this level bisects the garden and is bordered by a hedge of purple-leaved, white-flowered Dahlias, below which is the productive vegetable garden. Another border separates this from the orchard, which is about a third of an acre with beautiful views over the countryside towards Exmoor. This used to be damson trees which were grubbed up and has now been replaced by a mixture of trees and shrubs with a pond at the lower end.

Both Martin and his wife were very knowledgeable about their plants and very welcoming. After they had given us a conducted tour of the garden we were treated to tea and delicious cakes in their conservatory. We also came away with Japanese apples and Quince.

Thank you to Maggi for organising this visit to a garden which could easily feature on Gardener's World!

Mike Parkinson

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MENU

STARTERS

Duo of spicy white crab cakes

Served on a bed of salad with mayo or a sweet chilli dip

Duo of breaded Camembert rounds

Served on a bed of lettuce with a cranberry or sweet chilli dip

Pâté with Melba toast

Classic prawn cocktail

Served with Marie-Rose sauce and Melba toast

MAIN COURSES

Potter's turkey breast parcel with sausagemeat & stuffing

Served with seasonal vegetables, piggies in blankets, roast potatoes, cranberry jelly and lashings of gravy

Roast home-reared Appley beef

Served with seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, piggies in blankets, roast potatoes, horseradish sauce and lashings of gravy

Fillet of seabass

Served with seasonal vegetables, choice of potatoes and a homemade lemon butter sauce

Mediterranean vegetable and cheese Wellington

Served with seasonal vegetables and a choice of potatoes

Luxury nut roast with cashews and cranberries

Served with seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, cranberry jelly, roast potatoes and lashings of gravy.

DESSERTS

Tartlette au citron

Served with cream or ice cream

Manhattan caramel and Belgian chocolate stack

Served with cream or ice cream

Christmas pudding

Served with custard, cream or ice cream

Blackberry and apple crumble

Served with cream, ice cream or custard

Cheeseboard to share (£15 extra)

A selection of cheeses, served with crackers, apple and chutney

Open

Wednesday to Saturday 12 noon - 11pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

Food

Served from 12 noon - 2pm & 6pm - 9pm

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498173**

All are very welcome.

***If you have the opportunity, listen to this
beautiful song on You Tube
Be More Kind – written and sung
by Frank Turner***

*History's been leaning on me lately;
I can feel the future breathing down my neck.
And all the things I thought were true
When I was young, and you were too,
Turned out to be broken,
And I don't know what comes next.
In a world that has decided that it's going to
lose its mind,
Be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.
They've started raising walls around the
world now,
Like hackles raised upon a cornered cat,
On the borders, in our heads,
Between the things that can and can't be said,
We've stopped talking to each other,
And there's something wrong with that.
So before you go out searching, don't decide
what you will find.
Be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.
You should know you're not alone,
And that trouble comes, and trouble goes.
How this ends, no one knows,
So hold on tight when the wind blows.
The wind blew both of us to sand and sea,
And where the dry land stands is hard to say.
As the current drags us by the shore,
We can no longer say for sure
Who's drowning, or if they can be saved.
But when you're out there floundering, like a
lighthouse I will shine.
Be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.
Like a beacon reaching out to you and yours
from me and mine,
Be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.
In a world that has decided that it's going to
lose its mind,
Be more kind, my friends, try to be more kind.*

In Remembrance; the Stories behind the Names in our Parish Churches

The Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Month is the time when we will be remembering the fallen from all wars. A few days beforehand, on Sunday 9th of November there will be a service of Remembrance at Thorne St Margaret church at 10.45 am. Thorne St Margaret is one of a handful of "Thankful villages" where no one died in World War I.

Throughout the country there are many fitting memorials to the bravery and sacrifice of men, women, service personnel, their family and friends. In our beautiful rural churches and churchyards there are memorials to the fallen. It is hard to imagine the contrast between their lives here in Somerset, working on farms and with animals, and their experiences lived out in the mud-soaked trenches of the Somme or fighting in the desert. My own grandfather survived four years as a Private in the trenches and very rarely spoke of his experiences. It was a period of his life that was so completely different to being at home and working on the railway. Maybe he thought as grandchildren we would not be able to relate to his time on the Somme, or maybe it was just too painful a story to tell? What is clear from the Nation's interest in remembrance is that we have not taken their sacrifice for granted. We all value peace and co-operation in Europe.

A few years ago, my father and I did some research on the stories behind the names of the fallen from the First World War in Stawley, Ashbrittle, Bathealton and Kittisford. Using his research, together with photos and text reproduced with permission from the book, 'Our Boys from the Villages Part 3', by M Perry and R Hitchcock (available from Wellington Museum), I have produced information cards for each of the churches.

What follows is a summary of that research. There may be errors or omissions in these summaries and documents which, with your help, can be corrected at a later date.

Annie Musgrove

William Harold Harcombe was a Private in the 8th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment. He enlisted in Taunton and died on 31st July 1916, aged nineteen, in Mile End Military Hospital in London. He had been wounded near Mametz Wood, in France in the First Battle of the Somme. William was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. He is buried in Ashbrittle churchyard.

Francis (Frank) John Davey was a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Dorsetshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 4th November 1918 just a

week before the Armistice was signed. He died during the successful attempt to cross the Sambre Canal in France. Francis was nineteen and is buried in Ors Cemetery in France. He enlisted in Taunton and was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. His name is on the memorial inside Kittisford Church.

Charles Stevens was a Private in the new Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. The Battalion moved to the Ypres sector and in 1917 took part in the Third battle of Ypres. It took a notable part in the battles for Messiers and Langmark in August 1917. Charles died on the 16th August 1917 during these battles aged twenty nine. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. His name is on the memorial inside Kittisford Church.

Fred or Frederick Brice was a Private. However there is debate as to whether the memorial refers to Frederick Brice who was in the 440th Agricultural Company of the Labour Corps who was accidentally drowned on 20th July 1918, aged twenty two. He is buried in Berkeley Cemetery Gloucestershire. Or whether the memorial inside Stawley Church refers to Fred Brice who was in the 8th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry. (The latter seems more likely).

Arthur Foxford was a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry which was sent to stop the Ottoman Empire moving on Egypt and threatening the Suez Canal. The 1st Somerset Light Infantry were engaged in the major battle for the Turkish strong point on 13th Nov 1917 and Arthur died on that first day. He is remembered on a panel in the Jerusalem cemetery and was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. His name is on the memorial inside Stawley Church.

Edward James Bristow was a Private in the 7th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry which landed in France on 24th July 1915. Edward was killed in action on 14th September 1915 aged twenty five and is buried at Rue-Petillon Military cemetery, Fleurbaix, which is 5 km south-west of Armentieres in France. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. His name is on the Bathealton War Memorial.

Robert Burston was a Private in D Company of the 8th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry, which landed at Le Havre, France on 10th September 1915. He was killed in action on 14th March 1916, aged eighteen, and is buried in the Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery in Armentieres. He was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal, and since he had gone to France prior

to 1915, he was also awarded the 1914-15 Star. His name is on the Bathealton War Memorial.

F William Davey was a Private. However, there is a debate as to whether the memorial refers to William Davey who was in the 26th Tyneside Irish Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers who was killed in action on 28th September 1917, aged thirty six. He is buried in the Jeancourt Communal Cemetery in Aisne, France. Or the name on Bathealton War Memorial refers to F W Davey who served and died in Iraq on 7th August 1916 with the 1st/6th Devonshire Regiment and is buried in Baghdad. (The latter seems more likely).

Arthur Perrott was a Private in the 8th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment. He enlisted in Newton Abbot and was killed in action on 25th September 1915, aged twenty four. He was sent to France on 25th July 1915 and was therefore awarded the 1914-15 Star as well as the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. His name is on the Bathealton War Memorial.

A night at the Races! with Wivey Cares

Join us for a fun-filled and exciting night on Friday 21st November at Wivey Rugby Club. This is our final fundraiser in 2025 and we want to celebrate in style the hugely successful year we have had. Doors open at 6.30pm with racing starting an hour later. Tickets are £10.00 each and, if bought in advance, the ticket price will include a Christmas charcuterie platter. Tables seat ten people if you want to bring a group. Remember to bring cash, and loads of it! There will be eight races, two of them pig races. You can also sponsor a race for £25 which allows you to name all participating horses or pigs!

Please email our coordinator to buy tickets co-ordinator@wiveycares.net or phone 07508 331661.

Val Coots, Wivey Cares Trustee



Coffee, Cake and Chat

Ashbrittle Village Hall

Saturday 15th November
10.00 - 12.00 noon

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Apple Day 2025

Well, the sun didn't shine but nor did we have a repeat of last year's rain, thank goodness! It has been a bumper year for apple crops, everyone stating it would have been impossible to bring their entire harvest.



The first stage of the process - milling the apples to produce a pulp for juice extraction.

It was a brilliant day with much chatter, newcomers and new helpers as well as many seasoned apple harvesters. So many apples in all manner of bins, bags and boxes and decanted into all manner of bottles and containers.

When returning the equipment to Brendon Orchards Co-operative we were able to report that we produced about 900 litres of juice. They keep a tally of quantities per hiring in order to keep their investors informed... and investing!



The second stage of the process successfully completed with a tub of apple juice to take home after bottling.

As usual, a huge thank you to everyone in the kitchen for their constant flow of bangers-and-mash 'meal deals'! And, of course a big thank you to everyone who helped with the apple mashing and pressing. It was relentless from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm, resulting in a big trailer load of apple pulp for the pigs at Hill Farm.

The amount raised from the sale of food and refreshments and use of pasteuriser was a magnificent £400. This will be put towards the replacement of the Pavilion kitchen windows.

Thank you all for turning up, helping out and feeding us!

Rachel and Ian.

Church in the Pub



Each month the local church gathers at Appley in The Globe Inn, to enjoy good company, food, and drink. Our chats span a range of subjects about life and faith, often providing more laughs than answers.

All are welcome 7.00pm Thursday 20th November,
please help us prepare by telling us you are coming.

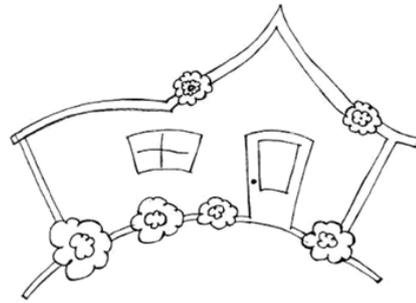
Email welcome@westtone.org.uk Call 07795 699737

Stawley Community Village Shop & Tea Room

Opening hours

Week day opening 8.00am to 5.00pm
except:

Wednesday 8.00am to 1.00pm
Saturday 8.00am to 12.00pm
Sunday 9.00am to 11.00am



The Tea Room will close 30 minutes
before shop closure

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

Contact us on 01823 674361 or shop@stawleyshop.com

Stawley Community Association would like to invite you to our AGM on
Wednesday 26th November at 6.00pm to be held in the Shop.

If you are thinking of coming along then either email the committee on *scacommunityshop@gmail.com* or leave a message in the shop.

This is advance warning of **opening hours over Christmas.**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers
for putting in the time over a very busy period.

We will be open on Christmas Eve 8.00am to 12.00pm

Christmas Day and Boxing Day Closed

Saturday 27th December to Wednesday 31st December 9.00am-11.00am

New Year's Day Closed

Return to normal hours from Friday 2nd January

If you are thinking of **small gifts**, the shop has hand painted book marks and notelets,
key rings and knitted goods; mostly for a voluntary contribution.

***Look forward to seeing you soon at
Stawley Community Shop and Tea Room***

Lunch Club

Avril Silk was our speaker for the September lunch club. This time her topic was leaded glass. As many people already know she has been making leaded glass images for many years with spectacular results and all from a small workshop in Ashbrittle.

Avril took us through the basics and explained the specialist use of the many tools she had brought with her and how she proceeded from the ideas produced by the client. The next step was producing detailed designs to discuss with the client before the hands on work started.

We were able to look at many illustrations of completed work which covered numerous topics, but all had the familiar 'Avril stamp'. A most interesting and illuminating talk.

Aviation and climate change

Our next lunch club is on Thursday 27th November at 12.00 noon. Our speaker is Dr Norman Wood, another well known local and expert in his field. His talk title is 'Aviation and Global Warming - What Next?' He writes:

'Our climate is changing. While the contribution of aviation would seem small compared to automotive and other contributions it has a disproportionate and significant impact.

The aviation industry is exploring new technologies to reduce this, but we may have to accept that air travel will inevitably need to change.'

The presentation will explore why the impact of aviation is so critical and illustrate how future air travel might look.

If you would like to join us for this talk, and of course a delicious Jackie White lunch, please let me know by Monday 24th November.

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

Delia Harling.

An update from the Pavilion

The money raised at the hog roast and dance held in May to celebrate the 20th birthday of the Pavilion has meant that we could update the stage curtains, maybe some day we can install an actual stage! The apple day also went very well, thanks to all the helpers inside and out!

As you know the Pavilion is run by volunteers and we all do our bit towards this and as from next year we will be in need of a treasurer. Kath Rose has held this position for many years and kept us on the straight and narrow doing an amazing job with real dedication and care for the Pavilion, her expertise will be missed. So, if any-

one out there feels they could help out with this very important job (online banking, paying invoices, permits, electric contracts etc) please get in touch asap so you can work with Kath before the off!

The new website which has been up and running for around six months has helped with bookings, including a wedding next year. We are dependent on people hiring the Pavilion to pay on time so that we can run the pavilion efficiently; when we have to chase non-payments for hire this becomes time consuming and keeps us from the next maintenance issue or improvement. We have now started to ask for payment up front to overcome the problem.

Things we have need of are; new front boarding, replacement kitchen window, work on pillars, flat roof needs replacing, trees and hedges need maintaining annually. A new fence is required for security and inside painting to name but a few things...

Thanks for ALL your support in 2025 to the Pavilion. It is much appreciated.

*Suzette Williams, (Chair) 01823 672266
info@appleypavilion.co.uk*

A first anniversary celebration

Bathealton's Pop-Up Café has just celebrated its first anniversary. It was established just over a year ago by Denise Masters and Adele Broad, and for the last twelve months it has been run by Adele, ably assisted by husband Phil.

The Café opens on the first Monday of every month at Bathealton Village Hall from 12-2.00pm, serving a two-course meal with tea and coffee, and it is always well attended.

At the anniversary lunch on 6th October, we had delicious pheasant casserole followed by a delicate frangipane tart or a set egg custard, all home-made by Adele, with tea or fresh coffee.

Afterwards, Adele cut a magnificent celebratory cake - thank you, Hilary Cottrell! - and everyone stayed for a natter. It was a hugely enjoyable event (*see photograph on the back cover*)

The next Pop-Up is on Monday 3rd November - do please call in advance on 07980 994082 if you have any particular dietary requirements.

Simon Monty

Sale of Garden Sundries

**Tuesday 4th November 2.00 – 4.00pm
in Stawley Church Car Park**

Wide range of sundries and some tools - proceeds to Stawley Church, SCA and owners

Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

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We meet at a member's house. Arrangements will be confirmed in advance, via a monthly reminder email

Meetings will now be on the 2nd Thursday afternoon each month

**13th November and 11th December
2.00 - 4.0 pm**

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VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB ASHBRITTLE VILLAGE HALL

Thursday, 27th November at 12.00 noon

AVIATION AND GLOBAL WARMING - WHAT NEXT?

Dr Norman Wood

Our climate is changing. While the contribution of aviation would seem small compared to automotive and other contributions it has a disproportionate and significant impact. The aviation industry is exploring new technologies to reduce this, but we may have to accept that air travel will inevitably need to change.



BOOKING ESSENTIAL
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Full Fibre Broadband Update

Since our update we've successfully connected nearly all the properties around Bathealton who had signed up, and our free service in the Village Hall was the first live service in the village.

Offering Community Hubs such as Bathealton Village Hall a free fibre connection is one of our value added services that helps set us apart from major national broadband companies. We offer a free (for life) connection in each community, as a goodwill gesture. Currently we are completing the duct routes towards Woodlands Farm and Deepmoor, while another team is also building towards Clayhanger.

Take-up in Bathealton hasn't yet reached the same levels as other communities we've worked with, and it's unclear as to why at the moment, but we'd offer our response to some of the challenges we've been given:

Cost

Always a tricky one, without knowing what the comparative is. For example, BT Retail ADSL Broadband monthly cost might range from £29.99 per month to £45+ per month depending on your contract timing, it also increases by £4 per month each April. Speeds in Bathealton are likely to be sub 2Mbps download and 0.2Mbps upload.

On the other hand you might have Starlink at £75 per month, with downloads anywhere between 300Mbps and 40Mbps. Uploads are generally below well 50Mbps.

Some people might be using a 4G data service, these types of service have monthly costs anywhere from £15-£50 and no speed guarantees.

Our basic service offers 40Mbps download (OFCOM testing data shows an average of 42.3Mbps) for £40 per month. In 2019 we charged £40 per month for the same service; we don't do annual price increases, and don't intend to start.

Compared to ADSL this is 40x quicker (and 400x faster uploads).

Hassle to change

This is probably the hardest argument to counter, if what you have works OK for you, the cost difference/saving is marginal and it seems like a hassle to have fibre installed and to make the change.

Our only response is to speak to some of your neighbours who've had the service installed, take a look in their garden (hopefully we didn't leave a mess behind), ask them about the process. We really try very hard to make this as simple with as little disruption as possible. While there is still funding available it is also a really low risk decision - at worst you have a 12x£40 commitment with no upfront cost to pay.

Registration

We've heard of a few people who would like our service but they haven't registered with us. If we don't know about you we can't include you, we only get funded for the live connections we make. Please register at www.technological.co.uk/ex16 and we'll look forward to meeting you soon!

If you would like to try our service, why not pop along to the next event at Bathealton Village Hall and give our WiFi a try!

Jim Weir, Director, Technological

News from the Parish News

Donations this month received from:

Bathealton Parish Council
Sarah Royal
Pauline Lyle
Mr and Mrs I Yule

Many thanks for your kind donations. Donations may be left at Stawley Shop or sent directly to the Treasurer. Details inside back cover.

Andrew Millard, Treasurer



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Village Hall**

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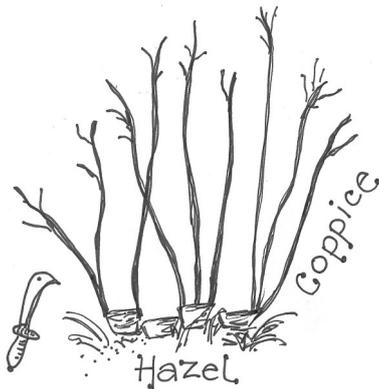


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More musings on the Hazel; its history, uses and significance



As the leaves continue their autumnal change it's the coppery-butter yellow of the Hazel that always draws my eye; One of the last to fully change from green, often holding on well into November and the significantly cooler nights. Its right-

ful place in the rural landscape is well assured and reinforced by the thousands of years it has occupied these spaces from the original ancient forests that covered much of the post Ice age European landmass.

Corylus, as a species, evolved from the first group of *Angiosperms*, the 'flowering trees' developing from coniferous and 'proto trees' such as *Magnolia* and *Ginkgo* at the end of the Cretaceous period (around 65 million years ago). Around the start of the Holocene period, after the last major ice-age, alongside other members of *Betulaceae* (Birch family) which are well known 'pioneer' species, they began to colonise as the ice sheets retreated. Along with Oak species, the Hazels rapidly spread to become one of the most dominant woody species in the landscape and as a plentiful and nutritious food source, in season, attracted many animals and birds, early Man amongst them.

Recent archaeological excavations of cave-dwellings on the coast of western Scotland unearthed large quantities of semi-fossilized Hazelnut shells mixed with shellfish remains eaten by Neolithic peoples who migrated there during colder spells where the weather would be milder and they could take advantage of easy to gather, highly nutritious shoreline food. But as insurance (or to vary the diet) they obviously gathered Hazelnuts on route!

As Man transitioned from a nomadic, through to a pastoral and a more settled agricultural based life, Hazel was an easy to source and work with building material for the making of stockades, fences and framework for huts, structures and baskets. Its ease of splitting and bending made it an undoubtedly important part of the transition to wood-based constructions in early civili-

zation. The ability to 'coppice' hazel, producing 'stools' (large, multiple stemmed plants that rapidly regenerate, producing young, supple but strong growth) not only helped to anchor communities, giving them the materials they needed on a yearly basis, it also lengthened the lives of the plants and shaped the landscape producing and maintaining whole eco-systems of plants, birds and animals. Firewood, kindling and charcoal were by-products of this early industry which continued virtually unchanged up until the industrial revolution.

It's not surprising, therefore, that a large amount of folklore, legend and mythical associations have accumulated around this remarkable tree. In Celtic legend, the Hazel (Coll) is always associated with wisdom; sweet, sustaining and nourishing but requires effort to access (contained in a hard shell)- 'this is the matter in a nutshell' as the saying goes. One Irish legend relates that the salmon ate the hazels as they fell in the river from the 'sacred grove' and bright spots appeared on their sides representing the number they consumed and by the eating of the nuts, they absorbed the wisdom and became a sacred source of food for the gods. One of the earliest rulers of Ireland was named Mac Coll (Mac Cool) or 'Son of the Hazel'. From ancient times, a forked Hazel rod was used as a way of divining water and finding hidden treasure - still to this day, springs, water pipes and underground drainage courses are often located using this method, a skill my late mother practiced.

Another family connection with industries around hazel-coppicing extends to my late father's family; in times gone by, some were involved in the furniture trade in the beech woods of Buckinghamshire, buying up the upper sections of felled trees at auction for 'chair bodgering' and the smallest sections, dried and processed into 'faggot wood'. They also had a handy side-line of coppice hazel for various materials, hurdles as well as pea-sticks for market gardens near London. Although highly skilled and, for many, a seemingly romantic life, a woodsman's life was extremely hard, the hours long and rewards meagre. That particular 'branch' (no pun intended) of the Ridgley clan were a fairly rough lot by what few accounts can be found!

So as I sit here by the fire contemplating the bucket of nuts I gathered in September, I remember that I must start shelling a good quantity as we always like to add some to our Christmas fruit cake which we'll be making soon - perhaps I'll add a few extra this year; you never know, some of that wisdom might rub off on me!

John and Julie Ridgley

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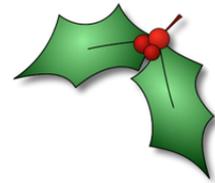
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7 pm**



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Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th October 2025

Emergency Planning Paul Musgrove and Pat Sweet met as reported in the last meeting. They will be attending the Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day on the 15th October (*see follow-up article on page 21*) and will report back at the next meeting with any recommendations as to the way ahead.

Recent emergency road closures showed that there is a need for a local WhatsApp group to advertise such closures at short notice. This has been tried before with a low take-up but we will try again.

Finance

- The current bank balance is £4,503.94 and the Unity Bank balance is £10,262.83.
- Insurance: It was agreed that the Council should accept the quote from Zurich for the liability insurance at a cost of £214.00 for the year.
- Pavilion and churchyard grants: It was agreed that the grants should reflect inflation and be increased:

Stawley £230.00

Ashbrittle for Greenham £76.50

Kittisford £204.00

Pavilion £624

Planning

- 35/25/0003 – Stawley Wood Farm - Conversion of agricultural building into 1 No. dwell-

ing with associated external alterations and erection of a detached garage/workshop at Stawley Wood Farm – Appeal against prior decision of refusal by Somerset Council – No comment.

- 35/25/0011/CQ - Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations to Barn on Fishers Hill, Greenham, Wellington – Support
- Greenham Cottage field. This field, at the entrance to Greenham, has recently changed in use from agricultural to a mixed residential and industrial use. This has been brought to the attention of Somerset Council as the planning authority. Assistance in having this matter investigated by the enforcement officers at Somerset will be sought from our local Somerset councillor.
- Hedge appeal. This appeal is outstanding. Somerset Council will be approached for an update.

Reports from Members

Roads – The leaning telegraph post in Greenham was reported and has been fixed. The potholes on the road by Cothay are bad again. They have been reported again.

Footpaths – SJ reported by email that there were no footpath issues other than the repetitive blocking of some footpaths by maize planting up to the very edge of fields.

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

Paul Musgrove, Clerk

Household Resilience in the face of Winter Storms

Winter storms can be both beautiful and brutal - transforming landscapes into scenes of quiet stillness while disrupting daily life through power cuts, blocked or dangerous roads, and fallen trees. In recent years, increasingly unpredictable weather patterns have underscored the importance of household resilience.

Households who anticipate potential hazards are better equipped to minimise their impacts. This involves basic measures such as stocking up on essential supplies - non-perishable food, bottled water, batteries, cash, and medications - before storms arrive. A well-organised emergency kit ensures that, even if we have extended power cuts or it is difficult to get to the shops, a household can remain functional for several days.

Equally critical is access to reliable information: having a battery-powered radio or backup phone charger allows you to stay informed about weather conditions and local news. The other need, especially if there is also failure of the internet, may be cash. Many of us today primarily use a card to pay for goods but what happens if the Shop cannot accept your card? A stash of cash for emergency use may save you from going hungry!

In our area power cuts can last from hours to days. Investing in backup heat sources such as wood stoves, gas heaters, or portable generators can help keep your house warm. Increasingly, households are also exploring renewable options like solar panels paired with battery storage systems, which can provide limited but sustainable power during grid failures.

Communities where neighbours check in on one another, share resources, and maintain communication networks tend to fare better during crises. Older people, those with disabilities, and families with young children are often most vulnerable during storms; a culture of mutual support ensures that no one is left isolated.

Home maintenance and infrastructure are also crucial to winter readiness. Insulating pipes to prevent freezing, sealing drafts, and maintaining heating systems not only improve comfort but reduce the risk of costly damage.

In essence, household resilience in the face of winter storms is about foresight, adaptability, and community. It blends practical preparedness with emotional endurance, technical readiness with social connection. As climate variability continues to make severe winter weather more frequent and intense, resilient households are not just surviving the storms - they are learning, adapting, and emerging stronger with each challenge faced.

Paul Musgrove

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Bathealton Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday
30th September 2025

Welcome/introductions/apologies

Attendees: John Ridgley (JR), Adele Broad (AB), Philip Broad (PB) David Mansell (DM), Simone VanDerLinden (SVDL).

Apologies: Jess Bunn (JB), Steven Cottrell (SC)

Declarations of interest

No conflict of interests was raised by anyone present.

Minutes of last meeting held on 19th June 2025

Copy of the Minutes were circulated to members of the parish council, prior to the meeting for approval/comments: they were ratified as a true representation of the discussion. These were published in the Parish News and copy placed in Parish ledger.

Update form local county council representative DM

The Somerset council finances still remain in a poor state despite a programme of cuts and assets being liquidised. The costs of social care also continue to rise. The Council has approached the government for help and permission to sell more assets. This is a growing problem as there is an aging population and this is a rural area.

Car parking fees in the outlying villages of Milverton and Wiveliscombe will not go ahead until after a local public consultations period – no date set for this as of yet.

The Slinky bus no longer has Bathealton Village as a pick up point. DM is working with the team to see if this can be corrected as we have residents that need this service.

Planning applications

No new planning applications to be discussed.

Financial matters

The 2025/26 precept has been set at £2000.00.

Review of the precept for 2026/27 was discussed and set with no increase.

Balance in account £3462.32

Approved invoices	Zurich Insurance
	Heart start

Approved payments	
Wivey Link	£100
Open-door	£100
Parish News	£100
Church Yard	£350

Projected spending 2025/26

Review of Parish council's budget and/or financial plans for 2025/26 and successive years, including the following:

IED located at the village hall (Defib only Not VETs scheme)

Graveyard upkeep maintenance, without re-wilding

Consider requests for footpath maintenance on an individual basis. Way maker signs JR

Consider replacement/repairing fingerpost sign SC and JR : Hellings cross and Springrove cross fingerpost signs are missing

Support for annual charitable contributions as listed above

Village hall hire SC to issue an invoice

Roads/pathways

The road from Springrove towards Bathealton has now been completed, and road markings now in place

Parish Walk

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions the walk was cancelled this year. Many thanks to SC and PB who had been out the week before and cleared the public path

Technological Fibre installation scheme

Fibre has now reached Bathealton and the houses who have signed up for this are very pleased, stating that the installation was quick, efficient and clean.

Bathealton Village Hall now has a fibre optic connection.

AOB

SVDL highlighted that there had been damage to persons' property and many near misses recently in the village due to the speed and size of farm and motor vehicles. PB has concerns re the change in demographic of the village with more children and some elderly and disabled persons with the potential for accidents and fatalities.

DM advised that any near misses or damage needs to be reported to the police so that when a statistic run is carried out it has been logged for looking at; this is important for local people who may be riding horses, bicycles, motorcycles or walking the dog, in or around the area. DM will see if there is any possibility to have the speed in the village reviewed and set for 30mph

Next meeting Tuesday 13th January 2026 19.30
Bathealton Village Hall

Adele Broad, Clerk

FILM NIGHT

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Worx Vacuum/ Leaf Blower x 2	£30-40
Echo Wood Chipper	£150
Mountfield electric Lawn-rake	£50
Aluminium Ladder 2-section (4m each)	£55
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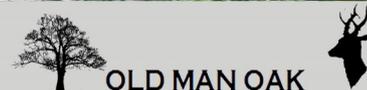
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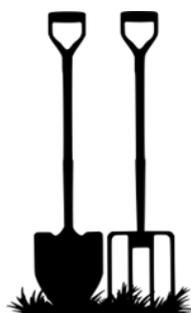
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November

3rd	12 noon - 2.00 pm	Pop-Up Café in Bathealton Village Hall
5th and 19th	10.00 - 12.30 pm	Books, Biscuits, Coffee and Cakes at Stawley Mill
15th	10.00 - 12 noon	Coffee, Cake and Chat in Ashbrittle Village Hall
15th	6.30 pm	Film night in Waterrow Village Hall
21st	First race at 7.30 pm	'A Night at the Races' at Wivey Rugby Club in aid of Wivey Cares
27th	12.00 noon	Ashbrittle Lunch Club in the Village Hall

December

5th - 7th		Exhibition at Greenways Studio, Ashbrittle
5th	6.00 - 8.00 pm	Christmas Tree light switch on - Ashbrittle Village Green
6th and 7th		Festival weekend at St Nicholas Church, Kittisford
6th	7.00 pm	'A fabulous evening of Delicious Curries' in Bathealton Village Hall
11th	7.00 pm	Kittisford Christmas Dinner at Kittisford House
18th	12 noon	Christmas Lunch Club in Ashbrittle Village Hall
19th	7.00 pm	'Carols by Candlelight' in Bathealton Village Hall
24th	4.00 pm	'Carols and the Christmas Story, especially for children' - at the Church of St Nicholas, Kittisford

February 2026

20th		Quiz night in Appley Pavilion
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A first anniversary celebration at the 'Pop-up Café' - Adele Broad cuts the cake, ably assisted by husband Phil - see page 12 for more information. Photo - Maurice Stanbury

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