



Parish news

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

Church Services

Sun 3rd May	5th Sunday of Easter	<i>* changed this month only</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion Service	Holy Cross, Sampford Arundel
10.00am	Holy Communion Service	St. Michael's, Stawley
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Service	All Saints, Rockwell Green
11.15am*	Holy Communion Service	St. Peter's Greenham
6.00pm	Shanty Singing	All Saints, Rockwell Green
	<i>Learn how to sing Sea Shanties with a friendly crowd</i>	
Sun 10th May	6th Sunday of Easter	
10.00am	All Age Communion Service	St. Bartholomew's, Bathealton
	<i>Holy Communion with songs, stories and activities for kids and adults</i>	
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Service	All Saints, Rockwell Green
6.00pm	The Pub Explorers	The Martlet Inn, Langford Budville
	<i>A relaxed conversation over a drink, bring any question and join in</i>	
Sun 17th May	7th Sunday of Easter	
10.00am	Morning Service	St. Margaret's, Thorne St. Margaret
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Service	All Saints, Rockwell Green
6.00pm	Prayer and Praise	St. Margaret's, Thorne St. Margaret
	<i>A modern worship service with contemporary music, talk and prayer</i>	
Sun 24th May	Pentecost	
10.30am	Sung Eucharist Service	All Saints, Rockwell Green
4.00pm	Family@4	All Saints, Rockwell Green
	<i>A time for our youngest to play and learn from a helpful Bible story</i>	
6.00pm	Celtic Reflective Evening Service	St. Nicholas', Kittisford
6.00pm	Evensong Service	Holy Cross Sampford Arundel
Sun 31st May	Trinity Sunday	
10.00am	Benefice All Age Communion	St. John the Baptist, Ashbittle
	<i>followed by a picnic in the churchyard, bring your own lunch.</i>	
11.00am	<i>All are welcome whether you can make it to the service or not. Bring food and drinks for you and others as you wish.</i>	

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Front cover - The sight of spring grass brings a jump for joy! Turnout day for the dairy herd at Pytt Farm, Ashbittle. Photograph - Maurice Stanbury

Thought for the Month

The Easter celebrations are over and the magical month of May is with us. What comes to my mind is the story of the two disciples of Jesus walking to Emmaus. They questioned how Jesus, a great prophet, could be dead. Some women say that He has risen from the dead. They were baffled. Jesus joined them and explained the Scriptures about the Messiah's suffering and glory. He recreated the Last Supper and they recognised Him.

Life can seem confusing, filled with problems that leave us seeking answers we cannot always find. Some suggest looking within as though we had a chamber of secrets. What we need is the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Many pursue wealth and success, asking how to be rich, only to realise that material possessions do not equate to a fulfilled life.

Another question that we ask is: How can I become better than everyone else? We want to be the best person we can be, but we can become arrogant. "Look at that tax collector," said the Pharisee in the Temple. "You know, Lord, that I am a lot better than him. I do lots of good things. Let me remind you in case you forgot." But the tax collector merely beat his breast and said, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." Only he left justified. When we dedicate our lives to answering the question: How can I be better than others? (whether it is to be a better parent than my neighbours or a better teacher than the one in the next classroom), we are simply asking the wrong question, one that leads to arrogance. The question we need to ask is: How can I be a better person than I am?

Making a difference

Trying to be different is challenging, as fitting in often feels safer. It is a difficult question to ask How can I be different? But that is what holiness is. To be holy is to be different, set apart for the Lord. There are many other questions we all need to ask ourselves. Where can the answers be found? Jesus led the disciples on the road to Emmaus to the Truth through Sacred Scripture. The Bible is not just the Good Book. It is the living and effective Word of God. As Christians we go to Scripture to seek the answers to our problems. Peace can be found in the middle of confusion when we are open to the second great gift of the Eucharist. Those disciples had a fantastic encounter with Christ and ran back to Jerusalem to Peter and the others. They had not become theologians. But they had become committed Christians. We will always be confused about what happened to us in the past, what we should do in the present, what the future holds. Some may ask: Why is it that I did

everything I could possibly do as a parent, or as a husband or wife, and life turned out rather messy? Others may ask: Why is it that I followed everything my parents asked, worked hard in school, and I am still not good enough for them?

All ask: Why is it that other people break the rules and have it all?" We can't answer all the questions of life. Still, we can be at peace, because we have our anchor, Sacred Scripture and the sacraments. Despite life's uncertainties and unresolved issues, we can find peace through trust in God, using Scripture and sacraments as our guide. That understanding can help dispel our confusion.

John Dawer

Easter Sunday at Stawley Church

Easter Sunday at Stawley Church was a truly joyful and uplifting occasion, bringing together the community to celebrate this most important festival in the Christian year. The church looked beautiful, adorned with an abundance of spring flowers that added colour and fragrance, reflecting the message of new life and hope at the heart of Easter.

A congregation of fifty-nine people gathered for the service, filling the church with a wonderful sense of warmth and fellowship. It was especially encouraging to see so many familiar faces alongside visitors, all coming together in shared celebration.

The singing was a particular highlight of the morning, with voices raised in well-loved Easter hymns, truly "raising the roof" and adding to the sense of joy that marked the occasion.

Sincere thanks go to everyone who helped make the day so special: those who arranged the flowers, prepared the church, led and took part in the service, and all who came along to share in the celebration.

Annette Haddrell

News from the Parish News

We were so sad to learn of the death of our treasurer, Andrew Millard, last week, after a short illness. Andrew, aged sixty six, had only recently retired from his post as Chief Financial Officer at the Hydrographic Office.

He had done a splendid job in managing the finances of our community magazine for a number of years, for which we are extremely grateful. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Helen and his family.

The funeral Service will be held at the Taunton Crematorium at 2.40 pm on Friday 8th May, and afterwards at the Appley Pavilion. All are welcome.

Avril and Maurice

Hope for Life

Belinda, the willow weaver and Sculptor, is arranging a charity event making willow woven swifts, in aid of Hope for life Katanga (a Bristol charity for Education in Kampala, Uganda) at Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme on the 8th May.

She is trying to raise £1,000 with four sessions in the day and hopefully a zoom link to Kampala. A suggested donation of £25 per place. Full details of the day and booking are on eventbrite.co.uk

Lesley Garner

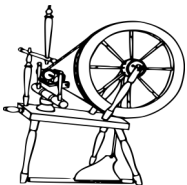
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August 2025 Cut

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No pesticides
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Spinning and Woolcraft Group

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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: 5th and 19th May
2nd and 16th June
at 2.30pm

Contact Pauline on 01823 672222 or
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at HELLINGS FARM
(TA4 2AP)



Parking in the field, location: [///qualify.issued.bogus](http://qualify.issued.bogus) (what3words)
All raised funds go to Bathealton's St. Bartholomew's church

Help us make the Morag Berthon Memorial Plant Sale bloom!

To support our fundraising for St. Bartholomew's Church and honour Morag's incredible legacy, we are seeking donations of **plants** and "**Gardenalia**." If you are tidying your sheds or thinning out your library, we would love you:

- **Plants:** Seedlings, divisions, or shrubs.
- **Garden Books:** New or pre-loved books on horticulture, design, or nature.
- **Pots & Tools:** Ceramic plant pots and garden sundries in good condition.
- **Garden Ornaments:** Decorative items to add flair to a new home.

To add to the excitement this year, we are holding a Raffle and will be joined by the **Wiveeles**, who will be providing live music throughout the afternoon.

Drop-off details:

Please leave donations at **Hellings Farm** anytime between now and the sale on Saturday, 16th May. Signs are at the bottom of the drive to guide you.

For larger items or to arrange a collection, please call Simone on 07495 670743.

Make it a day



with a
Safari Supper
at different venues around
Kittisford

16th May starting at 6.00 pm

£20 per person, in aid of Kittisford Church.

More information about venues and tickets from
Kate Holloway kateholloway@live.com
or 07403 333867

Tickets limited

St George's Day Breakfast

A big thank you to everyone who supported the St George's Day Breakfast on Sunday 19th April. It was a busy morning so very well supported by the local community, with over eighty-four meals served and an impressive £555.55 raised, to be shared between the pavilion and the cricket club.



'Service with a smile' - Lucy Williams and Charlotte Westcott were kept very busy taking orders and serving big breakfasts.

The sun shone and it was lovely to see young children from the village enjoying some cricket. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the time and effort of our fantastic volunteers - thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success!

Suzette Williams

Lunch Club

Our March meeting produced a very animated and light hearted audience. Paul Jacques was a 'human juke box' and played requests from the 'floor' on recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone.

Our May meeting is likely to be a little more serious, but I hope will generate plenty of lively discussion.

Pauline Wood - well known to all our lunch Clubbers - will be talking on the subject of: *' Working Waterways: a brief social history of life on Britain's canal'.*

She writes "The 19th and early 20th centuries saw Britain's canal network at the centre of transportation for all manner of goods around the country. Behind all this were families whose entire focus was on delivering cargo as quickly as possible, in all weathers, just to make ends meet.

Life on the 'cut' was extremely hard for all family members, but a culture developed which was rich in tradition and reflected the pride of this unique group of people."

If you would like to join us for this talk, and of course, Jackie White's delicious lunch, please let me know. Booking is essential. Dietary requirements catered for:

Date - Thursday 28th May 12.00 noon.

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

Delia Harling

Spring Coffee Morning - a very successful event

A very enjoyable Spring Coffee Morning in aid of Stawley Church was held on 16th April, with Judy and Michael Milne generously opening their doors and providing a beautiful setting for the occasion.

Around twenty-five people came along, and it wasn't long before the room was full of lively chatter, plenty of laughter, and of course a steady supply of coffee (and biscuits!). There was a lot of catching up to do, and few cups stayed empty for long.

A raffle and a well-stocked bring-and-buy stall added to the fun, helping to boost the total raised. Thanks to everyone's generosity, a fantastic £420 was raised for the church.

Many thanks to Judy and Michael for their hospitality, and to all who came along, contributed, and made it such a cheerful and successful morning.

Annette Haddrell

Mobile Library
at Greenham Bridge
Next visit: 19th May
9.50 - 10.10 a.m.



**Coffee, Cake
and Chat**

Ashbrittle Village Hall

Saturday 16th May
10.00 - 12.00 noon

**Unlimited Coffee and Delicious Home Baked
Cakes available, for just £5.00.**

Stawley Church

Garden Party and Fete



Stawley Mill

TA21 0HT

2pm Saturday 6th June

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

Cream Teas and Strawberries

£1 Entrance

All proceeds to the Church

Quaker Meeting for Worship

Spiceland Quaker Meeting Uffculme
EX15 3AZ

*We Meet for Worship at Spiceland
every Sunday at 10.30am till 11.30am
also available on Zoom -
Meeting ID:865 5570 2735 Passcode:
498173
All are very welcome*

**Two ways to see ~ from All Age
Worship at Spiceland**

There are two ways of seeing things
You can see with hard eyes,
Or you can see with soft eyes.

Try both.
Look at a dandelion
With hard eyes - what do you see?
A nuisance, an invader,
a weed to be removed and destroyed.
A lot of hard work?

Or
Look at a dandelion
With soft eyes - what do you see?
A bright brave beautiful flower,
food for butterflies, bees, and caterpil-
lars.
And for us, a gift of medicine and nour-
ishment.

There are two ways of looking at things
The hard way or the soft way

And how we look changes how things are.

Party thanks

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making my eightieth birthday such a memorable and joyful occasion. The previous months had been very difficult, so it was especially wonderful to feel so much affection and friendship. I tried really hard to keep track of the mountain of presents, chocolate, wine, flowers and plants, so I could send individual thanks, but in the clearing up things got a little confused.

If I haven't thanked you personally, then please know that every gift, every contribution, touched my heart. Thank you again.

Avril Silk



Bathealton Village Hall

POP UP CAFÉ

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

**The next 'Pop - Ups' will be on:
Tuesday 5th May
and Monday 1st June**

We will serve food from 12 noon till 2.00 pm

Menu for May - Main course
Homemade: chicken and leek pie or
leek and lentil pie with oven baked chips
and sautéed cabbage

Sweet:
Home made : Rhubarb crumble and custard
Unlimited Cafetiere of Coffee or a selection
of teas - all for £9.00.

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A first for the Bellringers!

On the blustery afternoon of Saturday, April 10th the annual Striking Competition for the Taunton Branch of the Bath & Wells Diocese took place at two venues - Angersleigh and Churchstanton.

The Stawley ringers, in their extremely smart green jackets, entered two teams, one for ringing Plain Hunt and one for Call Changes. For those of you not in the know, Plain Hunt is a method of ringing the bells so that each bell changes place in a preordained pattern, with each tug of the rope. In this case there were five bells 'changing' whilst the heaviest bell, the tenor, kept the rhythm. Angersleigh bells were not an easy challenge. Some of the bells were odd struck and some were very deep set. The short ropes compared to the longer draught at Stawley gave short notice of the ringing order. However, these inconveniences were largely overcome and our Stawley band came first in the section. (Perhaps I ought to add that there were only two entries but we were competing against a band from Taunton Minster!)

The Call Changes at Churchstanton were more competitive and the results were very close. Stawley came sixth with thirty five faults in a range of seventy-one to sixteen faults by the performing teams. Again, for the uninformed, Call Changes are led by a caller, in our case Laurence Webber, who tells the ringers when to change the position of their bell in the sequence. The aim is to maintain a good steady rhythm

and crisp accurate changes at the call. For those of you who hear us practicing on a Thursday evening, you will appreciate the improvements over the last few years.



Alex McKenna receives the Dugdale trophy from the Taunton Branch Chairman, Mike Hansford.

The ringing was followed by a sumptuous tea at Angersleigh Village Hall and a short business meeting. The overall conclusion was that we had done our very best and that next year we will aspire to even greater things.

And it was good fun! - see team photograph on page 32.

Angela Medlycott

 Charity # 1183575

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Arts & Crafts Fair

**6-7 JUNE
11AM - 4PM**

FREE ENTRY!
Donations Welcome!

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Bathealton Parish Council meeting/ AGM Thursday 24th March 2026

Present:

Chair: Philip Broad PB (acting Treasurer), Jessica Bunn JB, Stephen Cottrell SC, Akulah Agbami AA, Note taker: Adele Broad AB.

Welcome/introductions/apologies

Welcome to AA who would like to be a member of Bathealton Parish Council. AB to source the form to be submitted on the council website

Apologies from Sarah Eustice and Dave Mansell (Somerset Council)

Minutes from the last meeting held on 13th Jan 2026 were circulated and agreed.

AGM Chairs annual report

The parish walk was cancelled this year due to adverse weather condition - this was acknowledged to be a shame as it is a fun day and usually well attended. An acknowledgement was given for the preparatory work that Hilary Cottrell, SC and PB had conducted, before the walk was cancelled, clearing walkways and baking.

Bathealton continued to support three charities : Open Doors: Wivey Link: Parish News.

Wivey Cares has requested a donation as a registered Charity - this will be discussed at the September meeting in more detail when PB has more information about the accessibility of this service for elderly patients in the parish.

Bathealton PC has continued to part fund the upkeep of the graveyard – there has been a request by the PCC to see if this contribution can be increased.

Planning applications:

Planning for the development of Blackberry Barn was agreed after a site visit by members.

Financial matters;

Approval of invoices for payment: Heart start (IUD) awaiting invoice for this year.

Note: the parish council's current financial position. The account stands at £2302.40

Parish councillors have agreed on setting the 2026/27 precept at £2000.00.

Review of Parish councils' budget and/or financial plans for 2026/27 and successive years include the following:

Continued support for the IED located at the village hall awaiting invoice.

Graveyard maintenance: as noted earlier, there has been a request for an increased donation. This was discussed and as the church yard is on

the roadside, the grass being cut is important - this was voted on and a one-off donation of £575 agreed.

Monitoring upkeep of public foot path stiles/signs: plan to survey parish footpath signs required. Bathealton is a large parish with a lot of footpaths, these need people to walk the routes and report issues.

Footpath signage is an ongoing concern as some footpaths are over grown - this can be reported on the council website.

Replacement of one missing fingerpost sign. PB and SC to look at this.

Support for an annual charitable contribution, along with community organisations and charities providing services and support to Bathealton residents.

Village hall rent (for location of meetings). Roads and pot holes: these need to be reported on the Somerset Council website, particularly if you can provide photos that supports the report.

Any other business

There have been a number of near misses in the village; there are several families with young children and elderly and disabled in the village. The speed and size of some vehicles is quite alarming for these members. These incidents need to be reported each time to Somerset Council on the website.

Support for Bathealton parish (Apple Press day). There are a number of locals that would like to press their apples earlier; this could be arranged with the annual BBQ held at the Village Hall and will be discussed at June meeting to ensure it is placed in the Parish News with plenty of notice. Potential date 19/9/26 will need to discuss with village hall committee.

The Parish council is responsible for the upkeep of the notice board and the telephone box: these both need some TLC; to be discussed the June meeting

We are still low on PC members and we need a quorum - AB to place flyer in the Parish News.

Date/time/venue next meeting.

Tuesday 16th June 19.30 at Bathealton Village Hall.

Village Oil Group

The next oil delivery is due on
10th June 2026

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

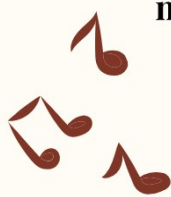


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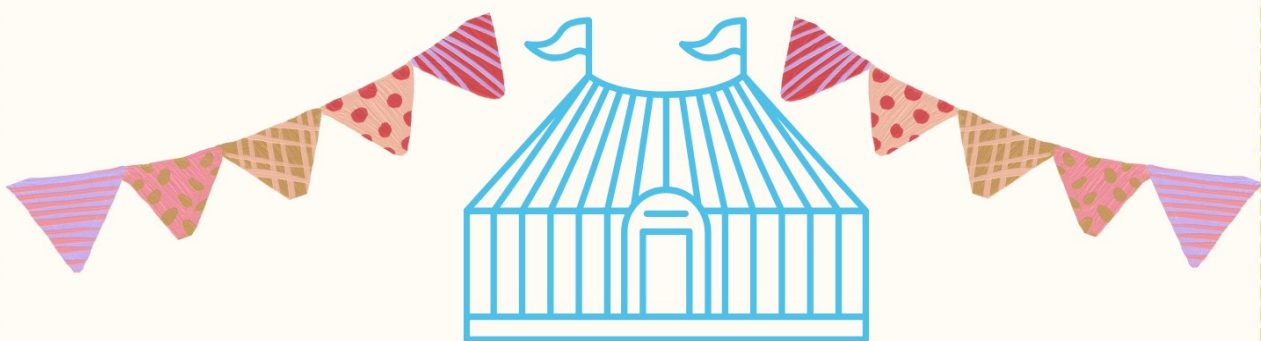
Make the most of the warm summer weather by relaxing with a cold drink in our beautiful beer garden. Or why not start the weekend by enjoying a freshly made pizza on a Friday night (available from 15th May)?



**Get your groove on in our garden marquee on
Sunday 3rd May 3-4pm
when you can chill out to country-fried acoustic
rock and pop classics from local band**

Sundog Slide

while tucking into delicious BBQ food.



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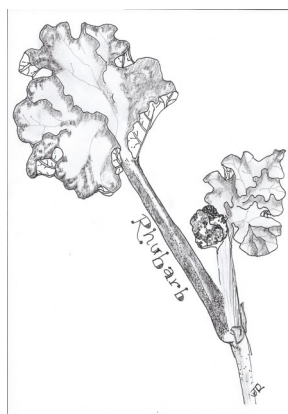


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The Globe INN Appley

Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Rhubarb....



By the time this appears in print, the initial excitement folks feel about the first fresh, rosy, possibly 'forced' sticks of rhubarb may already be waning. Someone said to me that you look forward to it and for a couple of deserts, inevitably a crumble and possibly, a fool if you're adventurous, it hits the spot

and then it's on to the next thing. What a shame - this is such a versatile vegetable (yes, it's a vegetable!); a perennial crop that just keeps giving with very little input needed at all. I harvest mine extensively until the end of June. I freeze quite a bit of cooked, sweetened rhubarb which I use in smoothies or with yoghurt for breakfast and it makes an exceptional wine! I also use quite a bit to bulk out Strawberry and Raspberry jam, using a 50/50 mix which really helps if you enjoy your berries raw and fresh to eat AND make a good batch of jam. I think this goes back to the war years and certainly was a tip I learned from my mum - apparently raspberries had a higher value for their 'pips' which were utilized for high precision polishing in engineering processes so jam was bulked out with Rhubarb and in extreme cases, turnip!

The origins of culinary Rhubarb as we know it is rather obscure. The family *Rheum* contains a number of species, many of which easily hybridize, growing across Europe, Siberia and Russia, central Asia and China. Numerous mentions of its medical uses are found in ancient Greek, Roman, Persian and Chinese literature and the first written records of what we would recognize as modern, culinary Rhubarb (*Rheum x hybridum*) comes from the early 18th century where it was grown in the city market gardens of London and Paris.

Excellent for the novice gardener

Few plants require as little attention as rhubarb yet they give back so much in return. The occasional removal of flowers, dividing and replanting crowns every five to ten years is literally all you need to do. If you want to mulch, then I find it most effective after you've finished cropping, in the summer, when coolness and moisture retention is most needed. Rhubarb benefits from being chilled over the winter, so the best approach is to leave the crown exposed to the elements. It will, nonetheless, happily tolerate your neglect, provid-

ing you with adequate crops year after year regardless. Rhubarb is a great crop for any novice gardener - invest in a good variety to give you the best flavour and productive longevity.

The infamous 'Rhubarb triangle' is a nine square mile area around Wakefield, West Yorkshire, where the soil and cold, wet winters suit them best. The plants are lifted and exposed to frosts in the fields before being moved inside into large, heated sheds where they are 'forced' in the darkness. The pickers traditionally harvest by candlelight and it is said you can hear the stems 'crack' and 'groan' as they grow.

Grown under these conditions, the carbohydrates stored in the crown are transformed into glucose which sweetens the tender stalks, reduces the amount of oxalic acid and creates the glorious rosy colour that traditionally forced rhubarb is known for.

There have been many, many regional varieties that have been bred over the years which have come and gone and there are some notable collections around the country - the RHS Wisley collection has recently been re-located to RHS Bridgewater outside Manchester. But it's some of the old favourites which still come out on top in the flavour, yield and longevity stakes including:

'Timperley early'- probably one of the best known of the old, traditional varieties. Although not particularly outstanding flavour-wise, it is reputed to remain sweet when other varieties become coarse. It produces long, pink-green, thin stems over a long period. Its virtue is mainly in how hard it can be cropped and the length of season that it can be harvested.

'Champagne'- there are a few varieties which are referred to by this name; the real deal is reliably early, excellent for forcing, exhibiting excellent rosy-red stems when forced and a really top 'rhubarb' flavour.

'Victoria'- first introduced in the 1837 on the accession of Queen Victoria to the throne. A variety producing red-based, thick sticks often shot through with crimson of exceptional but slightly 'tart' flavour. It can be grown reliably from seed and still remains a popular and productive choice.

'Fulton's Strawberry surprise'- A later, main crop variety that has an RHS award of merit. Producing long, slender, strawberry coloured stems with good, sweet and well balanced flavour. This, along with 'Champagne' makes the best wine, imparting a lovely light pink colour to the brew.

John and Julie Ridgley



Wivey Secret Gardens 2026

Sat 6 & Sun 7 June

THE EVENT

Wivey Secret Gardens is your chance to visit beautiful local gardens.

Gardens will be open:

11AM - 4PM

Please check your Garden Passport for exact times!

JUBILEE GARDENS HQ

10AM - 5PM

We'll be located in Jubilee Gardens where you can get your **wristbands**, **Garden Passports**, refreshments and enjoy entertainment - on both **Saturday and Sunday!**

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

11AM - 4PM

Secret Meadow, Weekmoor, Milverton, TA4 1QE

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Visit the Art Fair and browse the works of local, well-known artists and crafters. Free entry, donations welcome!

ST ANDREWS CHURCHYARD

1PM - 4PM

Guided tour **SAT 3PM** with **Bob Croft** & Visit the allotments **SUN 2-4PM**

TICKETS

All tickets are valid for both days.

Tickets available on our website: **wiveycares.net/gardens**

Adult ————— £12.50 (£10 Advance)

13-17 ————— £5 ...Must be accompanied by adult.

Under 12 ——— Free ...Must be accompanied by adult.

WILDLIFE & GARDEN TALKS

Join us for garden & wildlife related talks in the **Wivey Community Centre**.

Free entry, donations welcome!

SAT AT 5:30PM

**Walk, cycle, run, sit or ride
Saturday 20th June -
Walk West Tone**

Join the annual community walk with its stunning views of West Tone Benefice. Enjoy some or all of 14 miles from Sampford Arundel to Ashbrittle, winding through the beautiful lanes and countryside. Wend your way from church to church, with stunning buildings as our waypoints and refreshment stops as we travel the land in which they lie.

Want to help? We are looking for volunteers who can help us with strimming some paths before the event or being a driver on the day.

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Stawley Flower and Produce Show

This year the Stawley Flower and Produce Show will be held at Appley Pavilion on **Sunday 6th September**.

The Tiverton Agricultural Society has again kindly donated £100 to support our local show for which we are most grateful.

Below is the list of competition categories to help you prepare for the big day. You are welcome to enter as many classes as you wish but do remember, only one entry allowed per person per class.

Have fun growing cooking, crafting or taking a photograph of a dandelion!

Vegetables

- 3 potatoes
- 6 runner beans
- 6 French/other beans
- 5 chilli peppers
- 5 cherry tomatoes
- 3 large tomatoes
- A pair of root vegetables
- 5 onions or shallots
- 3 courgettes of the same variety
- A display of vegetables. (*Max size 45x45cm*)
- A display of herbs

Fruit

- 5 dessert apples
- 5 cooking apples
- 5 stoned fruits
- A dish of soft fruit

Flowers

- A collection of perennial flowers, (*6 stems, 3 varieties*)
- A collection of annual flowers, (*6 stems, 3 varieties*)
- A scented rose
- 5 dahlias
- A specimen bloom
- A red and orange floral display without Oasis
- A display of floating flower heads/petals

Produce

- A jar of honey
- A jar of marmalade
- A jar of jelly
- A jar of raspberry jam
- A jar of chutney/pickle
- 6 eggs

Drink

- A bottle of homemade drink

Cookery

- A Victoria sandwich cake
- 5 fruit scones
- 5 oat cakes
- 5 gluten free chocolate brownies
- A cottage loaf

Arts & Crafts

- All to be made within the last year*
- A knitted or crocheted item
- An example of needlecraft
- A painting/drawing/collage of stairs or steps. (*Max size 60x60cm*)
- An item made from upcycled or recycled material
- An item made from wood (*can include woven items such as willow*)
- A photo of any dandelion, unframed. (*Max size A4*)

Children's Classes: Ages 3-7 & 8-12

- Cover design for the 2027 programme. (*Size A5, 21cm high by 15cm wide*)
- A Lego or Duplo original of a pet or favourite animal. (*Max footprint size A5*)
- A painted pebble
- 3 decorated cup cakes
- 2 shop-bought digestive biscuits, decorated
- An animal made from fruit and/or vegetables

Fun Class

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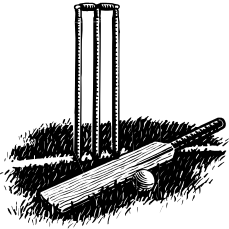
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Ashbrittle, Stawley and Clayhanger Cricket Club

We were extremely pleased with the turnout for our St George's breakfast, and Youth Team session. It was a really good sight in the sunshine to see our future Ashbrittle players training with plenty of supporters enjoying a fantastic breakfast.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the brilliant volunteers of the club for cooking, taking orders, serving, running sessions and ultimately running a great day of fun and fundraising.

Home Fixtures this month

First XI 9th and 23rd May

Second XI 16th and 30th May

Under 11's 10th and 24th May

Callum Hamer

Ashbrittle Art and Craft Group

We hold a monthly get-together as a self-directed group to do whatever 'arty' or 'crafty' project takes your fancy

Painting and Drawing - Mosaics - Textiles Crafts - etc.

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**Next meetings:
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If you are interested in joining us, contact me by email below to be added to the mailing list:

Pauline pjw200355@gmail.com

Gardening Club

Club visits

We plan to have a return Spring Visit to an old favourite, Burrow Farm Gardens, Dalwood, Axminster in May. We hope to see the wild flower meadow and other late Spring flowers and shrubs. There is also a very good plant area, an interesting shop and an excellent tea room.

The date is Tuesday 26th May. Meet at the tea room at 11.15 am for coffee and lunch at 1.00 pm. The entrance fee is £13 but if there are more than ten of us, there will be a discount.

For those interested in this visit please contact me, by email at brendasheywood@aol.com

Brenda Rayment

April's Garden Visit to Greencombe Gardens, Porlock, proved to be highly popular among members and provided an excellent start to the Club's year of activities. This woodland paradise, overlooking Porlock Bay, is a real gem and the Club was very fortunate that the owner agreed to open the garden for us and host a full cream tea on the majestic lawn. Full report next month.

Val Brown

Beatrix Potter at Waterrow

On 20th March my three friends and I went to the Waterrow Village Hall film night. We had a very enjoyable evening. We arrived to find several tables nicely set out ready for supper. There was a choice of three delicious home-made soups, a hard decision, served with bread and butter. This was followed by a choice of six desserts, another hard decision to make!

The film "Miss Potter" which portrayed the life of Beatrix Potter was then shown. The whole event was delightful and we are all looking forward to the next film night. This was a very good night out and all for the price of £10.

I highly recommend it.

Brenda Hollick.

Rainfall Statistics (inches) March 2026

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
3.15	7.01	4.96	0.20	1.30

Another dry March, apart from one downpour half way through. Isn't it just lovely to see the spring flowers coming through and hedgerows and trees in bloom? If I had my way it would be Spring all year round!

Val Coots

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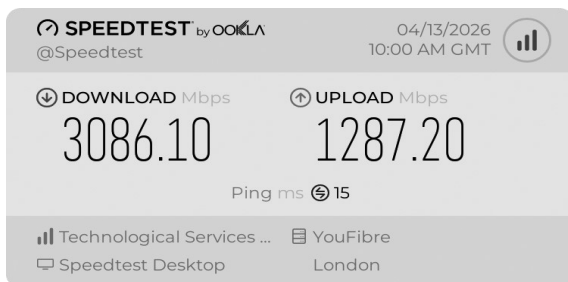
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Ultrafast Broadband Update

If you passed by Appley Cross and the Primary School after Easter, it probably looked slightly chaotic... to be completely honest it was, with three different contractors all working within the school site, all with slightly different aims and deadlines... hopefully the school will soon have a nice new playground surface and all the different "fluids" will all head in the correct direction!

From our perspective this period was successful: our Fibre Cabinet is now live and we have ducts out of the school site in every direction needed. The school is now benefiting from Ultrafast Broadband from us, as are the Shop and nearby houses. The only damper is we don't yet have a link across to our network in Appley at Frogs... more on this shortly.

We sometimes see customers' devices struggling to hit their Fibre package speed once connected, often this is down to the age of the device (slower networking chip, processor capacity, or software), wifi capabilities or range. When I connected the school I found my own laptop's limit, mainly due to the USB-C throughput. Fortunately, the limit in question was 3086Mbps download and 1287Mbps upload!



For some real-world perspective I streamed some 4k Netflix, while also joining a Teams meeting with some colleagues, all the while my actual bandwidth usage remained comfortably within our Basic Home parameters of 40Mbps - so even with 100x that available, day to day usage doesn't use it.

Check before you dig!

Just before 9:30 am on Thursday 23rd, I suspect half of the readership were cursing Technological, as you all were met with the Red Alarm light of Misery and No Internet... A digger driver had met our Fibre Duct outside Waterrow severing the service to Clayhanger, Bathealton, Appley, Kittisford and Stawley. These types of incident are fortunately rare, but they do happen from time to time (the last widespread incidents were Aug. 2025, and Dec. 2023 both resolved within four hours and nine hours). On this occasion, our team was not far away to carry out an assessment of the damage and a restoration plan. Unfortunately the repair was protracted with a number of

complications, but all customers were successfully restored by 3:30 pm.

These things happen, but if you have our fibre across your land, please just contact us before you start work, we'll always be able to come and either mark the location or dig down to expose the duct for you. If you own a digger, please always use safe dig protocols, don't use mechanical excavation within one metre of live fibre, and never use teeth near utilities. If accidents happen, please let us know, even if it looks undamaged, it could save a lot of disruption in future. Thank you for your patience and understanding when things go wrong, but we'll always aim to restore as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Our network design generally operates in rings: this provides two benefits, firstly it reduces the number of ducts that exclusively carry large number of customers' traffic, and secondly if there is major damage, we can reroute services while repairs are carried out. Installing our Fibre Cabinet at Appley will add to this ring topography, with customers in the local areas being primarily fed from this location, but with three upstream connections back to our London Datacentre. Had we been able to complete the link from Appley Cross to Frogs Farmhouse, none of you would have lost service during this incident, as the damaged section would have been part of the ring. Finding a solution to the access issue at Appley Cross is our Number One priority and we have a outline plan and have made a substantial capital investment to facilitate this.

After our update in the last month, a number of you asked about Ashbrittle. Apologies for missing you out, you are very much in our plans and we have received a lot of positive expressions of interest in Ashbrittle itself. Our plan remains to reach you during the year, however the timescales are hard to predict; Firstly, while Ashbrittle had positive interest, we've not been getting any response from the farms surrounding Ashbrittle to the north and North West, particularly from Clayhanger to Stawley Mill. Alternatively we would need to identify a River Tone crossing with amenable land owners on both banks and Environment Agency consent.

Hopefully by the next issue, we have more positive news on timescales for Ashbrittle and the other areas in build.

Jim Weir, Technological

Artists always 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.

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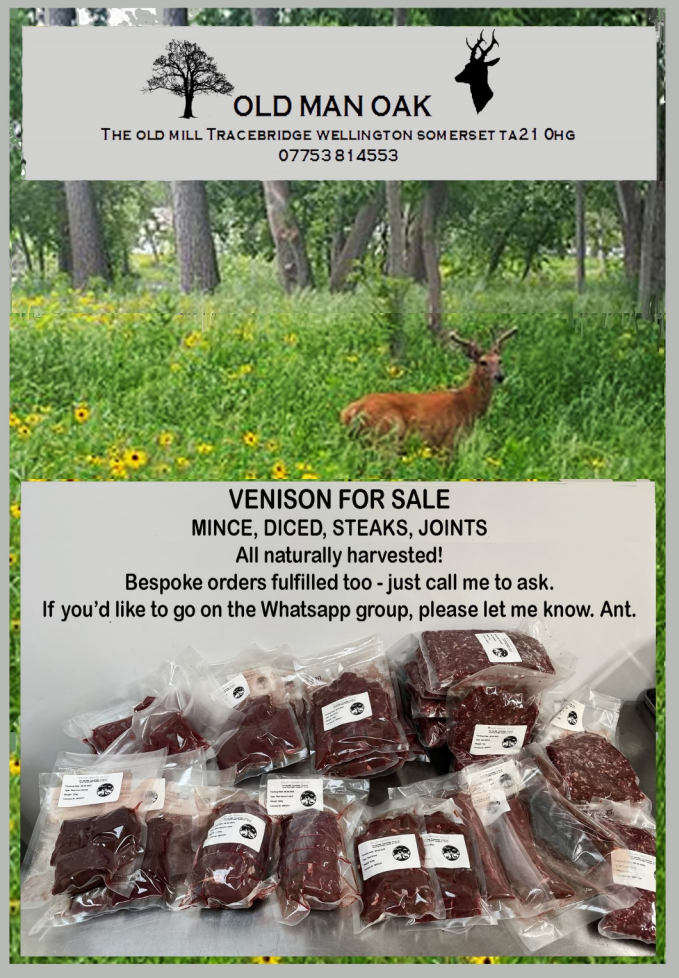
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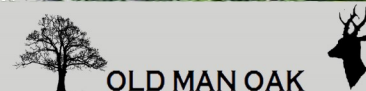
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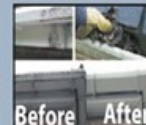
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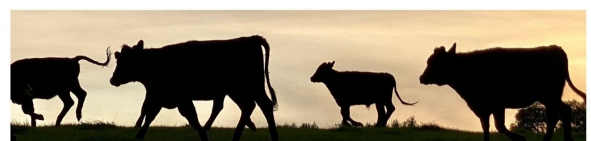


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DIAL 999 FIRST

But, there are four defibrillators within our community which are easy to use with verbal and visual instructions and available to anyone. They are permanently located at these places and can be found using the // What3words codes below.

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

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

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

Stawley Village Shop, on the outside wall
messaging.servers.quaking

Each one can be removed and taken to where it is needed. **These are all accessible 24 hours a day and no access codes are required.**

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