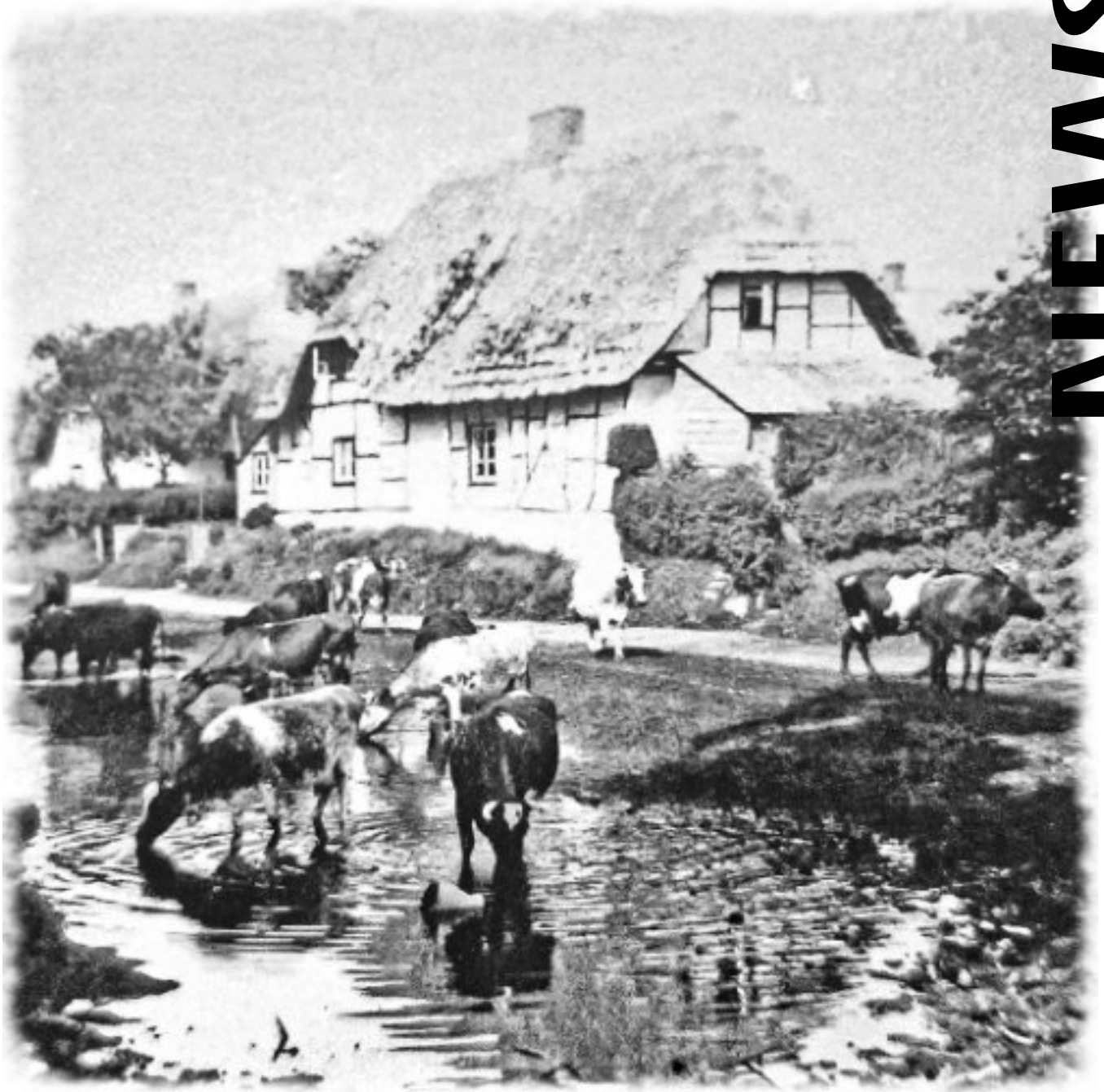


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Uphill 1940's - Photo - Rachel Multon

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Opportunities for Worship October 2020



Sunday 1st - All Saints Sunday

9.30am	Online	All Souls Service
10.00am	Urchfont	Service of the Word
11.00am	Chirton	Service of the Word

Sunday 8th - 3rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

9.30am	Online	Remembrance Service
11.00am	Bishops Cannings	Remembrance Service
11.00am	Urchfont	Remembrance Service

Other Parishes - Please see Grapevine

Sunday 15th - 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30am	Online	Service of the Word
10.00am	Urchfont	Service of the Word
11.00am	All Cannings	Service of the Word
11.00am	Wilsford	Service of the Word

Sunday 22nd - Christ the King

9.30am	Online	Service of the Word
10.00am	Bishops Cannings	Communion

Sunday 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Online	Service of the Word
10.00am	Urchfont	Communion



November is the month for remembering

In early Autumn we were able to visit the beautiful Pembrokeshire coast with our youngest son. He has always been keen on the night sky and as our cottage was fortunate to be in a very rural and quite an isolated location, we enjoyed beautiful night skies filled with clear stars. We sat for a few hours in the evenings, huddled under copious blankets watching the stars. It's surprising what you see when you are alongside someone who can point out knowledgeably at what we were looking at. Our world can be busy and imposing and we don't always want to be reminded by just how insignificant it is and we are by staring at the vastness of space in the eye and seeing it stare us down, timelessly. And yet, we had none of those feelings. We were happy with our place in the cosmos, at ease with its infinite nature and comforted by knowing that. There are times when the world can catch us off guard, even in the midst of our rushing, extending an invitation to realise again just how extraordinary a place it is.

As the days shorten and the long dark nights pervade our skies we can think back and remember. November is the month for remembering, and how strange it will feel this year as we forgo the usual fun and frivolity in community fireworks and bonfires when we remember Guy Fawkes on the 5th November and his attempt to destroy Parliament. We also remember those who have died and were close to us whether family or friend at the All Souls Service which will be available online from Sunday 1st November, all are welcome to access the service. On Sunday 8th November 11am we will remember in Acts of Remembrance across our Benefice all those who lost their lives in the First World War and subsequent wars. We renew our determination to bring an end to death, injury and mental health problems that come from the horrors of war. Many war memorials across our Nation will commemorate the 100th Anniversary since they were installed. A poignant moment to reflect and honour the service and sacrifice given by so many in our Armed Forces. It always shocks me how many names are on the war memorials in our small villages and the devastating effect it had on the

families and our communities whose men never came home.

Added to these remembrances, we also remember those we continue to love and care for as we prepare for a long winter of uncertainty, about our well-being, facing further restrictions on our lives and the possibility of having to shield. We remember those that are physically close and those living away from us and we may not have seen for a long time. We treasure our memories of people – both the living and those who are no longer with us physically. November is definitely a time for Remembrance in more ways than one!

Living here surrounded by the countryside is a privilege that we can sometimes take for granted. As I sit writing this, the autumn sun is blazing through my study window. The harvest of apples off the tree in the front garden has been abundant this year and is starting to slow. The vibrant autumn colour is starting to flood our garden. Enjoying these moments when we connect with something beyond our preoccupations can be *thin* times. The Christian tradition would call such moments God given when the world gives us time to pause, to consider it and its creator.

It may be that the natural world doesn't appeal; perhaps it's music, art, food, and so on, that lift your spirits, suggesting that there is a beauty at work in the universe that wants to be known. Not something that makes all things easy, but that, perhaps, causes us to glimpse that we are not alone. May we acknowledge the thin spaces in our lives and allow ourselves to breathe them in during these months ahead.

With all blessings

Rev'd Joanna Porter



Redhorn Cover Picture

My father's cows coming home for milking. My grandmother Mabel Ellis used to collect them from the fields. She drove them along the road twice a day. It was the norm in those days and people never complained. This was in the 40's and 50's. Us kids used to help by running ahead to close garden gates or we would stand in places with stick where people didn't have a gate. Then run to the top of the hill to guide them into the farmyard.



Rachel Multon

This photo was taken by Lloyd Dowse who lived in "Gaddon" the white thatched cottage next to Corina in 1939.

Brian Taylor

From the Parish Records...

Baptisms - we welcome:

Elsabeth Judd Bishops Cannings 19th September

Funerals - we pray for the families of:

Carol Wright Urchfont 1st October

Market Lavington Surgery 2020 Flu Clinics

This year, perhaps more than ever, it is important that those at risk and the most vulnerable within our community receive a flu vaccination.

Final Clinics will be held at the Surgery on
Thursday 5th November Evening
Friday 6th November All Day

Appointments must be pre-booked.

A 'turn up and wait' service will not be operating this year. Vaccinations will be offered in the first instance to the over 65s, as well as to those at risk due to an underlying health concern. If you believe you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please contact the Surgery on 01380 812500 to book your appointment.

Please note, the procedure on the day will be as follows:

- Please ensure you wear a face mask at all times whilst inside the building. Alcohol gel will be available for your use.
- Please arrive at your appointment time. If you arrive too early, you may be asked to wait in your car / outside the building until the time of your appointment.
- On arrival, staff will direct you to a place to wait, in order to maintain social distancing.
- Whilst waiting, you should remove all outer clothing/coats and roll up your sleeve.
- All clinical staff will be wearing full PPE and there will be minimal contact with the patient.
- Once you have received your flu vaccination, you will be asked to immediately leave the building via a separate exit.

The car park at the surgery can get congested during clinics. Please help the smooth running of the clinic by attending on foot, if at all possible.

At this stage, vaccinations will not be offered to the general 50-64 year old population (unless you have a long-term health condition). Please await a further announcement or invitation from the surgery before calling to request an appointment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times. **Market Lavington Surgery**



ADVENT AT HOME



St Michael's and All Angels Church, Urchfont are offering 'Advent at Home' this year. This is an open invitation to everyone who would like to participate. Advent is the Latin word for '*the coming*' and it's a time of reflective waiting and preparing for Christmas and the welcoming of the Christ Child.

The Advent season, like many things this year, will be different for us all. We will probably be more at home, seeing less people, than we would like or expect. Being 'at home' offers us a chance to reflect on the bigger picture the beauty of creation, the gift of the world that we call home. The coming of Christ is all about light shining in the

darkness and we welcome that light of Christian hope into our homes.

We will be offering opportunities to engage in a variety of ways in a COVID 19 safe and compliant way. As I write, the planning sessions are still taking place, but we are hoping to have a Zoom Book Club, looking at the book 'At home in Advent' by Gordon Giles.

We will join weekly online to chat about the book. We will be able to deliver weekly readings and from the book to your doorstep and if you would like to talk with someone about them by phone, this can be arranged.

We will be offering a craft gift to aid reflection which will be delivered at the

start of Advent. Look out too in Urchfont for our '*garden pulpit*' that was active during Lent and Easter which will recommence during Advent. This drew lots of positive comments earlier in the year and we are excited that this will be offered again.

More details will be available soon but if this sounds like something that you would like to be part of please contact Revd Joanna Porter for more information. Email joanna@canred.org or phone 860596.



A letter from the Editor

I wrote, (regarding Covid) in the April edition of Redhorn News, "So.....we're having to be super careful" and it seems most people were especially in the South West. The number of cases of Covid reduced and levelled out over the Summer. Or, was it that the rather unreliable "Test and Trace" wasn't picking up all the cases - we'll never know but here we are in late October and many areas in the UK have now gone into "High Alert" mode. By the time this magazine drops on your mat we might also be in lock down. Don't even think about Christmas this year!

Paul Scarffe wrote in that April edition "we will endeavour to continue with your village newsletter throughout the crisis".

I did wonder if he was being overly optimistic at the time as without news from the villages, the clubs, the fundraisers, the fetes etc etc what is the magazine? What would we replace those empty pages with! However, we have been thrilled with the response from everyone and what a mixed bag of offerings have come into our email account. As editor I have been enthralled by the variety and encouraged by the support from you all. Please keep them coming. You may think people aren't interested in your family history, local history, your working life, double decker buses etc etc but we are and in fact when life returns to 'normal' I hope we can keep this mixed bag of entertainment going.

Now a couple of apologies from me. I do make mistakes and if I mess up with your offerings of course let me know so that, if possible, I can correct in the next issue but also please remember that this is a one-woman operation and I'm only human!

Each month, after I have finished the magazine, I am very grateful to David Leigh who proof reads it for me. Not a quick job but he does it in double quick time so that I can get it to the printers

post haste. David does a grand job of pointing out spelling mistakes, layout errors, fuzzy pictures, hidden text etc. However, There are some things that even David can't spot and there were two last month which I want to draw to your attention.

1) *The name and telephone number relating to the appeal for drivers for Urchfont Community bus was chopped off the text box. If you can volunteer to join the drivers' rota, the person to contact is **Liz Turner on 848102**. You only need to commit to one or two regular journeys each month and they are desperate for new drivers so would welcome anyone who can spare the time to help. Just give Liz a call and have a chat about what being a driver will entail.*

2) *I was shocked to hear from Chris Grant that I had left him stranded at Marden phone box on his Ride and Stride bike ride!! So sorry Chris. He did manage to get home of course and you can read about the end of his ride in this issue - plus the amazing sum of £700 which he raised for the church.*

We have had quite a few new advertisers join us since July so if you're looking for a service please check the classified ads in here first of all. If you use any of their services please remember to let them know that you saw their advert in the Redhorn News. We do rely on the funds from advertising to help pay for the printing of the the magazine.

During the time that I have been editor I don't recall a Redhorn Magazine competition so this may be a first! Brian Taylor, who has been creating the front pages for us has suggested that during this pandemic and with most of us with a bit of extra time on our hands we might like to take up a challenge. It's not a difficult challenge and open to

any of our readers who have a camera or a camera on their phone. It will take a little forethought and a couple of minutes to complete.

You will see under the Urchfont Camera Club's page this week a photograph showing a silhouette against the sky. The challenge is to replicate this with your own silhouettes. What we want is a head and shoulder sideways-on picture taken against a lovely sky. it needs to be in the evening when the sky is bright against a dark background for it to work. Send Brian your creations. Let your imagination run riot! There are one or two rules but I'll let Brian tell you about those.

Have you had your flu jab yet? Being in the 'most vulnerable' group, my husband and I attended the surgery last Saturday at the first session of the season and were absolutely amazed at the professional way it was organised.

We were in and out before we knew it! "Wow" was the comment as we left by the back door. Talk about military precision; greeted at the front door, sanitised at the reception and straight into the Nurse who was ready for action with the loaded syringe to send us on our way. Everyone was kitted out in full PPE, very friendly as they moved us along and we felt safe.

I have spoken to many friends who came away with the same experience so congratulations to the Staff at Market Lavington Surgery.

The restrictions caused by the pandemic are hard for everyone to endure and Surgery Staff have been at the rough end dealing with patients and having to explain the new processes which are not always received with understanding so let's give them a huge **THANK YOU** for a job well done.

Best Wishes, Joan.



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POETRY PLEASE

This month we have the pleasure of printing three poems written by a local lad, Lewis Cowen. Lewis tells us that he has recently started writing poems about birds and offers these three for our enjoyment. It's not surprising for those who know Lewis that he chose ornithology

for his subject. Lewis, his son Saul and late wife Lyndsay spent many happy hours together bird watching and it is obvious from the lines in these poems how much he loves and admires these creatures.

THE RED KITE

"What's that up there?"
I asked my birder boy
On the road toward Rosemarkie.
"Stop the car! Red Kite!"
He yelled. Indeed it was.
We watched in wonder
As it soared and yawed
To navigate its new-found-land.



Now, twenty-five years on
The bird has thrived
And glides above our Wiltshire home.
But now the backlash starts,
A libel goes the social round
"Too many of them"
"They prey on songbirds"
"Drain their blood to feed their brood".

So we have not progressed
Beyond the day
When priests paid boys
To slaughter Yellowhammers
Because, it was alleged,
One drank the blood of Christ
As he hung dying on the cross.

THE GREAT BUSTARD

The last Great Bustard left in England
Was shot to death in 1832.
It did no harm
It spoiled no crop, attacked no fowl,
It lived remote from human habitat,
It made no noise to mar the Sabbath peace,
Its flesh not good to eat.



But it was there – and the males
Wore whiskers and breasts so white
They constituted trophies
For any little man

Who could afford a flintlock,
Powder, match and shot.
And the greatest trophy of them all was
The last Great Bustard left in England.

THE CORNCRAKE

The Corncrake is a most sagacious bird.
It knows its Latin name apparently.

"Crex, crex" it cries, and sure enough the phrase
Appears below its name in field guides of our birds.

"Crex, crex," it cries, though not round here, the call
Is seldom heard from Deal to Lomondside,
Though sometimes in the Hebrides and west
Of Ireland's mainly populated zones.

"Crex, crex", a sound I long to hear among
The well-groomed fields of Wiltshire and the West,
But early silage and other modern modes
Leave no safe place for crexxing, I regret.

I met an Irishwoman in a pub
She turned out an ecologist of note
I mourned the loss of species and described
My yen to hear the Corncrake cry at home.

Her face fell and a hand went to her cheek.
"Don't wish it on yourself," said she, alarmed.
"I come from farming stock in Donegal
And when I'm home I barely sleep a wink.

"Crex, crex", I hear the whole night long.
I wish to hell that it would take a break.
"Crex, crex", I spend my home leave zombified
And eye my father's shotgun in its case."

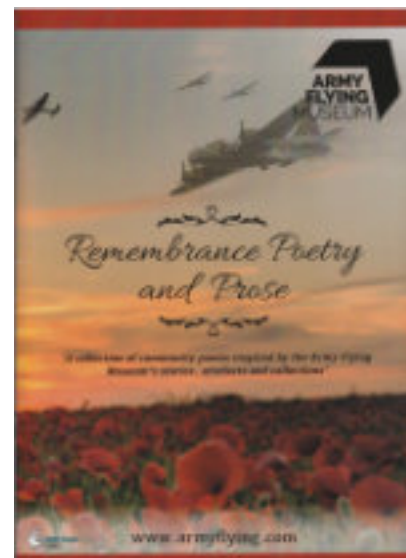


Do you have a favourite poem you could share with us? Just give us the title and why you enjoy it, we will do the rest!

redhornmag@gmail.com

Rob Pirie tells us that on 5th June 1994, he organised and flew in what was arguably the biggest-ever formation of civilian gliders and tug aircraft. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of D-Day, and they were the first element of a large fly-past of aircraft over Portsmouth Harbour, Southsea Common and the Solent, where a huge fleet of ships was anchored for review by Her Majesty the Queen. As a glider pilot and instructor at Lasham, Rob says he originally came up with the idea of a small, local formation but as tends to happen occasionally, the project just grew and grew.

The Army Flying Museum have just published an anthology of Remembrance Poetry and Prose as part of the Museum's remembrance community art installation project. Rob was thrilled and honoured to hear that they have included a poem written by him reflecting his memories of the day. And we are equally honoured to be able to share the poem with you all here



50th Anniversary of D-Day

Our glider borne tribute

Rob Pirie

Fifty years on from that longest day, we delivered a tribute in our special way.
 In skies where Horsas and Skytrains had flown, we aimed for the coast in a fleet of our own.
 Tugs noisy and powerful, gliders so silent, our mission to open events on the Solent.
 A chink in the weather; "OK we'll go" – from Lasham and Odiham, row after row.
 That gusty June morn Sword Formation was born; two hours later we'd been and gone.
 Flying thirty-six aircraft, in vics of three, seventy pilots set course for the sea.
 Above us there lurked a lone 'whipper in' (to be out of position the ultimate sin).
 As we climbed over Hampshire both groups combined; our aim an arrival – perfectly timed.
 On the Royal Yacht 'Britannia' the Queen awaited. (Prince Philip would know if we were belated.)
 With her were fifteen heads of state – another reason not to be late.
 On the Solent off Spithead a vast fleet was moored; carriers, warships and liners galore.
 But on Southsea Common were the stars of the show, who'd followed Ike's bidding when he said "We'll go!"
 Tough old soldiers with tears in their eyes, watching with pride our formation arrive.
 Approaching the harbour the tugs throttled back and we sank to low level, some ropes getting slack.
 The wind became gusty and cumuli grew, and we lurched and we bounced as the thermals did brew.
 From QE2's funnel a massive belch came – a broken rope now would finish our game.
 To ditch in the sea would cause quite a splash, or a carrier's deck a spectacular crash.
 'George Washington' below us was long and wider, but 'no room at the inn' for a broken-rope glider.
 Our ropes stayed intact, no tug-engines faltered; in a dignified fashion we traversed the water.
 With over-worked eyeballs and palms soaked in sweat, Sword Formation's purpose we'd never forget.
 We'd delivered our tribute to the sacrifice made, and to all the old timers who saw us that day.
 First (and slowest) of that D-day flight, we glimpsed fighters and bombers which roared into sight.
 Our formation turned north, our job well done. Relaxing and smiling – it had been fun!
 A mass landing at Lasham the goal for most, while the Parham-based gliders headed east up the coast.
 Twenty six years on from that morning we flew, of those who took part, we've lost quite a few.
 But when anyone asks, we will always say: "We delivered our tribute in our special way."

For More information about this publication please turn to page 23 where we have included it in our "Books under Lockdown"



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Residents Urged To Be Vigilant Following Spate of Courier Fraud Incidents



Residents in East Wiltshire are being urged to be vigilant following a spate of incidents of courier fraud.

Courier fraud occurs when a fraudster contacts victims by telephone purporting to be a police officer or bank official. To gain a victim's trust, the caller might be able to confirm some easily obtainable personal details such as their full name and address. The caller might then suggest money has been removed from their account by mistake, police need money for evidence or even need the victim to purchase an item of high price 'evidence'. Victims are asked to co-operate in an investigation and withdraw money from their bank, foreign currency from an exchange or handing over the expensive item to a 'courier' for examination. The collector of which will be a fraudster.

One incident occurred on October 13 – a 90-year-old woman from Great Bedwyn received a call from a fraudster claiming to be from Hammersmith Police Fraud Unit. He claimed her bank cards had been reproduced and encouraged her to hand over £2,200 to a courier who attended her home address.

On the same day, an 85-year-old man in Aldbourne was contacted by phone by a man claiming to be from Hammersmith Police who informed the man of a bank fraud which required him to withdraw £3,000 – the man hung up and called the police.

In another incident, a 90-year-old woman in Wootton Rivers was contacted by a man claiming to be from the Met Police advising her about money laundering and urged her to empty her account. The woman withdrew £3,000 and handed the money over to a man who attended her address.

And on October 19, an 82-year-old man in Devizes was called by a fraudster claiming to be a police officer – they instructed him to withdraw £4,600 which he did before handing it over to a courier who called at his address.

"We'd like to take this opportunity to remind the public that banks, police officers and other professionals will never contact you to ask for you to assist with investigations, withdraw money or purchase expensive items.

"Understandably, victims of this type of crime can feel extremely upset and sometimes embarrassed once they are aware they have fallen victim to a fraudulent phone call. We know that those who commit this type of crime can seem highly credible and they can be very convincing but it is really important that you remain suspicious and vigilant. If something doesn't seem right, hang up immediately but do not use the same landline phone to call your bank or police as the fraudsters will keep the line open and will remain on the phone without you realising.

"We'd also urge relatives and friends of those who may be vulnerable to this type of crime to initiate a conversation with them about courier fraud, how it works, and how convincing these fraudsters can be so that we can ensure they do not fall victim to this crime."

To report a crime of this nature, call 101 or 999. Alternatively, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.



URCHFONT VILLAGE NEWS

Urchfont CAMERA CLUB

Chairman's Annual Photo Competition

At last we have judged the Chairman's Photo Competition. Very different this year as we looked at the pictures on a computer screen instead of our normal way of judging prints.

Members had to try to copy the Chairman's pictures taken this year in Urchfont. I know for some members who are shorter than me they have taken a stool out with them to get the height, then gone home and decided to do it all again !! So well done to all those who entered, even if you didn't win I hope you enjoyed the challenge.

The winners are ...

**First prize Alison Drage,
Second Liz Turner and
Third Mally Kimber.**

There was also a competition for the best picture submitted of Urchfont this year. (Pictures on right)

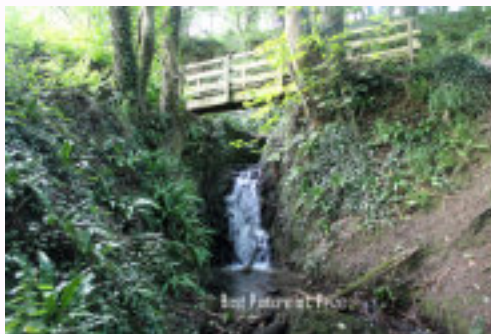
Again many thanks to all the members who took part.

The winners are:

**First Michael Bedford,
Second Malcolm Turner and
Third Liz Turner.**

The judging was done this year looking at the digital pictures on my computer. Not as easy as using prints.

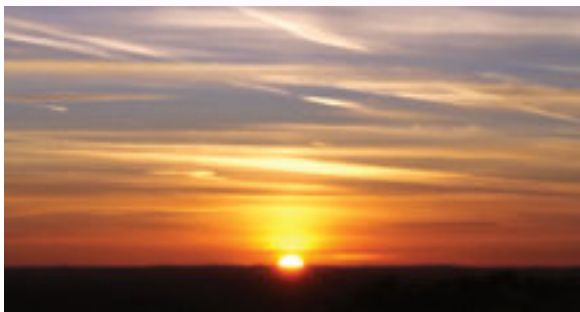
The winners will receive Plaques and Certificates. Unfortunately due to virus restrictions there will be no presentation but we do thank you all for your efforts in these difficult times.



The villagers of Urchfont must have wondered what was going on with people wandering round taking pictures over a period of several weeks.....so now you know!

Brian Taylor, Chairman.

One of our members drove up to Redhorn Hill in September with a friend. They took a flask of tea and parked next to the large clump of trees overlooking Urchfont. There was a lovely sky so they sat and listened to the silence, it was so peaceful.



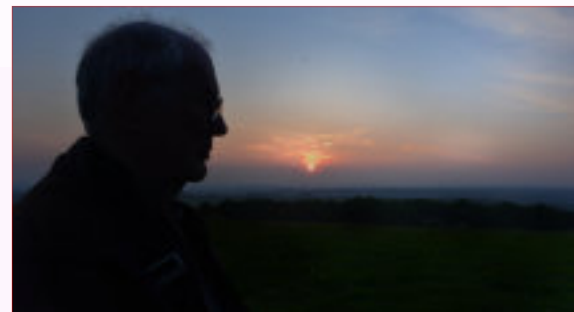
Later the sun began to set and they took this lovely picture.

The camera's automatic system set the exposure for the sky

so everything else was dark. Under these circumstances you can get a great silhouette of a person, especially if they face side on. (See picture opposite) We ensured that the person and sky were sharp in the picture by using a small aperture on the camera. This gave us a greater depth of field.

We thought it would be interesting to have a competition for our our readers to see who could take the best silhouette picture. It doesn't have to be a sunset but we want a person like the picture in this article against the sky at dusk. The winner will receive a prize and the top three pictures will be published in the February issue of the Redhorn magazine.

In order to meet printers requirement's the pictures should be around 3mb in size. Pictures should also have your name included in the title for identification purposes.



The closing date for entries is **4th January** and is only open to Redhorn magazine recipients.

- **No more than two pictures per entry**
- **Pictures must have been taken this year**
- **Pictures should be in .jpg format only, around 3mb in size if possible**
- **Pictures should be sent as an attachment to your email.**

Why not have a go! This is the first time we have had a competition for readers of the magazine so we hope to have a good response from you all. You don't need to be a professional! Please send your pictures to Brian Taylor at brian.taylor884@btinternet.com

LEARNING ABOUT COLOUR



Woodpeckers have had a very busy last few weeks of term. In art, we have been looking in detail at the colour wheel. We have used primary colours to make secondary and tertiary colours. We also looked at how adding white or black to these can create different shades and tints. We used this information to create our own colour wheels.



THE ARCTIC

Robins class has grown this year!

We have welcomed 13 Reception children and 4 new children have joined the Y1's. They have all settled into or back to Urchfont School extremely well.

We are very proud of the children for how quickly



they have adapted to the new rules and routines.

We have been learning about the Arctic.

Here are some photographs of us at play.



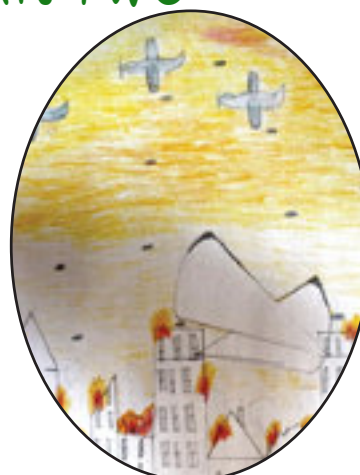
ANCIENT EGYPT

This term Chaffinches have been learning about Ancient Egypt. As part of our learning we created Canopic jars out of clay, the detail was fantastic and we especially enjoyed adding hieroglyphics. To support our learning we also had an Egyptian day where we dressed up and tried some Egyptian food- yummy! We also wrote our names in hieroglyphics and solved an Egyptian pyramid maths problem.



WORLD WAR TWO

In Owls this term, our topic is WWII. We have looked at: the events that contributed to the start of WWII; the countries involved and those that led them and what it was like to live through the Blitz. We have enjoyed reading our class book, 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' and explored the characters of Mr. Tom and Willie. Before writing descriptively about a scene from the Blitz, we



sketched our own pictures of the vivid scenes that occurred.

In RE this term, we have been exploring the idea of 'commitment'.

Having explored what this means in our own lives, we have looked at the first Pillar of Islam – Shadada – and created a strong visual image to represent a Muslim's declaration of faith.



URCHFONT COMMUNITY BUS NOVEMBER

Please use your community bus so that we can continue to provide a service to the village. Our volunteer drivers look forward to welcoming you back on board!

In November we will continue the scheduled service to Devizes (via Wedhampton only if requested) at the times below. Unfortunately we are still not able to restart trips to Swindon/Bath/Salisbury or special day trips, however, community/club use is possible providing Government advice is adhered to. Please phone Peter Cook on 840001 to discuss.

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Please also bring a face covering to wear on the bus. Hand sanitiser will be available.

Only certain seats on the bus will be used and these will be marked. The driver will disinfect seats, seat belts, head rests and hand rails before each journey to ensure your safety.

Book your seat early to avoid disappointment by phoning:

Linda Jennings 840413, Gill Hill 840794 or Anthea Donald 848113

The UCB Committee is still looking to recruit volunteer drivers to join the team. You don't need a special licence and full training is provided. If you could commit to one or two of our regular trips each month, please contact Liz Turner on 848102 for more information.



URCHFONT CHURCH

Part 2

Unfortunately the report on my Stride in last months Redhorn News was cut short while I was still in Marden looking at the flowers in the phone box so here is the rest of my adventure:-

On my way along the footpath to Chirton I meet a retired farmer and his wife, Andrew and Christine Miller, and have a good chat while keeping my social distance. It is 3.05pm when I arrive at St John the Baptist Church, walk around the outside of the church and take the footpath across the fields towards Wedhampton. I pass the row of 8 oak trees planted in 2018 to commemorate the 8 fallen Chirton Men in the first World War. The trees will look grand in 2118.

I am now back in the Urchfont Parish, so I push on past Lydeaway crossing the busy A342 main road again. Follow the footpath to Uphill, the Bottom and Church Lane. Meet Messrs Watson and Morris doing a fine job tidying the verge. Back up the Church steps and look up at the clock it is 4.20pm. I have done it and I reckon I have walked more than 8 miles. I enjoyed the walk but now it is time to go home and enjoy a cooked tea.

Errata. I mentioned last month a Mr Alexander's field being well duned, it should have read Mr Trowbridge's. My apologies to the Trowbridge family of Marsh Farm, Lydeaway.

A Big Thank You for all your support. A sum of more than £700 has been raised towards the cost of running our church.

Christopher Grant



THE URCHONT PARISH POPPY APPEAL



Unfortunately, due to the prevailing social distancing restrictions, The Royal British Legion has directed that the usual door to door poppy sales are not to take place this year. In Urchfont parish, poppies will, however, be available in Urchfont Community Shop and Plank's Farm Shop. It would be appreciated if donors could please be as generous as possible this year, as our ability to reach our usual wide audience of supporters is going to be seriously limited.

This year Remembrance Sunday will be on 8th November with Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th.

The contact for poppy sales or donations to the RBL in Urchfont is Paul Bancroft Tel: 848246

(If you would like to make an online donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020 you can do so here: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>)

ASSISTANCE DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

Whilst in COVID lockdown earlier this year, Urchfont Parish Council distributed a 'Connecting a Caring Community' flyer to all households in the Parish which gave details of local services, organisations and contact points available to help and support people during unprecedented times. Times and circumstances have moved on and many if not most people in the Community have developed their own support systems and contacts to help them deal with self-isolation, shielding or just compliance with current Government guidance. Nevertheless the Parish Council recognises that some people may still feel the need for assistance of varying kinds due to the evolving COVID situation.

Fortunately we currently find ourselves in the 'medium' tier category based on the fact that infection rates in Wiltshire are much lower than elsewhere in the country, but this could change.

At this point the Parish Council does not intend to issue a revision of the earlier flyer, but they have re-nominated two councillors to be contact points if anyone in the Parish requires assistance or just advice on potential support available. They are:

Councillor Trevor Hil
01380 840794
Councillor Maria Kemp
01380 848157

Please abide by the current guidelines issued by the UK Government (HANDS / FACE / SPACE) – do not be lulled into a false sense of security or complacency living in our quiet country community, relatively untouched by the virus to date. Let's keep it that way. Links to UK Government and Wiltshire Council websites can be found on the Urchfont website (www.urchfont-pc.gov.uk) via Latest News Coronavirus (Covid-19) on the Home page.

URCHFONTS PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCY UPDATE

Following the resignation of Councillor Lisa Kinnaird with immediate effect at the Council meeting on 8th July 2020, the Parish Council had a vacancy for a councillor.

However, at their meeting on 14th October 2020 Urchfont Parish Council unanimously co-opted a new councillor with immediate effect - Mr Peter Rotherham of The Ham, Urchfont.

All seats on the Council are now taken, but if anyone else in the Parish might be interested in becoming a Parish councillor, then please register this interest with the Parish Clerk for consideration if and when a vacancy arises in the future.

URCHFONTS POND ALGAE UPDATE

Potentially harmful blue / green Algae remains in Urchfont Pond despite Parish Council efforts to remove / minimise it to date. Latest samples show

improvement but that the potentially harmful algae remains above the level that would allow removal of warning signs - please continue to comply with the warning signs around the pond until you are advised otherwise. Please do not dispose of any of your unwanted garden pond fish, ducks or indeed anything else, into Urchfont Pond at any time.

DOG WASTE

Irresponsible owners in the Parish, or maybe visiting the Parish, still fail to pick up after their dogs, other residents continue to complain to the Parish Council on a regular basis. Apart from encouraging improved behaviour via articles such as this and on the website, the Parish Council does not have enforcement powers to do anything more.

If you witness this irresponsible behaviour please report it to the WC Dog Warden who has enforcement powers which could lead to significant fines if an owner is successfully prosecuted.

PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS – the next Full Council / Planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7pm. It is most likely that this meeting will again be virtual / remotely held due to the need for compliance with Coronavirus 2020 Regulations and UK Government direction. Watch the website and notice boards for further information in due course.

Report on Urchfont Parish Meetings

Urchfont Church Parish meetings were held on 4th October. At the Parishioners Meeting Chris Grant and Ian Smith were again unanimously elected as Church Wardens

At the Annual Church Meeting which followed previously circulated reports on the activities and finances of the Church to December 2019 were received. Reports included those about the church and hand bell ringers, the church fabric, membership figures, Coffee and Cake, Devises Deanery Synod, Friends of St Michael, pastoral work, Mothers' Union, music, work in local schools, safeguarding, stewardship and the Team Council.

Mally Kimber, the Treasurer, reported that 2019 ended on a depressing note financially with a deficit of £6163. Expenditure had been similar to 2018, but receipts had been down by £8000. This could be attributed in part to fewer services, weddings and funerals, and a reduction of £4000 in donations. She regretted that the church was now in a situation where it might not be possible to meet its running costs. It had been planned to have a special appeal in 2020, but this had not been thought appropriate during the pandemic, although it was hoped that those who could afford it might increase their giving.

She thanked all those who continue to contribute towards the mission and ministry of the church and organise and support fund raising events, particularly the Friends of St Michael who work to raise money to help maintain the Church building, Coffee and Cake and the Fundraising Committee.

Presentations were made to Jill Halliday in appreciation for her years as examiner of accounts and to David Myers for undertaking the task in 2019.

The Rector thanked all those in the Parish who had been working so hard to maintain the work of the Church during the pandemic. He outlined the way the provision of ministry had changed while church buildings had been closed, especially the development of on-line services and reflected on the possible future patterns of worship in the light of these experiences.

The Parochial Church Council and a Deanery Synod Representative were elected.

Urchfont Parochial Church Council 2020 -2021

Ex Officio: Revd Richard Curtis & Revd Joanna Porter;

Christopher Grant and Ian Smith, (Church Wardens);

Carole Jones, (Diocesan and Deanery Synod member);

Liz Greed, (Deanery Synod Representative).

Elected members: Paul Bancroft, Kate Bosley, Pat Cridland, Cecilia Gillington, Mally Kimber, Philip Lough, Mary Revill, and Neville Stanton.

Carole Jones (PCC Secretary)

CENTENARY OF URCHFONT WAR MEMORIAL

1920 – 2020

The period following the First World War saw an outpouring of communal grief and a wave of public commemoration across Britain for the men who had fallen over five long years of bloody conflict. The impact of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives was huge, and the Government's controversial post-war policy of not repatriating the bodies of the war dead led to thousands of War Memorials being raised in towns and villages by public subscription. They acted as a focus for the mourning of relatives and the gratitude and respect of survivors.

Urchfont was no exception. On the afternoon of 24th October 1920 the new village War Memorial was dedicated at a special ceremony in the church and churchyard of St Michael and All Angels. The simple Latin cross on a tiered pyramid base had been designed and made from Portland stone by Messrs Morgan and Sons of Devises at a cost of £90. The sum was achieved, we are told, 'without incurring debt'.

One of the leading participants was the Archdeacon of Sarum, the Venerable Harry Carpenter, then aged 66, who remained in his post until his death at the ripe old age of 82 in 1936. He was assisted by the Vicar of Urchfont, Rev Douglas Davies, who led the prayers. The memorial was unveiled by George Watson-Taylor, who had played a leading part in the fund-raising and whose family had owned Urchfont Manor since the 1830s (though he was soon to sell it). He removed the Union Flag draped over the cross to give those present their first sight of the monument, with its 17 names on a white marble tablet inserted into the stone. The dedication states 'To The Glory Of God And In Grateful Memory Of The Men Of This Parish Who Died In The Service Of Their King And Country'. As the Wiltshire Gazette commented at the time, the monument 'is placed in the churchyard at a point which all the parishioners pass on their way to and from worship, and will serve to remind the people of Erchfont for generations to come of the gallant

part its sons took in the War'. There were many relatives of the dead present, including mothers who 'could not prevent a deep-hearted sob' as they heard their son's name being read out, and numerous former soldiers and comrades. They were led by Lieutenant Reginald Fuller who laid down a large white wreath as a tribute from survivors to the fallen.

The church was packed for the 'sad yet glorious little ceremony' and the sun shone 'with a remarkable brilliance for late October'. At the same time autumn leaves were falling to the ground from the surrounding trees, 'silently teaching the lesson that without death there is no life'. The parish bell-ringers paid their own tribute in the form of a half-muffled peal both before and after the ceremony, and following the hymns and prayers two buglers from the Wiltshire Regiment played the 'Last Post'.

Finally, the memorial states one lasting truth. 'Their name liveth for ever more'.

A booklet entitled 'The Urchfont Seventeen' was produced in 2018 and tells the individual stories of the men who died in the War. It is available from the Urchfont Village Shop or the Church for £4 (in aid of church funds).



Urchfont Gardening Club Tips



Be discriminating about what you cut down and what you leave – this shears-and-secauteurs session will determine the view you have from your windows this winter.



- Leave perennials that add a decorative element, such as ornamental grasses, rudbeckias and sunflower heads – the finches love the seeds.
- Plant fruit trees in containers or in the ground. Before planting soak dry roots and plant them firmly to the same depth as they were in the nursery. Prepare the holes for the trees immediately before planting so that water cannot fill them.
- Any fruit you have stored from last season should be carefully checked for disease. Prune apple and pear trees aiming for an open goblet shape.
- Plant bare-root roses now and next month while the soil is not frozen. Prepare a planting mixture containing bonemeal and peat. Cut back wayward stems of roses to prevent strong winds loosening the plant.
- Cut back pelargoniums to a few leaf joints above old wood, keep on a light windowsill until spring, watering sparingly. Plant tulips and complete the planting of other spring-flowering bulbs, wallflowers and bedding plants.
- Continue aeration and apply autumn fertiliser if you have not already done so. Make a final cut of established lawns, and continue sweeping up and composting fallen leaves.
- Leave stems of semi-tender perennials, such as penstemons, unpruned. This will help protect the crowns.
- You can get away with not digging up dahlia tubers if you just cut down their stems and mulch the crowns.
- Cut back the tatty foliage and spent stems of other perennials.
- Clear the ground under roses of diseased leaves or they will reinfect next year. Cut down diseased stems, such as hollyhocks that have succumbed to rust – but do not compost them.
- Insulate containers – protect roots of frost-vulnerable plants by lagging pots with loft insulation, sacking or bubble-wrap, secured with string.

Urchfont Garden club Report

AGM.....Our next scheduled event is the AGM on Friday 15 January 2021. Let us hope that we can meet again as a Club in the newyear. A decision as to whether the AGM is on or off will be made for publication in the December edition of Redhorn News.



WARNING!

I was in town earlier and went to the supermarket where I picked up a can of fly killer.

I asked the youngster who was stacking the shelves "Is this any good for wasps"

*"No" he replied
"It kills them".*

Seed Potato Sales

We have now heard from Pennard Plants and their plan for the sale of seed potatoes, fruit bushes, shallots, onions, heritage seeds and other items. Discounts of up to 15% are available on most items during 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 for online sales at www.pennardplants.com. The discount code (urchfont22s) lower case no spaces, should be entered when completing your 'shopping basket'. The code will automatically trigger the discount; there is no need for you to make any calculations. Posting and packaging will be added depending on the size of your order. Payment by card.

You can use this code as many times as you want during the five months and can share it with your friends and neighbours.

Should any Urchfont Garden Club member need help in placing an order or how to access the website, please ring Peter Cook 840001.

The Garden Club receives no commission from Pennard Plants; the whole discount is yours.



Candles At The Telephone Box

The Friends of St Michael's would like to extend a mighty "thank you" to everyone that made such kind and generous donations to our "Candles At The Telephone Box" appeal in September. The total receipts were an unbelievable £846. After expenses and with gift aid added the net total will be £898, which is absolutely fantastic.

It was a great pity that the usual event around the pond with the barbecue and bar could not take place this year because of social distancing limitations. However, the replacement, masterminded by the Community Bell Working Group that regularly decorates the phone box, has been a very worthy replacement for which we are most grateful.

The money raised will go towards essential repairs to the church windows and masonry that need to be undertaken over the next couple of years.

Thank you again to all those who gave so generously.



Urchfont Village Cricket Club (UVCC) Season 2020

Although Government regulations did not allow us to play any matches until Mid-July there are lots of positives to report about UVCC's 2020 season. The new all-weather practice nets proved a great success and were available for most of the summer – and will continue to be available throughout the winter. We were planning to hold an official opening ceremony to say thanks to all those who contributed to this new facility. Unfortunately this has not been possible, so we would like to take this opportunity to re-iterate our thanks to Wiltshire Council – Devizes Area Board, Urchfont Parish Council, the Urchfont Scarecrow Festival and QDOS Homes.



Once the season finally got underway, there was great enthusiasm and the Club played 25 games, winning 17 of them. This was made possible by the grounds staff keeping the ground in excellent condition up to the time we could play, and during the playing period. There effort was rewarded with some excellent team and individual performances.

During the summer the club also hosted several Wiltshire Junior inter-county games and practice sessions. We also set up a women's section and several well attended practice sessions were held on Monday evenings during August and September.

All in all, it's been a successful season for the club, often against the odds. Thanks are due to all those who contributed to both the running of the club and all the players who took part in games or practice sessions. There is a lot to look forward to in 2021.

**For more information about UVCC please contact
Dave Mottram on 01380 840612, or any committee member**



Autumn is now upon us. The combine harvesters have been put away until next year and the fields have been ploughed and planted. We are surrounded by the changing colours of the hedgerows and leaves. Starlings are gathering, owls are hooting and holly bushes are covered with red berries, which will have disappeared by Christmas!

What has this to do with Friends and Neighbours?!

Our members may not be meeting at the moment, but we are so lucky to be surrounded by such natural beauty here in Urchfont. We may not be going far from our front doors, but just to peek out of them once in a while and see our lovely surroundings is a real treat.

We are contacting members every few weeks and everyone is keeping well and in good spirits. One of the frequently asked questions is 'How is everyone else'? I'm sure these strange times will only enhance our camaraderie and friendship when we do finally get together. And what a time that will be!

So we'll keep looking forward to happier times ahead. And to reiterate the words of Vera Lynn;



**Keep well and
Keep safe!**

*'We'll meet again,
Don't know where,
Don't know when.
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day'!*



**Julie 840691
Sue 840031
Kay 840608**

↓ The Children's Society



The Children's Society

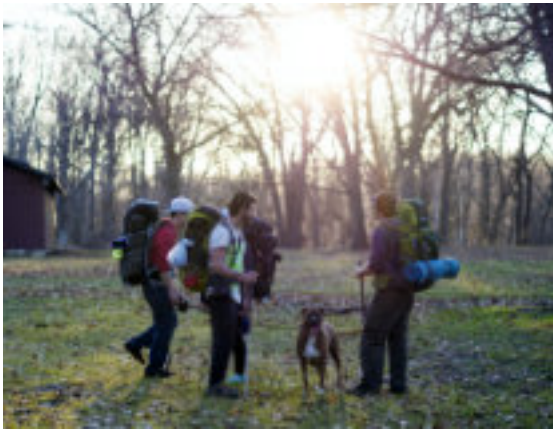
**"Every young person deserves
a good childhood"**

**A big thank-you to the 24 Society
Box Holders in Redhorn Team - you
raised £576.02 - this will help
support vulnerable children from
disturbed homes or no homes.**

Thank You

Keep Safe

Elizabeth Milner 01380 840 590



WALKERS

(An invitation to give something back)

**Do you like walking?
Do you walk to exercise yourselves,
the dog(s) or simply to enjoy the countryside?**

You are probably aware there are many official footpaths in and around the Parish but have you sometimes wondered why they are always clear and open, who maintains them, who keeps the vegetation down, who replaces damaged signs, and why so many stiles have been replaced with kissing gates?

The **Urchfont-cum-Wedhampton Parish Rights-of-Way Group**, with a complement of only 9 regular members, works for you on a voluntary basis and meets each month to undertake the above tasks.

The majority of the current membership have worked for you and the Community for anything up to 20 years since the Group formed. Most are now in their 70s and some are looking to take a well earned break. If they are not replaced with new help, the Group could cease to be viable and will fold. Imagine your favourite footpath impassable!

We therefore need your help and if you get something out of using the paths, we'd like to invite you to put something back. It would be for only 3-4 hours, usually once per month, and it wouldn't even have to be every month - just when you're available. It would be for yourselves and the Community so, if you're interested, give either of us a call to volunteer, or simply to find out more information. *Thank you.*

Paul Melhuish (07704 491 227)

Linda Jennings (840413)



URCHFONT

On 15th October, five of our members took part in a Zoom meeting at Urchfont Village Hall, where we joined with seventy other WIs in Wiltshire to take part in the Wiltshire Federation's Annual Meeting which would normally have been held in Salisbury City Hall.

The meeting started with a welcome from the Federation's Chairman, Lesley Holdway. Her Chairman's Address was most interesting as she told us how matters had been dealt with over the past few months, but, thanks to Zoom, we were at least able to see each other in our meetings.

There were two guest speakers, the first was Melissa Green who had been appointed last year as General Secretary of the National Federation. She told us of her background in charity work.

After a 15-minute interval we heard from Andree Craddock, a 95 years old lady, who was asked to compare Lockdown with the Second World War. A totally different scenario of course. Andree has been a WI member for most of her adult life.

The second guest speaker was Terry Barker of the Warwickshire Federation who spoke of her time as script editor for the BBC. Again, a very interesting talk.

Sadly, our meetings are on hold at the moment as we have been advised by the Head Office of the National Federation of WIs that our meetings have to be temporarily suspended in line with Government legislation.

For further information please contact Sandra Mistlin on edwhiddengem@uwclub.net or ring her on 01380 840736.

Did you know you can get access to WI courses whether you are a member or not. Just go on line to denman.org.uk

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URCHFONT WITH STERT MOTHERS UNION

Dear Members,

Let us as part of the Mother's Union continue to shine a light in our precious Christian fellowship. We do this by working in our community at home and around the world to help stop violence, stop poverty and stop injustice.

We are a unique woman led movement and last year helped over one million world wide by our subscriptions and our leaders cannot thank you enough.

The Corona Virus Pandemic has hit us hard causing Mary Sumner House to make some staff redundant and others to take a salary sacrifice and they will be launching an appeal. Salisbury Diocese also reviewed its commitment, this has resulted in Diocese asking for a £2 increases per member for 2020/2021 bring the subscription up to £28 per member. Mary Sumner House are asking for £20 out of this £28 which leaves Salisbury Diocese with £8.

We acknowledge that we have not been able to hold events locally because of the Corona Virus. We are keen to resume activities when it is safe to do so.

We look forward to your continuing support. Our Treasurer, Mrs Kay Bowyer, (840608) looks forward to receiving your £28 subscription between now and December.

Evelyn Grant
Secretary
840425

Louise Woolley
Enrolling Member
848200



We are delighted to tell you that on Saturday 10 October

WE MADE £1,000 WHAT AN AMAZING RESULT

Thank you to everyone who gave items to sell on the stall from cakes, to jars of chutney & jams, craft items and jigsaws and to those who manned the stalls on a rather chilly Saturday morning and special thanks for the very generous donations we received for the charity.

Thanks must also be made to Urchfont Shop and to Julie at The Lamb for allowing us to use their space.



LOOK ...a cruelty free and ethical make-up range now available here in Urchfont - see Fenella's regular Ad in the classifieds



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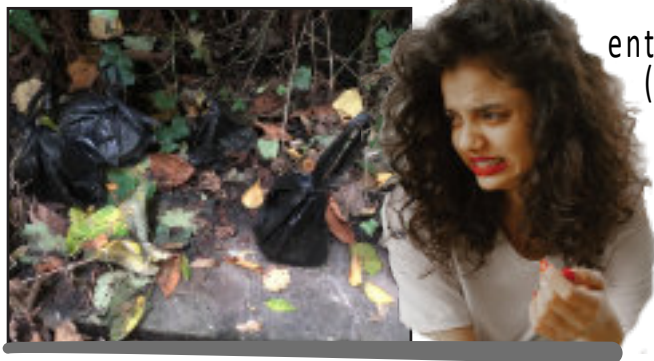


fenellaurchfont@hotmail.co.uk



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REALLY!



STERT VILLAGE

Who thinks it's acceptable to dump poo bags at the entrance of the drive of Stert Lodge, behind Stert House?? (just past the old railway bridge) It's fairly dark there even during daylight. Some of the bags are quite old, so it seems somebody regularly puts them there - who do you think is going to clean it up?

There is NO POO FAIRY !!

Please Take it home and put it in your own bin!

STARS OF STAGE, SCREEN & RADIO

(The older variety!)

1. BBO EPNO
2. MYMOT LESSET
3. LTWA YNDISE
4. ANEDGL SKCJONOA
5. TLNOE NHJO
6. LIYRHES SAYAEB
7. ALMIHCE WADOFRCR
8. ULLU
9. KNRFA TSINRTAA
10. LAEC SUSIENG
11. LOENEPEP HKITE
12. NOJH EYANW
13. ANT GINK LCEO
14. LYLIB NCOTOT
15. MMALLOE GARNETS
16. GNB I BYSRCO
17. MMIYJ TKACRUB
18. PREET TOUSNIV
19. TREAG BROGA
20. PCIADLO MGONIOD
21. COVITR RGBOE
22. MURPHYHE ATRGOB
23. RARYH CEEMSBO
24. NICTL WDOASOET
25. LAICIC AKCLAB

Brain Exercises !



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SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES

1. NICE GUYS
2. WHERE ALL THE BEST PEOPLE LIVE
3. EDIBLE FASTENERS
4. 9,10,11
5. THE OCCULT
6. SPORT OF PRINCES
7. 100% METAL
8. MISCELLANEOUS BLACKS
9. ENDURANCE
10. BETWEEN THE TWO
11. BOVINE PEEPERS
12. A MEADOW FLOWER
13. ALL SORTS OF GIRLS
14. PIRATES LOOT
15. SHAKY INFANTS
16. TARTAN GRANITE
17. ALCOHOLIC DENTURES
18. LAYERED TRANSPORT
19. STARS IN THE SKY
20. IS IT ANOTHER WORLD
21. LOVING RELATION
22. A CEREAL AND A SWEET SUBSTANCE
23. TOMMY ROT
24. AROMATIC SPHERE
25. PALE COLOURS

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MARDEN VILLAGE NEWS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

Marden and Wilsford have taken the decision to hold separate services this year because of the Covid-19 virus.

There will be a Remembrance Service on November 8th starting at 11.50am, it will be conducted by Elizabeth Greed.

Please book your place in advance by phoning Janie Bell on 840 250.

We hope that those people from other parishes who have come to our service in previous years will feel that they are most welcome to join us..

Louise has been taking a service on the first Sunday of the month for several years now. It is a short but sincere half an hour and, during lockdown, it became a comfort to many of us as we sat in the churchyard on our deckchairs. It has moved back into the church now and begins at 10am.



CHIRTON VILLAGE NEWS



Wednesday 11th Nov

8.00pm

'Sea Room'

by Adam Nicolson



We are currently meeting once a month on Zoom. New members are always welcome. For more information, please get in touch with Caroline Smith on 07443 602 593 or carolinesmith77@gmail.com



Sadly, there will be no Door-to-

Door collection for the RBL Poppy Appeal 2020 because of Covid-19. However I do have a Poppy Box and tray with poppies, crosses, car badges, metal pins to name but a few. If you would like a Poppy please call in at The Horseshoes, with your donation and I will be happy to let you have what you would wish.

Anthony Mather

The Horseshoes, Chirton, Devizes, SN103QR

CHIRTON, PATNEY & CONOCK 100 CLUB

The winners in the September Draw were:

1st prize £100.00 Hall	2nd prize £50.00 Tim Burgess	3rd prize £25.00 Antonia Clements
4th prize £10.00 Philip Holme	5th prize £10.00 David Clements	

Congratulations to all the winners

LIBRARY RESUMES - FORTNIGHTLY



We are required to collect your contact details as part of the COVID-19 test and trace system.

The Mobile Library resumed at **Chirton** on **Monday 26th October from 1.15-1.50 pm.** **Next planned visit Monday 9th November.** There will be some changes as you would expect due to the current Pandemic including;

- will need to wear a face covering when on board (unless you are exempt)
- Only one person on board at a time
- Browsing will be limited to 5 minutes if people are waiting
- Any returned books should be placed in a labelled crate near the door when you arrive. All books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back onto library shelves.



Dear Friends of Chirton School,

We've had another super term at Chirton School, packed full of excellent learning across Joy, Faith and Courage classes utilising every element of our wonderful rural site with quality first teaching and pastoral care. Our outdoor classrooms, team's collective worship, Y5 & 6 pupil leadership, school council and digital leaders have been led with thought, care, adventure and kindness at the heart of our work together. I am delighted to share our news that captures the essence of our little school with a big heart. I am very proud of everything our staff, children and parents have achieved this term together.

Celebrations

Well done to **Josie** for winning the Lyn Payne Cup and **Martha** for the Creativity Cup; each of them have shown great care and consideration in their learning this term of which they should be very proud! Well done **Samuel** for being our first Paper Club champion of the school year.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the wonderful donations to Devizes Food Bank from our Harvest Service recently. We were delighted that Rev Curtis could join us for our Harvest Festival, and although the wet weather halted our planned outdoor



celebration, we stayed dry in our class bubbles and used Microsoft Teams for our collective worship. Afterwards, Courage Class enjoyed an opportunity to share their big questions with Rev Curtis, and I made a special delivery into each bubble to celebrate the achievements of each class this term.

Headteacher's Afternoon Tea Party

We are very proud of our special six children who embody our positive values and attitudes towards life and learning ... our Chirton six R's ... responsibility, relationships, reflectiveness, resilience, resourcefulness, respect.

We might not be able to meet in our usual termly tea party format together, but in true Chirton style we innovated into a Headteacher Afternoon Tea takeaway bubble delivery service and it was such a pleasure to celebrate each achievement to our six big heart champions: Cash, Alfie, Esme, Edward, Calon & Liliwen.

Sponsored Walk

Four churches, 4 bubbles of Joy, Faith, Courage and Pips, glorious sunshine, beautiful autumnal colour and a wonderful outdoor church blessing with Rev Curtis set us on our way in our bubble groups with chatter, cheer, excitement and team work to explore our beautiful rural community



as we stomped together through Chirton, Patney, Marden and Beechingstoke to fundraise money for the development of our school literacy resources and made the fantastic sum of £1008! An amazing achievement by everyone. Chirton Pips Pre School also made £300 for their funds!



Community Christmas Lunch

Once again our wonderful Mrs Nash will be cooking her famous Community Christmas Lunch for you to order. Unfortunately Covid-19 will only allow us to do a home delivery to your house! Please let us know if you would like to place an order on 01380840684 or email admin@chirton.wilts.sch.uk....

2 course meal for £10! With Best Wishes, Anna Woodman Headteacher

OCTOBER 100 CLUB

£25 – Mr & Mrs G Morris
£10 – Mrs J Mander
£10 – Mrs L Pottinger
£5 – Mrs A Woodman

SEPTEMBER 100 CLUB

£25 – Mrs S Bekker
£10 – Mrs H Hues
£10 – Mr D Bartlett
£5 – Mr P Whatley

Chirton & Conock Parish Council

Summary of Minutes of the Meeting of Chirton & Conock Parish Council Held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.15pm Online via Zoom

Susannah Lampard, Clerk to the Council: clerk@chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk

The public and press were invited to attend this meeting via notice boards and on Chirton PC Website www.chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk

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Cllr. Paul Oatway - Paul.Oatway@wiltshire.gov.uk

The meeting was held using the Zoom PRO software.

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking all Councillors and Attendees were also welcomed; the 4 Members of the Parish joining online.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2020

Clerk had circulated minutes to Councillors and they were confirmed received and approved, to be physically signed at a later date and available to view on the PC Website.

The Clerk Reported on the status of previous Agenda Items as follows. A course attended by SL on 6th October hosted by KF of WALC was of relevance and value, post lockdown and our continued communications and shared goals in our community.

Previous representations include Enforcement 20/00725/ENF. Clerk wrote to WC after last meetings representation and concerns raised over replacement windows along the terrace 43-53 The Street, within Chirton's Conservation Area. Planning Enforcement Officer, Steve Jenkins was contacted, a request for progress and reply was returned on 17.9.20. Please find details on the full Minutes dated 13th October 2020 on the PC Website (above).

Update on CHIR1 Footpath north of SN10 3QX. Stephen Leonard of WC, Countryside Access Officer was informed. He reported that CATG has the ability to facilitate the possible replacement of the missing Finger post there. Local level clearance should be ongoing, it is usually, with the consent of the landowner.

A suspected hornets nest, at the Village Hall building was exterminated after a member of the parish identified and reported it.

A parishioner contacted the Clerk to report grips and gullies along the length of Small Street and at the junction of The Hollow, that are in need of clearance. PRH was able to respond before the meeting and has added this to Stewards and WC Gulley Clearance Lists of jobs, in Preparation for winter. See full minutes for Steward's Report, item 110.

Clerk received representations by email from 4 parents of Chirton School pupils, photographs and emails were shared with Councillors before the meeting. Also requests to discuss the A342 reinstatement of Footway on A342 in front of 'The Laurels'. Item 107 in the Minutes, once agreed. Full details of all Minutes will be available on the PC Website.

Cllr. Paul Oatway was welcomed to the meeting and reported a summary of his involvement and actions that he has taken on PC issues, as follows:

Wiltshire Council Highways - A342 works carried out were extended and completed on 12th October. We were informed of the detailed schedule of works carried out as requested. PO had looked at the work as it progressed and will review to ensure that the work completed is satisfactory.

He also plans to follow up on research into a WWII War Memorial in Chirton, in order to help move this forward, along with Cllr. PM.

PO informed us that he is being made aware of changes regarding Planning directions from the Central Government. Also, elections due next year will go ahead.

The access to the full length of Footpath CHIR17 was also discussed and will again, be on next month's agenda.

Finance

Resolved items included:

PC Cash books and Bank reconciliations to 30th September 2020 were approved for each account and are detailed in the full minutes which will be posted on the Parish Council website in due course.

Invoices were received and approved and RFO reported as received the second payment for the precept.

The next online Parish Council Meetings, will take place on **10th November and 8th December 2020**. Watch the noticeboards for further information.

COVID-19 Continue to abide by current guidelines issued by the UK Government with respect to the Tier structure, for our area.

What should Wiltshire residents do?

Although local COVID-19 cases are rising, the spread of the virus locally is still comparatively low in Wiltshire. However, we must all play our part and not be complacent as we've seen in other areas how quickly the situation can change for the worse. That means keeping washing hands, wearing face coverings where required and socially distancing.

A Chirton Garden in October

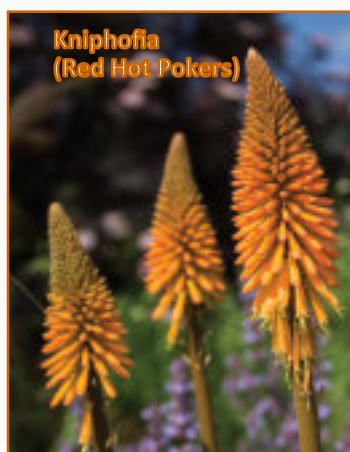
Putting the garden to bed sounds such a gentle, cosy activity - but nothing could be further from the truth! It involves hard slog (for more than a day/week) - in often not very clement weather - and a never ending list of jobs to do. Leave it to the Spring though - and you'll regret it!

When the weather is still relatively mild and the soil is still warm, is the best time to move any plants that are in the wrong place or have outgrown their position. It's also a good time to plant those 'babies' that have been cosseted and growing on over the summer in readiness to join the big boys outside in the real world.

Of course if your garden is small some rearrangement needs to be done - so I've been attacking a bed that I call the hamamelis bed - as it contains a shrub bought for me as a present by my husband when I said I'd always wanted one. Hamamelis mollis is renowned for its perfume in late winter/early spring. What they don't tell you is that for the rest of the year - apart from autumn when its leaves turn a pretty yellow - the shrub needs hiding! So this autumn I'm rearranging everything in the bed so that the shrub is hidden in summer and autumn and on display in the spring.

Almost everything in the bed has been dug up - and, if too big, split into smaller clumps. All tall plants like the helianthus lemon queen are at the back with the hollyhock youngsters that have been grown from seed. In front of those are the middle size players, including phlox, michaelmas daisies and foxgloves. They surround the hamamelis in an attempt to disguise it.

Also going out into the wide world are my new kniphofia which although bought as tiny roots in March are now grown up enough to survive - I hope! Only time will tell. I hope they do as they are pale yellow and cream, so should look beautiful.



Having dug out plants, cleared weeds, chopped back dead growth - and replanted, this is the only time of the year when I know where the spaces are for bulbs. So into that treasured spare soil I've planted daffodils. They will be visible from the kitchen so hopefully will brighten dull days.

At the front of the house is a large rockery area. I have to admit that I don't always give it the attention it deserves as clambering over the rocks is difficult, so when I decided to brighten it up with tulip red riding hood it was a bigger job than intended! Clearing unwanted alchemilla mollis plants, which grow like weeds in our garden, freed up some space. In the spring, when hopefully they will form splashes of much needed colour, I will have forgotten the back ache.



Other tulips - Ronaldo and Ballerina - have been planted in pots. That's a much more pleasant and relaxing job. Then they're tucked away until the spring. It's difficult to imagine that they will look like this in 6 months time.



My plug plants have arrived in the post too. Sorting them out is a job that can't wait. 33 pansy plugs all potted on ready to grow into garden ready plants. It does take a leap of faith when you look at them now to think they will ever be big enough to make a bedding display.

In a recent Gardener's World programme I saw Carol Klein waxing lyrical about a tall plant (about 1.5 metres high) with spires of white flowers - called veronicastrum virginicum album. I thought they would look lovely at the back of the hamamelis bed. They have also arrived in the post. At the moment they are about 5 cm tall and in need of care before they can go there. I've left a big space for them in hope that they will grow quite a bit!





Some summer flowers are still going strong - but there are fewer of them. Nerines and cyclamen are the stars of the show now. Not as showy as their summer cousins but dainty and pretty and very welcome.



My husband is still in the process of moving the greenhouse. (Hopefully by the time the Redhorn arrives he will have finished!) He has taken all the glazing out, built a new base, cleaned it, moved it - and is in the process of re-glazing it. It has only moved a few feet - but that space freed up behind the greenhouse will be invaluable for storing all the pots and compost - plus other garden 'stuff' that we accumulate and just can't manage without!

Julia Moore





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HOW TO SURVIVE QUARANTINE AND STAY MARRIED

It might have been easier if we hadn't needed to quarantine at all. A Staycation perhaps, or travelling to a country with a lower Covid rate than us. But a staycation for us would probably have meant travelling north to the Badweatherlands, and, as we have a dog who is Queenpin in our house and would have been outraged if we went on hols without her, that was not an option.

So off we went to France in the middle of August. I even overheard hubby say 'we'll have to quarantine but that's not a problem'.

In the beginning it was quite liberating. When you know no one will be knocking at your door I settled into quarantine very well. It was an extension to my holiday. But it didn't take long for the cracks to appear.

I ordered two weeks of food online before we even left France, so that was one danger area averted. Earlier in the year I would have easily qualified for an advanced diploma in online shopping, so was a dab hand at calling up Amazon for whatever I wanted.

However I had not hitherto considered Himself who likes nothing better than popping to the village shop or browsing in B&Q. Suddenly I have become his procurement manager. Suddenly he needs bulbs and rubber gloves and paintbrushes, weedkiller and shelves! And 'Where are the dust sheets?' is the cry

as he prowls from room to room wanting to fix this and change that.

Not forgetting the 'Do you fancy a cup of tea?' 'What's for dinner?' and 'Shall we have some lunch now?', almost always when I slink off to watch my daily fix of Heartbeat or Politics today with my feet up, a diet coke or a glass of something relaxing in my hand, or even to have 40 winks, while trying to ignore the squeaky drawer he hovers around to see if the elves have baked him a coffee and walnut cake when he wasn't looking. (they haven't)

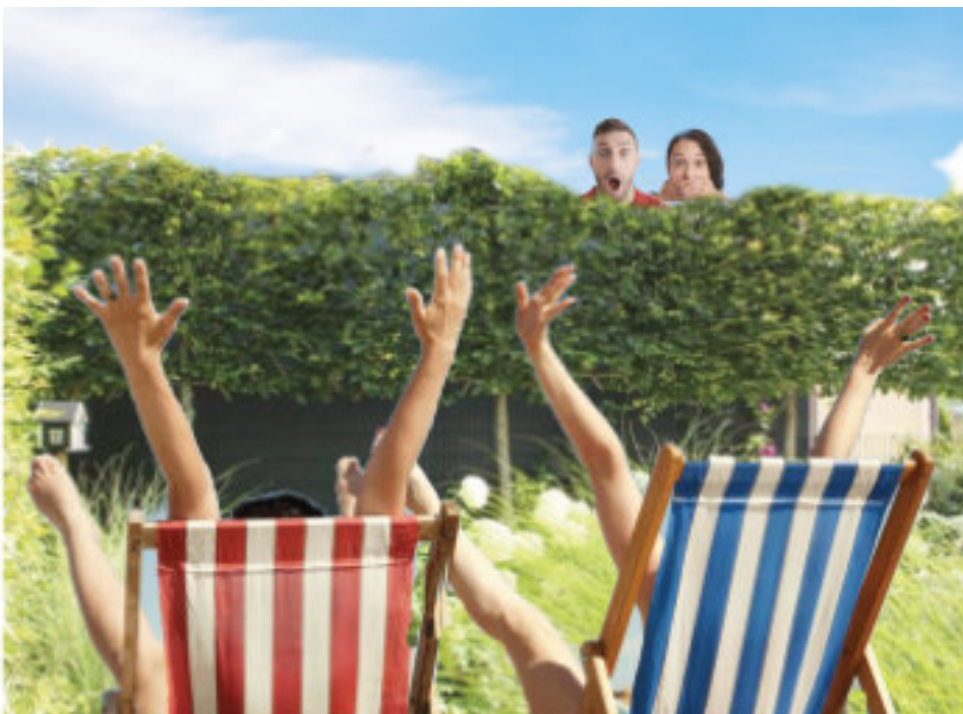
It can be so exhausting doing nothing (or trying to). Some days the only exercise I get is raising my eyebrows in a loud way!

The positive ending to quarantine, which, as I write is still two days away, I put down to two habits which have saved the day.

Firstly, do not talk politics. It is amazing how partisan you can feel if the only person you can share your thoughts with won't agree! I quickly realised it was a no-go area.

And secondly, have a plentiful supply of red wine on hand to round off each day. Or white will do. Or, let's face it, anything from the alcohol aisle at Waitrose!

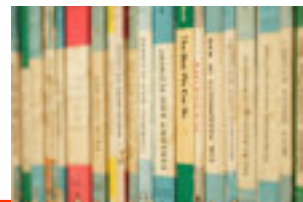
Gina Rotherford



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Books during lockdown



NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC BOOK ON SALISBURY PLAIN

October 2020. Hardback, 96pp, 43 colour plates. £30.00 (UK postage waived during Oct & Nov). Published by Dewi Lewis.

The chalk grasslands of Salisbury Plain have been used since 1897 as a preparation ground for war. The heart of this ancient English landscape is an eerie and ambiguous space. The plain is both the UK's largest military training ground and also a conservation area shared with archaeologists and dog walkers, larks and corn buntings, wildflowers and rare forms of wildlife. Melanie Friend's photographs are accompanied by an essay by Matthew Flintham, and a series of short quotes from local inhabitants, with their thoughts and feelings about the plain.

Early reviews include those by the 'i' newspaper ('coffee table choice'), Kate Bush (Senior Photography Curator, Tate Britain), the Financial Times, and The Eye of Photography. The link to buy the book is here: <https://melaniefriend.com/new-products>

Project info and link to reviews is here: <https://melaniefriend.com/the-plain>



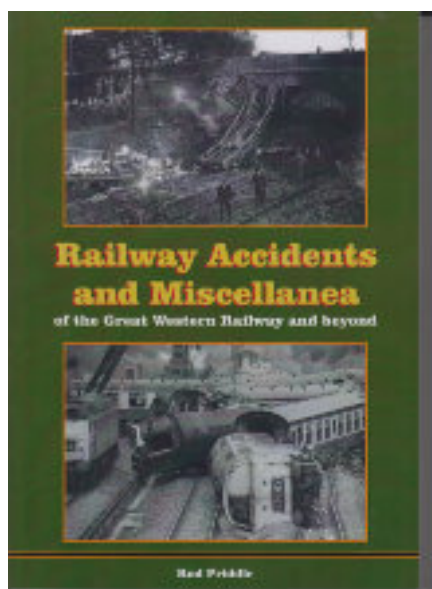
RAILWAY ACCIDENTS AND MISCELLANEA

Residents may recall a number of years ago that Rod Piddle, who lives in Chirton and David Hyde in Marden, produced a book charting the history of the Devizes branch line which ran from Patney & Chirton Station to Holt Station. This recent publication by Rod Piddle follows on with a railway theme and has the title, "Railway Accidents & Miscellanea of the GWR & beyond".

The book relates to the railway between London and the West Country, being primarily Great Western territory but featuring the Somerset & Dorset Company and numerous others. The details of sixty six mainly serious rail accidents are recorded.

The book is 200 pages long, with in excess of 400 photographs, maps and other illustrations. The photographs include the memorials at locations where lives were lost and to railway personnel who gave their lives in the two world wars.

It is published by ALD Print with the ISBN No. 190158798-3 @ £29.95 and is available from Devizes Books, Sidmouth Street or from the author in Chirton (email rodpriddle@btinternet.com or phone 01380 840330).



REMEMBRANCE POETRY AND PROSE

This anthology is the culmination of The Army Flying Museum's remembrance project when as part of the museum's national lottery heritage funded project, they invited people from across the area to be inspired by the stories of courage, bravery and comradeship and respond to these in their own way through poetry, spoken word and prose.

In total they had over thirty works submitted with the best being compiled into the anthology. Works ranged from those being inspired by the predecessors of the modern Army Air Corps (The Royal Engineer Balloon section, the Royal Flying Corps of the first world war and the Gilder Pilot Regiments of the second world war and into the Modern Army Air Corps).

It has been a fantastic and emotive way to mark remembrance this year and the response to the project has sparked some fantastic pieces which are highly emotive and thought provoking.

An online edition of the poems will be available to view on our website at:

<https://www.armyflying.com/outreach/magnificent-mini-medals/>. From this link people can download a copy for free.

To request a hard copy people can donate a suggested donation of £5 via our fundraising page

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charitydisplayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=12791&charityId=1001137>

and then we can have these printed.

These will only be available to buy until the end of the year. To order a copy, please email outreach@armyflying.com



Have you read a good book recently? Then why not share your observations about it here : redhornmag@gmail.com

A Northern Childhood

Elizabeth Greed continues her memories of life growing up in post-war Manchester

Elizabeth's father was a Minister at the Methodist Chapel in Fallowfield, Manchester. There were six children in the family and Elizabeth was the 4th in line

The dining room in our house was only used for meals on high days and holidays, for visitors, Christmas or when Grandma came on her annual visit from London. However, we were allowed to play in there and play usually involved a puzzle or plasticine on the oil cloth covering the Morning Room table.

I vividly recall the lovely rubbery smell of the tin as you opened it. Starting with a new packet was always more fun, as you could then distinguish the colours and make a more sophisticated model. I particularly remember making snowmen and little fruits. Then, when eventually the colours became a muddy brown it was, 'see what size worm you can make' and we proceeded to roll out very long worms of plasticine. It was always part of the process to watch the end wiggle as you rolled it out. Did we keep it in one of those seemingly voluminous cupboards in the Morning Room or was it kept in the drawer under the 'Cap' drawer, where other bits and pieces were lodged? Did the Cap drawer have gloves, scarfs, mittens? It was a heavy old wooden drawer, that I had a job to open and had to budge one side at a time.

Of course, we would have our colouring books too. Always trying hard to keep within the lines and then after the stubby crayons moving on to the delight of Lakeland coloured pencils, with which we were able to produce a more careful outline. The wax crayons always seemed to attract flakes of coloured wax from other colours so that you would unintentionally add smudges to your picture. Eventually painting pencils were developed and those really gave a subtlety to a picture you had drawn. We learned how to do a pastel wash at school. I enjoyed that and creating silhouette shapes by drawing around a shadow.

Summers of my childhood always featured a holiday. Father told us that a holiday was as important as enough sleep and a good diet. Our summer holidays were normally for at least two weeks, and usually at or near the seaside. The excitement started to mount when we accompanied Father to Manchester Central or Exchange station to take the trunk to travel in advance. Passenger Luggage in Advance meant that you could travel unencumbered when you actually went on your holiday. Inside the trunk were the towels, bed linen and clothes changes needed for the holiday and I was always anxious that the swimming costumes went in. Once the trunk went into the parcels office with the P.L.A. labels affixed, you knew you really were going on holiday soon.

It always seemed to be sunny on the day we set off for our summer holiday. We would all assemble with our piece of hand luggage. Some carried fishing nets, crabbing lines or the kite, others had buckets and spades. Mother carried the lunch bag and the omnipresent handbag, which contained 4711 perfumed wipes, tissues and a plastic fold out rain hat plus the essential spare pennies for the loos! Going to the toilet on the train came with instructions! We were strictly instructed not to touch any surface as serious diseases lurked in public toilets and it really was hard work to use them without coming into contact with part of their environment. Father carried the overnight bag and the camera and one of us would have the dog on his lead. Sometimes the kites were home made with brown paper and rocket sticks. I remember helping to make kite tails out of screws of paper and string. Then we would try a box kite or later a stunt kite which twirled in the wind. The person doing the running usually had to stop for breath. Sometimes the capriciousness of the kite defeated us, as it ducked and dived and headed nose first into the sand. All good fun. One day I had a bed made up on the floor and, finding it hard to drop off looked up to see Ruth and the parents tucking into some hot chips, which again, we rarely had at home with the exception of school holidays and Washing Day.



When we were at the seaside we enjoyed beach combing, collecting interesting bits and pieces and Father would set us little tasks like, who could find the most interesting flotsam on the beach. The prize, one year was a 9d or a 9 penny fishing net. We searched for most of the morning and I eventually found a most convincing fossil trilobite, and was duly awarded the prize. Minutes later, however, it was re-awarded to Andrew, as my 'fossil' woke up and decided to slither off the pebble.

We mainly stayed on caravan sites when we went to the coastal resorts in Wales. Penmaenmawr, Prestatyn, Rhyl, Llandulas, Colwyn Bay, and Llanfairfechan spring to mind. Conway and Betys Y Coed and the Great Orme at Llandudno were places we visited. On one occasion the train stopped at a station en route and looking out of the window, I observed to Father that there was a collie cross running down the platform, looking very much like our Kim. He replied, 'yes.....and who has got the dog?' Enquiry turned to consternation when we realised no one had him and father leapt from the train just as it was leaving to chase after Kim. He regularly gave us cause for concern with his 'Wanderlust'. The train left without them and I cried because I thought we'd lost father, as well as Kim! Of course, they arrived on the next train. We eventually gave Kim to a travelling circus; he just loved being on the move.

We usually had Welsh Border collies. Father found them easy to train as they are quite intelligent dogs. "They need to know who's boss", he said, and sure enough he could manage our dogs very well. He taught me to just tap the muzzle if they ignored my instruction. He didn't believe in making dogs or for that matter children, fat with treats. You must first show them that you love them, then they will accept your discipline, was his precept.

Laddie was the dog who bit the unwary who ventured into our back gate. Robin was a very loving dog, who I adored. I would whisper into his ear when I came home from school. He loved the attention, just as much as I did. Then the parents had a Golden Labrador in Canada, called Merry. I asked father to put him in his kennel for me to take a photo. Father said, 'Just tell him to go there' and he did! As father grew older and forgetful, Merry would even fetch named tools for his master from the garden. He had learned the names of the tools and set off to retrieve them. Merry adored his owner, just as I did....warts and all.

November the 5th was celebrated most years of our childhood. Father would buy a box of mixed fireworks; some sparklers, a packet of rockets and a few extra Roman Candles. They were his favourites. They sent up green, red, white and blue spurts of extra sparks at intervals. I can remember when 2/6 (2shillings and six pence) was the cost of the mixed box. Our odd pennies were sometimes spent on one penny bangers, tuppence cannons or threepenny Jumping Jacks, which were like a worm shape that had been bent backwards and forwards to make a khaki coloured concertina. Light the blue fuse and stand back; you never knew where those jumping explosions were going next! Penny bangers were thrown into the guide or scout meeting producing 'most admired disorder.' Then there were spinning Catherine Wheels, which you nailed to the bird table and rockets in

milk bottles, which disappeared with a roar and a whoosh into the night sky over the church roof. Golden Rain, a shower of gold and silver sparks, Thunder Flashes, they made big bangs, Volcanoes which were triangular shaped and went off like eruptions when they fizzed colourfully. Next day it would be great fun to go and try to find the shells and empty sticks We would make the fun last

longer by retrieving the spent cartridges. Bonfire night was always fun, sometimes accompanied by oxtail soup and toffee apples. Usually we also passed around some treacle toffee.

One Bonfire Night season Michael Wallwork pulled back his arm to throw a lighted firework and, as I was immediately behind him, it scorched my eye. Fortunately only my eyelid was burned, but I also lost my lashes and eyebrow, until they regrew. Mother applied ointment and put a patch on my eye and, when she removed the dressing, everything appeared much sharper and brighter for a time.

I have a dim memory of my Father's Father. Hilary and I sat on his knee so that he could tell us a story. A dapper little chap. John, Peter and Ruth loved him as they did Mother's father. However, he and his wife died before I was born.

Mother's parents were both 'In Service' which meant that they worked for a well off family. Grandpa Teagle was a groom and horseman as he was in the Boer War in South Africa and his wife was a Cook/ Housekeeper.

Grandpa Teagle we called Grandpa Blow Blow because he smoked a pipe. He actually fought and was wounded in the Boer War and his war medals are in the family. He had a wicked sense of humour. He would, for example, hide behind a hedge and throw a sod of grass at the old chap who was bent double at his digging and then raise himself up and commiserate with the old man about they young varmints that would do such a thing. Another story I heard about him was when he and some chums discovered the farmer's molasses store and used to eat some on the way to school in Gloucestershire. The farm worker caught them red handed one morning and dipped their heads in the treacle and then the bran-tub, so that they arrived at school in a sorry state. The Headmaster sent an older boy with them down to the cold stream to wash their heads.

Father's mother, Margaret Louisa Wadlow was her maiden name would come each year to stay with us. The exciting moment arrived when, home from school, we would see her cream coloured 'blouse case' just inside the front door and then the dreadful moment when we had to knock on the sitting room door to go in to say 'Hello.'

Typically Victorian, my father called his parents Mama and Papa. Mama would be chattering 19 to the dozen, as the saying goes. Sometimes Kunzle cakes appeared for tea; strawberry, raspberry, orange and



apricot and my particular favourite, coffee fillings with the lightest of sponge in the middle, encased in the most delicious solid chocolate.

We loved Grandma's visits; the house was cleaner, treats appeared and routines weren't so rigid. We loved to hear her Cockney accent and her tales of the London relations. She had strange new expressions and little shrieks of laughter punctuated the dialogue.

She would take me, as the oldest of the younger three, to choose a chocolate bar from the sweet shop. Several times it was a Fry's 5 Boys chocolate bar.

There were five states on the wrapper....Anticipation, Jubilation, Exultation, Fascination, Constipation? No I can't remember the sequence but I can remember the flavour.

I remember the temporary abundance of chocolate at Easter Time too. As we grew older Daddy persuaded us that we could actually have more chocolate in a

bar for half a crown, than in an Easter Egg and so we agreed and it lasted longer.

Grandma played the piano apparently, and John can do a mimicry of her style of playing. It was rather heavy handed, with a monotonous chord in the left hand and some embroidery in the treble. I thoroughly enjoyed her shopping style. When we went to our butcher's for her to buy our weekend joint, she asked to inspect it and promptly refused the proffered joint. We never did that! She was used to shopping in Smithfield, Billingsgate or from Barrow boys on the London streets and she didn't buy unless she was satisfied with the quality of the foodstuffs. So, Grandma and I walked a mile or two to find another butcher where she approved of the meat. My Grandma died when I was about 9 years old.

My cousin John Martin, Father's nephew, recounted memories of going to these grandparents when he was evacuated during the war and they were living in Cambridge. He still has the wooden boat he made with his grandfather. He shared the memory he too had of the piano playing of his grandmother. On one occasion she was very cross with him when, after making his boat, aged about seven, Grandpa told him to shake the wood shavings into the fireplace and he accidentally tipped them all over her bread, which was laid there to rise!

One day, Ruth was looking after us because I guess our parents had gone to Grandmother's funeral. Ruth made us some tomato soup for lunch and I cried into mine as she, no doubt emotionally charged by the loss of her grandmother, related the story of a young Minister who thought he couldn't sing. He was holding the hand of a dying man caught in the wreckage of a train crash when the man asked him to sing 'Abide with me' and the minister discovered he had a voice.

To continued.....



Grandpa...Thomas William TEAGLE...
Grandma....Florence Rebekah Elizabeth, nee Bugby
Centre: My mother...Florence Ruth ...her sister Mary Wilhelmina

A black and white portrait of an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a white turban and a white cape over a dark, patterned tunic. He is holding a small object in his right hand.

We have, for some years, had this picture of Kaid Sir Harry Aubrey de Vere Maclean KCMG hanging on our wall along with other family photographs, Harry's sister Alice Lilies married my Great Grandfather, Surgeon General Charles Dodgson Madden, hence the connection, there is quite a lot about him available with Google but reading through mountains of family papers I have found yet more information.

He resigned from his regiment in 1876 and the following year went to Morocco where he began his career as an army instructor for the Sultan Mulai Hassan. His pay was 200 francs a month with the promise of an increase when he had learned sufficient Arabic to drill his men without the aid of an interpreter. Eventually he learned to speak Arabic fluently but never managed a good accent and the Sultan used to laugh at his strange pronunciation. His pay was however raised to £30.00 a month with a horse and a house wherever the Sultan resided. This work was frustrating as the Sultan would not allow his men to learn too much for fear that they might become dangerous as rebels. Harry was popular with his men to whom he was always considerate though he could also be firm and as he had a powerful physique he was

A black and white photograph of a group of seven people, including men in military uniforms and men in traditional Arab dress, posing outdoors in front of a building. The group consists of four men in Western-style clothing (suits and uniforms) and three men in traditional Arab attire (white thobes and ghutras). They are arranged in two rows, with some seated and some standing. The background shows a building with large windows and some foliage.

Photo: Lafayette studio, London - Victoria & Albert Museum, Lafayette archive

Left to right

The following was recorded in 1892, in a magazine for Highlanders, "The Celtic Monthly" Volume VI by Mackay, John, of Kingston, Glasgow



In November, 1893, he carried an important despatch from the coast to the Sultan of Morocco, when no one else would venture to do so. On this occasion in fifteen days, riding from twelve to fourteen hours a day, he traversed nearly four hundred miles, in a country without roads and over the Atlas

range of mountains, through very threatening and hostile tribes, so that, practically, for twelve days and nights, out of the fifteen, his life was not worth at any time five minutes' during the chase, before he reached the Sultan in the Tafilet District.

Nobody would venture to take back the reply, so Kaid Maclean gallantly carried it back himself, and went through much the same experiences.

From the life he has led, he has not visited Scotland much. He is Scotch in all his tastes. He plays the pipes (when home on leave about eight years ago, he took lessons on the pipes from the late Mr. Donald Mackay, the Prince of Wales' piper), and has a piper, John MacDonald Mortimer, from Aberdeen. The Sultan and the Moors have taken a great liking for pipe music. Six Moors are now being taught, and are making very promising progress. All the pipes are decorated with Maclean tartan and ribbons.

Her Majesty's Government have twice recognised Kaid Maclean's service to his native country by presenting him, in 1892, with a Gold Watch with the Royal Arms enamelled on the back and suitably inscribed; and again, in 1894, with a large Silver Inkstand, inscribed with the Royal Arms and his family (Drimnin) Arms, and a suitable acknowledgement of his services.

He is a good horseman, a splendid rifle shot, notwithstanding having lost the sight of his right eye (he shoots now from the left shoulder) through a trivial accident when out of reach of any medical advice, full of energy, bold and fearless to a fault. The Moors — a brave Race - constantly talk among themselves of Kaid Maclean's brave deeds. His duties with the army lead him under fire sometimes two or three times a year. He has had many marvellous escapes, but has never been hit.

He married in 1875, and has had eleven children ; seven died during their infancy in Morocco. Three daughters and one son, Andrew de Vere, survive."

Cecilia continues.....

Although he spent many years in Morocco and adopted a style of native dress with a turban he remained absolutely British. His family lived their home life as they would have done in Britain but outside the home Moorish customs had to be followed so strict Purdah for his wife and daughters and they never appeared unveiled before the menservants. The customs at home were entirely British and Harry was most indignant when his daughters said that they would like to use henna as a hair tonic. He never



forgot he was a Scot and he was always first with his bagpipes at any large dinner parties and every morning before breakfast he would play striding up and down the hall, if he heard no sound of anyone coming down he would call each of the family in turn.

His great kindness and hospitality were well known, to ask , was for him to give and as long as he had, he gave. He had the absolute trust of every Moor in the land from the highest to the lowest and was a sanctuary for all in trouble at any time.

Kaid Sir Harry Aubrey de Vere Maclean died in February 1920 in Morocco and is buried in the Cemetery of St Andrew's Church in Tangier.

Much of this information comes from the amazing records kept by my Grandfather Archie Madden who was Consul in Morocco during the Siege of Casablanca (and later in Bilbao where my father was born). Among these records is an article that appeared in Country Life in 1920 written by Harry's daughter. There is much more to tell about this amazing man as he was held captive at one point and had a very colourful career.

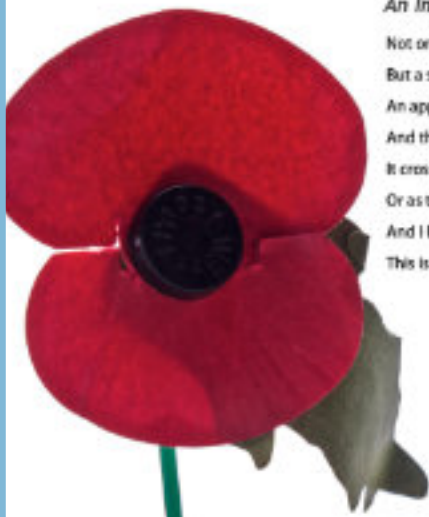
Cecilia Gillington (nee Madden)

REMEMBRANCE AT URCHFONT

An Imperial Elegy

Not one corner of a foreign field
But a span as wide as Europe;
An appearance of a titan's grave,
And the length thereof a thousand miles,
It crossed all Europe like a mystic road,
Or as the Spirits' Pathway lieth on the night,
And I heard a voice crying
This is the Path of Glory

WILFRED OWEN 1893-1918



As things stand at present, we intend to hold a memorial service on 8th November. Due to the pandemic, it will not take the form we usually use. In particular, because of the need for social distancing and the potential numbers involved, we will not be able to use the church building itself and there can be no singing.

What we have in mind is a shortened service (15 minutes at most) in the churchyard, probably with face coverings and certainly with the 2m rule. We must conduct a risk assessment and look at if and how we can mitigate those risks we identify, but this has not been done as yet as we have only just received the government's guidance on what will be allowed and this, of course, could change before the day.

We will post up to date information around the village, on Facebook and the Team website nearer the time.

Ian Smith
Churchwarden

MANY A MICKLE MAKES A MUCKLE



A RATHER UNLUCKY VESSEL

A cautionary tale!



The following letter appeared in a recent edition of 'Shipping World and Shipbuilder'. Although not directly related to computer audit it does illustrate the Mitchell law that problems occur not when one big thing goes wrong but when many small things go wrong simultaneously. The audit problem is trying to convince management, in advance, that such a string of coincidences may occur.

Dear Sir,
It is with regret and haste that I write this letter to you, regret that such a small misunderstanding could lead to the following circumstances, and haste in order that you will get this report before you form your own preconceived opinion from reports in the press, for I am sure that they will tend to over-dramatise the affair.

We have just picked up the pilot and the apprentice has returned from changing the 'G' flag for the 'H' and, it being his first trip, was having difficulty in rolling the 'G' flag up. I therefore proceeded to show him. Coming to the last part I told him to "Let go". The lad is willing but not too bright, necessitating my having to repeat the order in a sharper tone.

At this moment the Chief Officer appeared from the Chart Room, having been plotting the vessel's progress, and, thinking it was the anchors that were being referred to, repeated the "Let go" to the 3rd Officer on the forecastle. The port anchor having been cleared away but not walked out, was promptly let go. The effect of letting the anchor drop from the pipe while the vessel was proceeding at full harbour speed proved too much for the windlass brake, and the entire length of the port cable was pulled out 'by the roots'. I fear that the damage to the chain locker may be extensive. The braking effect of the port anchor naturally caused the vessel to sheer in that direction towards the swing bridge that spans a tributary to the river we were navigating.

The swing bridge operator showed great presence of mind by opening the bridge for my vessel. Unfortunately, he did not think to stop the vehicular traffic, the result

being that the bridge partly opened and deposited a Volkswagen, 2 cyclists, and a cattle truck on the fore deck. My ship's company are at present rounding up the contents of the latter, which from the noise I would say were pigs. In his efforts to stop the progress of the vessel, the Third Officer dropped the starboard anchor, too late to be of practical use, for it fell on the swing bridge operators control cabin.

After the port anchor was let go and the vessel started to sheer, I gave a double ring, Full Astern, on the Engine Room Telegraph and personally rang the Engine Room to order maximum astern revolutions. I was informed that the sea temperature was 53 degrees F and asked if there was a film tonight; my reply would not add constructively to this report.

Up to now I have confined our report to the activities at the forward end of the vessel. Down-aft they were having their own problems. At the moment the port anchor was let go, the Second Officer was supervising the making fast of the after tug and was lowering the ship's towing spring onto the tug.

The sudden braking effect on the port anchor caused the tug to 'run in under' the stern of my vessel, just at the moment when the propeller was answering my double ring Full Astern. The prompt action of the Second Officer in securing the inboard end of the towing spring delayed the sinking of the tug by some minutes, thereby allowing the safe abandoning of that vessel.

It is strange, but at the very same moment of letting go the port anchor there was a power cut ashore. The

fact that we were passing over a 'cable area' at that time might suggest that we may have touched something on the riverbed. It is perhaps lucky that the high tension cables brought down by the foremast were not live, possibly being replaced by the underwater cable, but owing to the shore blackout it is impossible to say where the pylon fell.

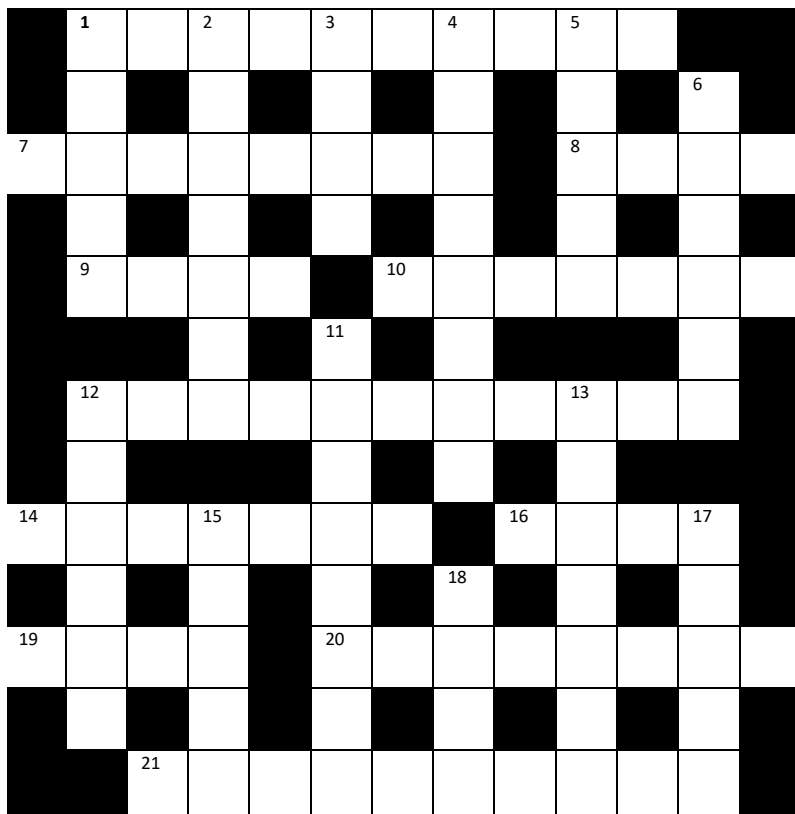
It never fails to amaze me, the action and behaviour of foreigners during moment of minor crisis. The pilot for instance, is at the moment bundled in the corner of my day cabin, alternately crooning to himself and crying after having consumed a bottle of gin in a time that is worthy of inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records. The tug captain, on the other hand, reacted violently and had to be forcibly restrained by the steward, who has him handcuffed in the ship's hospital, where he is telling me to do impossible things with my ship and my person.

I enclose the names and addresses of the drivers and insurance companies of the vehicles on my fore-deck, which the Third Officer collected after his somewhat hurried evacuation of the forecastle. These particulars will enable you to claim for the damage that they did to the railings of the Number 1 hold.

I am closing this preliminary report, for I am finding it difficult to concentrate with the sound of police sirens and their flashing lights. It is sad to think that had the apprentice realised that there is no need to fly pilot flags after dark, none of this would have happened.

Yours etc....

Many thanks to Rodney Gillington for this illuminating insight into Naval life

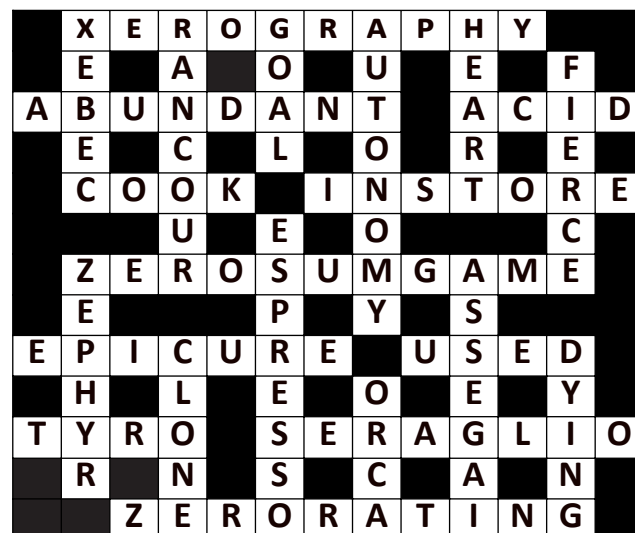


Across

1. Dark brown(5,5)
7. Such systems circulate liquids(8)
- 8 Formal test (4)
9. Central isle (4)
10. Cowboy hat (7)

12. Spectacular travelling show (11)
14. Temporary camp (7)
16. Confidence trick (4)
19. "What's afoot?" (4)
- 20 Quite big (8)
21. Web creator (7-3)

October Answers



Down

1. Thinkbox (5)
2. Get Back (7)
3. Road charge (4)
4. Long distance race (8)
5. Put up (5)
6. Courage (6)
11. Murderer (8)
12. Obviously switched on ?(6)
13. Patron saint of shoppers, (7)
15. Very fat (5)
17. Confused fighting (5)
18. French blue (4)

HALLOUMI EGGY CRUMPETS

SERVES 1

This Jamie Oliver recipe is a very unusual use of crumpets.....but it works.....delicious! A lovely colourful, tasty dish that you can create very quickly. Eat as a lunch time snack or an evening meal for those with smaller appetites. Just double up for more than one person.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- 2 crumpets
- 80g cherry tomatoes (mixed colours make it a very cheery dish)
- 1 tsp hot chilli sauce
- ½ lime (or lemon)
- 2 sprigs of coriander or a tsp of dried coriander
- ½ a small ripe avocado
- 10g Halloumi cheese

METHOD

Beat one egg in a shallow dish and add the crumpets to soak, turning from time to time to soak on both sides.

Salsa: quarter the tomatoes and mix in a small bowl with the chilli sauce and squeeze of lime. Season and add the coriander . Peel and chop the avocado and add to the mix.

Put a non-stick frying pan on a medium heat with 1 tsp of olive oil. Crack in the remaining egg and as it starts to set place the crumpets alongside and cover. Flip the crumpets when golden and cook the egg to your liking. Move everything from the pan to your plate and Coarsely grate the halloumi into the pan. Toss the salsa and spoon over the crumpets. Once the halloumi is golden use a fish slice to nudge it loose and flip it over your plate golden side up. Finish with an extra dash of chilli sauce on the side if you like a bit more heat!



Events In the wider community



Worton & Cheverell FC (Youth)
'The Badgers'

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The football season is now well underway and teams enjoying the challenges that oppositions provide. Unfortunately, we have had more Anti-social behaviour at Northbrook and this has been reported to the police.

TEAM NEWS:

Badger cubs. (3-6)

Great group growing in numbers all the time. Having fun and learning new skills. Training moves indoor at Lavington School on Saturday 9-10am. Please contact Dave Kiddle if your child would like to try for free. First 2 weeks free.

U7s & u8s

Enjoying excellent performances in their first league matches, developing good team positioning and cooperation. Numbers continuing to increase. Training now on Wednesday 5.30pm at Northbrook Market Lavington. Looking for more players for their squads.

U9s & U10s –League matches have started and some good performances by all players. Training moving into Lavington School Friday 1730-1830. New players welcome.

U11s – Good squad of 15 players now, performing well in some tough matches. Training moving indoors Friday 1830 at Lavington School.

U13's – 100% winning start to the season and looking stronger each match.

U14s – Good start to season with 100% win rate so far. County Cup campaign starts away to South Newton.

U15s – Tough start to season but seeing improved performances. Looking for a few more players to create possible second team.

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

Contacts

Badger Cubs– Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U7– Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U8- Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U9/10- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U11 - Neil Black- 07769 261750

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The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November, 6.45 for 7.15 in Enford Village Hall. We will be following the necessary regulations, the most important being that everyone is required to wear a face covering, and to follow social distancing rules please. We will also be taking details for the Track & Trace requirement.

Our November speaker is Gillian Taylor whose talk is called My Greenhouse Year. The talk covers her greenhouse interests and includes design, uses, over wintering plants, propagation, flower and fruit production etc. Gillian is an experienced plantswoman and gardener, attending courses at RHS Garden Wisley and Great Dixter. She developed a garden from scratch. She is a member of the Historic Rose Group, Auricula Society, RHS (and on their speakers list) and belongs to local garden clubs and horticultural societies.

Do come and join us. All are very welcome, but please remember to wear a face covering. Lifts can be arranged, please ask.
Cost £4.00 Coffee/tea/raffle.

As always, meetings are at Enford Village Hall, SN9 6DD

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Further details from Fanny Middleton 01980 671645

email: fannysurtees@btinternet.com



Our Latest Update!!!

It's hard to believe that we're still unable to sing together and recent news doesn't fill us with any confidence for the rest of 2020 or even early 2021!!

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The dates are Thursdays 3rd/10th/17th December and the wearing of Christmas jumpers and hats would add to the festive fun.

If anyone reading this news bulletin would like to become involved with our choir even in its Zooming format then please contact

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DAD'S!

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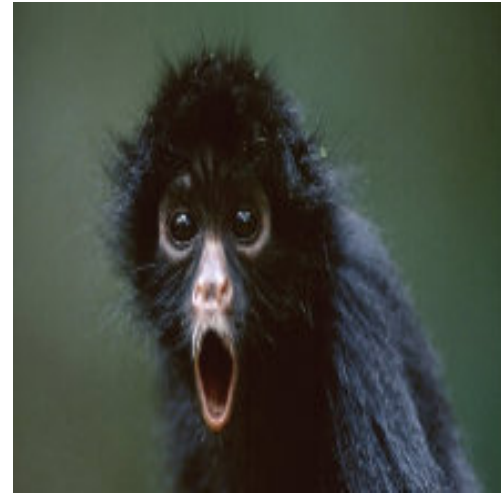
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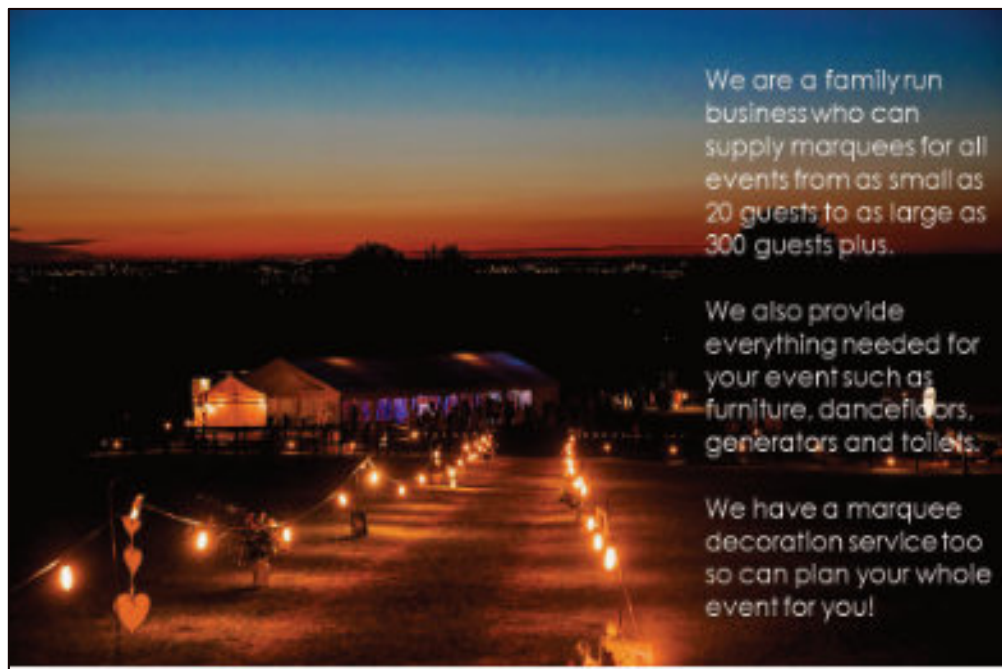
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4. Glenda Jackson
5. Elton John
6. Shirley Bassey
7. Michael Crawford
8. Lulu
9. Frank Sinatra
10. Alex Guimness
11. Penelope Keith
12. Nat King Cole
13. John Wayne
14. Billy Cotton
15. Malcolm Seergeant
16. Bing Crosby
17. Jimmy Tarbuck
18. Peter Ustinov
19. Greta Garbo
20. Placido Domingo
21. Victor Borge
22. Humphrey bogart
23. Harry Secombe
24. Clint Eastwood
25. Cilla Black

SWEETS/CHOCOS

1. Smarties
2. Quality Street
3. Chocolate buttons
4. After Eight
5. Black Magic
6. Polo
7. All Gold
8. Liquorice Allsorts
9. Marathon
10. Twix
11. Bulls Eyes
12. Marshmallow
13. Dolly Mixtures
14. Bounty
15. Jelly Babies
16. Edinburgh Rock
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