

THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Monthly Newsletter for Chilmark & Ridge and Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard

Fooled?

Thanks to those eagle-eyed readers who provided witty feedback to our frontpage April Fool featuring the *Hedera pinus* tree, aka an ivy-clad Scots pine telegraph pole on the banks of the winterbourne. One reader correctly pointed out it should have been called *Hedera chilmarkiensis*. Either way, we're unlikely to see this 'new species' in Forbes Field any time soon.

Bellringers of the Past

This issue includes a photograph of Chilmark Bellringers in the early 1960s kindly provided by a VV reader who lives in Newmarket. The photo features his grandfather – one Arthur Yeates – and we're hoping some long-term Chilmark residents might be able to identify other faces in the photo, p9?

Gardening Tips

We welcome a new regular column this month, providing gardening tips to our readers. This is courtesy of Josie Nunn on behalf of the Chilmark Horticultural Society, which is affiliated to the RHS. This month, learn about the Chelsea Chop, p5

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Welcome to the May issue of The Village Voice



The Chilmark Duck Race on Easter Monday provided a wonderful start to April, with a bumper turnout of residents of all ages. Some of Chilmark's dogs seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as the humans, and the event raised a fantastic sum towards the upkeep of the Claybush Playground. Well done to the Chilmark Playground Committee for organising this fun event and to all those helpers and participants who made it such a success. One perk of the relentlessly wet winter we've had is the fact the Duck Race could take part over a much longer stretch of the Winterbourne than in previous years, p6 & 7.

Chilmark Cricket Club's season finally got underway in the last week of the month, against Fonthill in a T20 evening match. Unfortunately, the result was not one to be celebrated, but things can only get better...p8! Chilmark's Food Bank Collection, brilliantly coordinated by Angi Stoop, continues to receive

impressive donations of food and essential items for the Trussell Trust's Salisbury Food Bank. It's heartening to learn that Chilmark School pupils and their families are also contributing to the effort, p5. It was also positive news that the younger generation were amongst those taking part in the first village litter pick of the year, see p4.

May is the month of Chilmark's key annual meetings, for both the parish of Chilmark & Ridge and St Margaret's Church. Wednesday 8 May will see the Annual Parish Assembly taking place in the Reading Room, followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, p4. Meanwhile, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in Chilmark Church on Sunday 12 March, 12 noon, following the morning service, p10. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Reading Room Committee are both in need of new members following resignations, p4 & 10. Contact details of existing members of these committees are on the back page of this issue, should you be interested in finding out more about the roles.

Our thanks to Rod Greening for a particularly good set of Astronomy Notes this month, focusing on Extinction events of the past and possibly the future. An excellent perspective provider! On that note, here's to May being a tad warmer than April.

Best wishes for a happy month,
The Editorial Team



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Copy deadline 20th of each month. Please note that there will be one issue for December & January (copy deadline 20 November) and one issue for July & August (deadline 20 June). Items will be welcomed from any individual or village organisation and should be sent to the Editor. However, newsletter content remains at the discretion of the Editorial Team and on some occasions will be space dependent. If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, please contact the Treasurer.

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		May Dates for your Diary	
Friday 3rd	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sunday 5th	10.30-4.30pm	Old Fonthill Abbey Grounds	SP3 6SP
Tuesday 7th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 8th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Wednesday 8th	7pm	Annual Parish Assembly & PC AGM	CRR
Friday 10th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sat 11-Wed 15th	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
Sunday 12th	12 noon	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Chilmark Church
Tuesday 14th	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Wednesday 15th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 15th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Friday 17th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 18th	10am-12noon	Fonthill Book Swap	Fonthill Bishop Reading Room
Sunday 19th	10.30-4.30pm	Old Fonthill Abbey Grounds	SP3 6SP
Tuesday 21st	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 22	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Monday 27th		Start of Half Term week	Chilmark School
Wednesday 29th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 29th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
		June	
Saturday 1st	10-12noon	Churchyard Tidy	Chilmark Church
Sunday 2nd	from 9am	Fonthill Dog Show	Fonthill Park SP3 5RZ
Saturday 8th	7 for 7.30pm	Reading Room Race Night	CRR

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Parish Council News

To read the latest draft minutes and future agendas, visit:
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Chilmark's Annual Parish Assembly will take place in the Reading Room on Wednesday 8 May, 7pm, followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The purpose of the Assembly is for residents and parish councillors to learn about the activities of village organisations during the past year. It is also an opportunity for villagers to have their say on items they consider important to the parish. Everyone is very welcome to attend both the Assembly and the Annual PC Meeting. The Parish Council's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024 will be considered at the PC meeting, as will grant requests from organisations such as the Reading Room and the Playground Committee.

Latest Planning Applications / Decisions:

Ref: PL/2024/00419 - Removal/variation of conditions Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark, SP3 5AJ
Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Wolseley-Brinton
Case Officer: Hayley Clark
Vary Condition No 3 on PL/2022/00888 - to add an additional Dormer window (of the same design as those to each side) above the porch on the front (east) elevation. *PC position: No Objection*
Vary condition 2 on PL/2022/00888 to state: *The development shall be constructed using the following materials: Clipsham stone walling as shown on document entitled stone sample photos; timber boarding, roof materials and driveway surfacing materials all as approved under application PL/2023/01717.*
PC position: Object - see back page for details
Decision deadline extended to 13 May 2024

Ref: PL/2023/10702 – Lawful Development – Existing Use
Barn at Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark, SP3 5AJ
Use of land and buildings for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the adjacent residential property, Bevisfield.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Wolseley-Brinton
Case Officer: Becky Jones
PC position: Object
Decision deadline extended to 9 May 2024

Ref: PL/2024/03019 – Proposed works to trees in Conservation Area
St Margaret of Antioch Church,
Barberry, Chilmark, SP3 5AR
Irish Yews, 2 pairs on main path to church, crown reduction and trim by up to 1m
Yew - near lychgate - lowest branch parallel to path to be removed
Laurels - SW corner of churchyard - take down to ground level
Laurel - near lychgate - take down to ground level
Box - prune away from lychgate roof
Yews x 6 - on northern boundary of old churchyard - crown lift by up to 1m
Holly – on northern border of old churchyard - crown lift by up to 1m
Applicant: Chilmark Parochial Church Council
Case Officer: Beverley Griffin
PC position – No objection
Consultation deadline: 1 May 2024

Ref: PL/2024/02071 - Full Planning Permission
Units 1 and 3, Manor Farm, Chilmark, SP3 5AG
Retrospective application for the installation of temporary Portakabin building to be used as an office for a period of 156 weeks.

Applicant: Callen Lenz Associates
Case Officer: Hayley Clark
PC position: No Objection
Decision: Approved with conditions – 23 April 2024

Ref: PL/2023/10721 – Full Planning Permission
Pasture Land North of Stockley Wood, Stockley Wood, Ridge
Works to create a wetland habitat for biodiversity and environmental benefit.
Applicant: Fonthill Farms
Decision: Approved with conditions - 23 April 2024

Ref: PL/2024/01717 – Householder Planning Permission
Angoni (re-named Lilypad), Frog Lane, Chilmark, Salisbury, SP3 5BB
Rear and side extension to existing bungalow, minor alterations to porch and replacing existing porch roof with sloped roof.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Fisher
Decision: Approved with conditions - 18 April 2024

To view details of any of the above applications or permissions, visit:
development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/ and enter the planning application number in the search bar.

Village Litter Pick

Hannah Trent and I would like to thank the people who came to help at the litter pick day in April, especially to those who brought their children along. It is wonderful to see them learn the difference they can make to the look of our village. We aim to organise this kind of event three times a year but are grateful to all those who continue to pick up litter throughout the whole year, particularly on the roads on the outskirts of the village where some delivery drivers discard their empty drink cans and food packaging.
Morag Philpott



Please join us *At the Races* for an exciting evening of horseracing and canapés on Saturday 8 June in the Reading Room. Dress to impress - there will be prize for best outfit! There are opportunities to sponsor a race, become an owner or a jockey, or simply place a bet on up to 8 races. Tickets are available from jkchsc@me.com, cost £10 per person and include a welcome drink and canapés throughout the evening. A card reader is available at the bar but please do bring cash to place bets. These cost £1 each so coins would be very handy. Doors open at 7pm, with the first race *off* at 7.30pm.

The Chilmark Reading Room has vacancies for new members, including someone to take over secretarial duties, and a new chairperson. The committee is responsible for maintaining the Reading Room building to ensure it remains a safe and comfortable space for use by any village group, committee or private individual. This involves organising several events each year, partly to raise funds but also to provide entertainment in the village. If you would like to be involved, and can attend 5 meetings in the year, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Morag Philpott or any other committee member for more information (see back page for contacts list). Finally, on behalf of the committee, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to Susan Lewis, Tony Lewis and Eddie Young for all the time and effort they put into maintenance and fundraising in the Reading Room. **Morag Philpott**

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Chilmark Church Fete

Saturday 29 June at the Old Rectory

Plans and ideas are underway for the Fete this summer. If you have a favourite game or stall that could be included, please get in touch.

Sally Butcher reminded us all in April's issue that the Horticultural Society's Plant Stall would be grateful for donations, and Angi Stoop has some great ideas for the Raffle this year. She asks as follows:

Could anyone please help with supplying: A3 paper (measuring approx 29.7 x 42cm or 11.69 x 16.53 inches). It could be of any colour but heavy enough gauge to take poster paints. She would also be grateful for any donations of poster paints in 5 or 6 colours. In addition, Angi is looking for a large picture frame that is light enough to hold. It could alternatively be some left-over cornice moulding (polystyrene) that we can make into a frame. The finished frame needs to measure about 3 x 4 feet. Please contact Angi on 07720732415 if you can help with any of the above.

Further details of the Fete will come with June's VV issue. All ideas and offers of help will be most welcome at fgpattenden@hotmail.com or 01722 716271.

Felicity Pattenden

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen will be opening its doors this month on Wednesday 15 and Wednesday 29 May from 10.30am-12noon in the Reading Room. Everyone is extremely welcome to pop in for coffee, tea and homemade cakes and enjoy a chance to chat with friends and neighbours. Anyone new to the village is especially welcome! Everything is free but there is the opportunity to donate to the Salisbury Trust for the Homeless. Any queries, please do contact me on 01722 717925/angus.menzies1@btinternet.com

Meanwhile, we are delighted to report that the Lent Lunch held on Wednesday 27 March raised £209 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance, which was very pleasing. Thank you to all those who came and supported the event.

Lynn Menzies

Chilmark & Fonthill Book Swap Food Bank Collection

We collected 133kg this month for the Salisbury Trussell Trust Food Bank. Thank you to all you generous people. Our contribution is hugely appreciated particularly as donations on the whole have diminished.

I thought I would share the story of one of the recipients of the food bank which was brought to my notice the other day. A Trussell Trust volunteer was shopping in the Wilton Co-op when approached by a young woman, with a child, who recognised him as a volunteer. She thanked him for his part in helping her, saying: *My husband left me so I am at the lowest possible point and I simply would not cope if it was not for the food bank. It is my life saver. Thank you so very much; you are making my life bearable until I get back onto my feet.*

This is what makes it all worthwhile! So, again, thank you all. Other news is that our village school has asked to join in with our monthly food collection, having very kindly donated Easter Eggs for us last term. The headmaster has requested that I pop into the school to talk to the pupils about how it all works.

Our next collection will be between Saturday 11 May and Wednesday 15 May and, as usual all in-date non-

perishables should be left in the Chilmark Church by the font. I will let you know nearer the time what is especially needed.

Angi Stoop

Gardening Tips

We welcome the first in a series of monthly pieces from Josie Nunn, of Chilmark Horticultural Society.

After such a wet start to the year, it has been lovely to see signs of spring around the village - daffodils, bluebells and beautiful blossom have been a very welcome sight. May is always a busy month in the garden, but here are three jobs to think about.

Why not sow some beans? Runner beans will need something to climb up - a row or wigwam of bamboo canes is good. Not keen on runner beans? You could try French beans or even Borlotti beans with their beautiful mottled pink pods. Dwarf French beans can be grown in a large tub if you don't have ground space.

May is the traditional month in which the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is held and it is also the time to give our summer flowering perennials the *Chelsea Chop*. Try cutting back some of the stems by a third, to prolong the flowering season, and to prevent *flopping*. This works particularly well for perennials such as Sedums, Phlox, Aster, Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Heleniums, Penstemons and Nepeta.

Towards the end of May is the perfect time to plant out summer bedding in borders, tubs and hanging baskets. If you're doing this, please can we ask you to consider putting aside a couple of plants for us to sell at the Church fete in June? More info to come on this in the June edition.

For more information and ideas for jobs in the garden this month, visit:

www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/may



Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

FoodBank - The School Council met with Mrs Stoop, coordinator of the Chilmark food bank contributions, to discuss more regular food collections. It was agreed there will be a collection in the school entrance which will be added to the village contributions to the Salisbury Trussell Trust Food Bank. Before the Easter break, there was a successful collection of chocolate eggs donated by the school's families.



Field to Food Trip - In April, children from Years 2, 3 & 4 visited a fantastic event at the Royal Bath and West showground. The Field to Food Learning Day was all about educating the next generation about farming and food production. The children had a wonderful day and enjoyed seeing the animals and learning more about the countryside.

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Chilmark Duck Race

After a week of nervous weather watching, and a hailstorm as everyone started to arrive, the sun shone on the 2024 Chilmark Duck Race, organised by the Chilmark Playground Committee. After a duck supply issue at last year's sold-out race, the committee invested in more ducks and 242 were sold on the day, which was double from last year so a great result! This year there was an exciting new event in the form of a junk modelled boat competition, with prizes set for both design and speed. The children in the village set to and created some amazing boats, which were displayed at the start of the race and much admired. Sadly, not all of them remained intact by the end of the boat race, which included an exciting rapids section past Grant and Morag's house in a newly extended course. In total, an amazing £928.67 was raised and everyone had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to Ellie Rees, Ben Fowles, Carl Jacobs, Clarissa Boys, Grant and Morag Philpott, Izzy Moss, James Browning and Sofya Pattenden who worked incredibly hard, and a massive thanks to everyone that came and supported this annual Chilmark tradition.

Olivia von Halle

Chair, Chilmark Playground Committee



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*Olivia presents two race winners -
Above - Maz Brown
Below - Xava Butcher*



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Chilmark Cricket Club

First match of the season

After seven months of torpor the cricket season got underway in classic Chilmark fashion on 24 April, with a dismal batting collapse against Fonthill. Perhaps aware of

the brittle line-up at his disposal, skipper Carl Jacobs decided to delay the inevitable when he won the toss, and elected to bowl first. Alas, there was nowhere to hide. After two overs Fonthill were on 25 and Darren Lee had sent down four wides.

There were chances though. The Doc sacrificed healthy blood flow in his right hand when he stuck a mitt out in a foolhardy attempt to bring in a powerful drive. And then, shortly after, he was called into action when Brand King tempted a batter into a skied shot and decided that, despite being closest to it, the Doc needed a chance to redeem himself. The result was the same.

The flow of runs was halted in the fifth over when Ben Eastmond struck, before Paul Butler got two in six balls. It was a pretty even battle after that as King chipped in with a couple of wickets, and Ned Pattenden's unheralded slow/medium pace kept a lid on scoring. But 125 was always going to be a challenge in the fading light.

As it was, the team barely got out of first gear. Tony Lewis went for three after changing his bat and then not using it. King managed five before playing around one. Max Allen looked the most likely after his first two sweetly timed shots went straight to fielders. When he mishit his third over the mid-wicket boundary for six, things looked back on track. Then he was clean bowled.



There was little respite thereafter. Eastmond (2), Ben Fowles (1), Lee (2), Butler (3), and the Doc (6), all came and went in underwhelming style. In a rarely uttered sentence, Ricky Corbin was the top scorer. Utilising his famed Corbin Scoop, the Warminster accountant swiped everything that came his way crudely to the outside. He chugged his way to 15 defiant runs, before finally skying one for the 'keeper. Not to be outdone, Pattenden chipped in with 14 runs of his own, at one stage playing an actual cricket shot down to the third man boundary.

It was all in vain, however, as Jacobs, undefeated on 0, was the last man standing in a dismal 71 run innings. But of course, cricket in April doesn't count, everyone knows that.

Fonthill Park CC 125-8 (P Butler 2-16; B King 2-19) defeated Chilmark CC 71 (R Corbin 15; N Pattenden 14).
Brand King

CCC Juniors Summer Training

The next generation of Chilmark cricketers is being sought by CCC, with juniors training getting underway at the beginning of June. The weekly training – 10-11am at Cleeves Farm on Sundays – will run from 2 June to 21 July. Open to all aged between 8-11 (years 4, 5 & 6), the course will cost £45 for 8 sessions. The coaches will be Jez Howell, Sam Moss and Carl Jacobs. To reserve a space, please contact Hannah Trent at: cricketjuniors@yahoo.com



Astronomy Notes

Extinction Event?

Looking at the Moon with binoculars or telescopes, one can see that it is completely covered with impact craters from the new and very large *Oriental Basin*, some 600 miles in diameter, to tiny pits only a few millimetres in size. The planet Mercury has similar surface features, as do Mars and most of the ice moons of the Gas giant planets such as Jupiter and Saturn. Why, then, are we not aware of similar features on Earth given it has been subjected to the same conditions as the rest of the Solar system?

There have been over 200 verified impact craters found on Earth, all large or very large - some more than 400 km. There are very few smaller and medium ones for the following reasons:

- Plate tectonics
- Weather erosion - rain, wind, frosts and glaciers
- Volcanism
- Thick Atmosphere.

These processes erase the evidence of the small craters over short periods of time, ie 10s of thousands of years. Without all the above, the Earth would look just like the Moon.

Every day 14 tons of material fall onto the Earth from space, mostly small grains like sand and dust and an occasional brick sized object. There have, however, been some larger objects that have caused some panic in the last 150 years. The latest one that was reported worldwide was the *house sized* object that exploded over the Russian town of Chelyabinsk in 2013 at high altitude, with a force 30 times that of the Hiroshima atomic bomb. An even bigger object, some 500m in size, exploded over Tungusta in Russia in 1908, flattening more than 2,000 square kilometres of forest with a force of 12 megatons of TNT. These two objects were probably parts of a comet composed mostly of ice and dust.

Some 25 to 50,000 years ago, a nickel/iron object around 50m in diameter crashed into what is now the Arizona desert, some 37 miles East of Flagstaff, creating a crater more than one km in diameter and about 250m deep. This meteor weighed about half a million tons and was travelling at some 15 miles per second on impact.

Another object is thought to have crashed into the North American ice sheet around 13,000 years ago, causing the

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extinction of some large animal species and the *Clovis people*, and had other colossal geological effects. The main one was the sudden cooling of the Northern hemisphere. This caused a large drop in temperature which lasted for some 1,300 years before the temperature began to rise very quickly to what it is today. It is known as the *Younger Dryas* period.

Some 66 million years ago, an Everest size (10 km) object crashed into what is now central America and wiped out the dinosaurs. This object created a crater some 180 km in diameter and killed over 70% of all life on Earth.

There are hundreds of thousands of these objects orbiting the sun, either as asteroids or comets. There is a group of asteroids known as Near Earth Objects (NEOs) that regularly pass close to Earth. One called Apophis can come very close to Earth on its orbit around the Sun. In the mid 1900s it was thought that it would crash into Earth and wipe out all life on this planet and was responsible for the two movies *Deep Impact* and *Armageddon*. The orbits of all the large NEOs are regularly checked by scientists to see if one is liable to hit the Earth. As of now, Apophis will pass quite close to us in 2029. Apophis has a diameter of 375m and will pass within 38,000 miles.

It is only a matter of time before one of these objects hits earth; many years into the future, I hope. Smaller ones, like the Arizona impact object, are difficult to see being too small and dark - like coal - to show up on images taken with telescopes. They could easily wipe out a city like London, so keep your tin hat handy!

Perhaps the next extinction event is already happening, caused by us with all our pollution, loss of wildlife and its habitat?!

Rod Greening



Easter Flowers

Thank you to all those who did such lovely flowers and the arrangements in the church for Easter. They were much appreciated and the church looked beautiful.

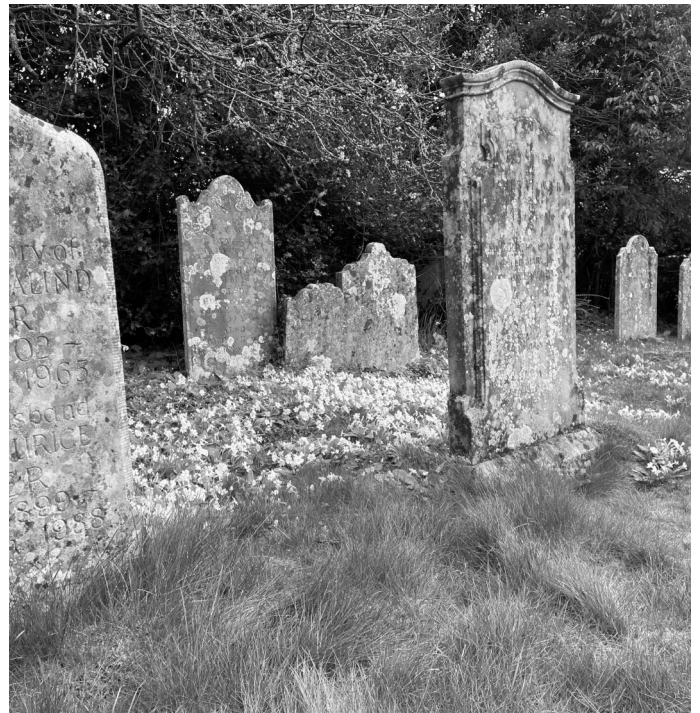
Janey Middleton



Bellringers of the past

Further to our piece in the March issue about Chilmark's bellringing tradition, a reader has sent us this photo from the early 1960s featuring his grandfather Arthur Yeates (on the right). Arthur, a villager who lived at The Nook (now known as Village End), was a keen gardener and won many cups at the Chilmark Flower Show. His grandson Nigel Lomas is wondering whether anyone in Chilmark might be able to identify the other bellringers in the photo. Nigel's mother Mary was born in Cross Cottage in 1924 and later worked at the RAF Chilmark ammunition dump during WW2. His aunt Brenda Hobbs lived at Yeaho, next to Village End. All suggestions with names of those pictured, please send to:

editor@chilmarkvillagevoice.co.uk



Chilmark Churchyard Tidy-Up

The second churchyard tidy of 2024 will take place on *Saturday 1 June, 10 am to 12 noon*, weather permitting. All helpers will be warmly welcomed. Please bring your own tools. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you. For further information, contact Grant Philpott: grphilpott@yahoo.com

St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark

Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (also known as the Vestry meeting) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place in St Margaret's on Sunday 12 May, at 12 noon. The meetings will follow the 11.15am All Age morning service, led by the Revd Elaine Brightwell. All are welcome to attend and hear a summary of the Parochial Church Council's activities over the preceding year and also to raise any questions. The Revd Elaine will also be giving an update on the future of the Nadder Valley Benefice following the departure of the former Team Rector, the Revd Graham Southgate, in January.

Two people have stepped down from the PCC in recent months and new members would be welcomed. For more information about joining the PCC, please contact the Revd Elaine: elainebri57@gmail.com
Hard copies of Chilmark PCC's annual report are available in the church, along with the agenda and 2023 minutes.

The Quinquennial inspection explained

The Church of England requires each Diocese to ensure that all its churches are professionally surveyed at least every five years. In Chilmark, in late 2023, this Quinquennial (QQ) inspection was performed by a qualified Chartered Surveyor and paid for by the Salisbury Diocese. The purpose of the inspection/survey is to ensure that the fabric of the building is kept in good order. The surveyor uses a prescribed template to report matters that need attention on a scale of necessity: A) urgently, B) within 12 months, and C) things that should be made good within a five-year horizon / before the next QQ. The notion is akin to an MOT where urgent things are distinguished from advisories. Sadly, no Church gets a clean pass as far as I know. Typically, these are historic buildings and St Margaret's, Chilmark, is 12th century in parts. Helpfully, the spire was rebuilt in 1760.

Typically, the shape of these remedial works is split about 10%: 30%: 60% between the categories. For St Margaret of Antioch the results were that we need to spend:

- Category A - £7,350 urgently = 6%
- Category B - £39,850 within a year = 32%
- Category C - £76,820 within the next 2-5 years = 62%

This is a sobering total of £124,020 and all figures need to have VAT added. We had Fabric reserves of just £22,480 at 31 December 2023, and intend to spend £28,550 in 2024, as I explained in the March issue. We typically raise about £18,000 a year for Fabric through kind donations.

The items in Category C are quite similar to those reported five years ago in the previous QQ. The Category C items are perhaps things to consider but not necessarily items to lose sleep about. For our Church these matters include:

- Category A = our heating system, some Belfry issues of debris and some minor roof repairs
- Category B = stonework repairs, lychgate, gutter repairs and numerous other smaller items
- Category C = spire repairs, damp issues, graveyard tomb repairs and numerous other items

In conclusion, thankfully, our Church is in reasonable order. It is of course more than 800 years old in parts and needs constant attention. Those matters are carefully considered by our Fabric Working Group (FWG) which is a subset of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you would like to be involved in the FWG or PCC matters, please contact any one of us on the PCC (back page).

Johan Denekamp

Focus Point

Change

There are many conspiracy theories in our world today. Some are recent while others have been around for generations. One such is that the world is flat. There is clear evidence to prove otherwise but some still hold dearly to their truth of the world being flat. Christopher Columbus did not fall off the edge as he set sail and discovered America. Images of the earth from outer space show us that the world is round and yet still some cannot be convinced to change their minds.

Change, whether it be changing our mind, location, or as a result of the choices and decisions of others, can be difficult for us all. We often want to hold on to what we know and what has worked for us in the past. We can be left with a sense that we have no control over what is happening. Unless of course we are the one instigating change.

Our reaction to any kind change, especially if we feel we have no control over it, can be what psychologists call fight, flight or freeze. Each of these can be useful when considering change; after all, resistance is a natural human response to change:

- In **fight** mode, we actively resist change, afraid it won't be done right. We just need to push harder and do it my way!
- In **flight** mode, we actively avoid change, afraid to get into a fight about the issue and don't have the time to get all worked up about it.
- In **freeze** mode, we might not take any action at all, afraid that we don't have all the answers and don't know what to do.

Following the departure of Graham Southgate in January, and the unlikelihood that he will be replaced with a full-time stipendiary priest, the Nadder Benefice faces a season of change. What's your response to this thought - Fight, Flight or Freeze? Perhaps there is a 4th option. To prayerfully seek a way forward that will be of benefit to all.

St Augustine, one of the early church theologians, is quoted as saying: *pray as if everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on you.*

To this end, I would like to invite you to join me on Wednesdays at 12 noon at St Edward of Wessex Church, Teffont Magna – (Wylde Road, Teffont Magna SP3 5QY); alternatively, if you are unable to join why not set your phone for 12 noon Wednesday and pray the Lord's Prayer wherever you are.

Revd Elaine Brightwell

Team Vicar

Church Cleaning Rota 2024

If you feel you are able to help / join the Rota, please ring me on 01722 716675.

Many thanks, **Judith Barrett**

May	Group
5th	five
12th	six
19th	seven
26th	eight
June	
2nd	nine

Church Times

TEAM CLERGY

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Chilmark, St Margaret of Antioch

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NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE – CHURCH SERVICES – MAY 2024

Date	5 th May		9 th May		12 th May		19 th		26 th May		2 nd June	
SUNDAY	Easter 6		Ascension Day		Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension		Pentecost		Trinity Sunday		Trinity 1	
Southern Area			-									
ANSTY	-	-	-	-	1115 PC	TM	-	-	1115 AAC	JMH	-	-
COMPTON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0930 Pet Servic
FOVANT	0800 HC _{O2T}	SE	-	-	0930 to Sutton	-	1800 E _{BCP}	EB	0930 PC	MH	0800 HC _{O2T}	-
SUTTON	1800 E _{BCP}	EB	-	-	0930 MP	EB	1600 AAS	EB	0930 to Fovant	-	1800 E _{BCP}	-
SWALLOW -CLIFFE	1115 AAS Rogation and thanksgiving	JMH	-	-	1800 E _{BCP}	MH	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	1115 PC _T	-
Northern Area												
BARFORD	1115 AAC	MH	-	-	0930 MP _{CW}	LAY	0930 PC _{BCP}	EB	0930 AAC	CF	1115 AAC	-
BAVERSTOCK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHILMARK	1115 AAC	EB	-	-	1115 AAS +APCM	EB	1115 AAC	MG	1115 MP/M _{BCP}	LAY	1115 AAC	-
DINTON	0930 AAC	MH	-	-	-	-	0930 AAC	MG	0930 M _{CW}	EB	0930 AAC	-
T. EVIAS	-	-	-	-	1115 AAC	MG	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. MAGNA	-	-	-	-	-	-	1115 AAC	EB	-	-	-	-
Western Area												
CHICKLADE	0930 PC Rogation Martha's Down	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HINDON	0930 PC Rogation Martha's Down	-	-	-	0930 AAC	JN	1800 E _{BCP}	JA	0930 PC	JN	0930 PC	-
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	JA/JD	-	-	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	0930 M _{BCP}	JA	-	-	1700 E _{BCP}	-
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	JMH	-	-	1115 M _{BCP}	JN	-	-	1115 M _{BCP} Feast of Title	MH	0800 HC _{BCP}	-
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JMH/JA	1830 PC	JMH	0930 PC +APCM	JMH/JA	0930 PC 1800 E _{BCP} Choral	JMH JMH	0800 HC _{BCP} 0930 PC	JMH JMH	0930 AAS	-

AAC All Age Communion AAS All Age Service BCP Book of Common Prayer CW Common Worship CbE Communion by Extension
E Evensong or Evening Prayer HC Holy Communion (said) PC Order 1 Communion (with hymns) PC_T Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
PC_{O2T} Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns) M Mattins or Morning Prayer MPr Morning Praise

+AR Bishop of Ramsbury +SL Bishop of Salisbury +RC Bishop Richard Chartres AP Andrew Poppe AJ Alan Jeans CF Colin Fox EB Elaine Brightwell
JA Judy Anderson JD Julie Dunstan JMH Juliette Hulme JN Jo Naish KR Katharine Rumens MG Michael Goater MH Mark Hayter
PC Patricia Clegg PM Paul Mellor NW Nigel Worn SE Simon Evans TF Tina Fox TM Rev Canon Tony Mond

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Mobile History Museum

There will be an opportunity to study the history of the Cold War in Hindon on Friday 17 May, 2-4pm, thanks to a Mobile Museum visit organised by Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW). All are invited to this free event at Hindon Hall – tea and cake included. Meet Ben and his fascinating Mobile Museum, bringing history to you. Discuss, remember, and learn. Crack the Soviet codes, discover history through memory boxes, handle artifacts, listen to talks and visit the *War Room*. To book, please contact: 07955 249233 or email: CAWSupport@wiltshireremusic.org



Old Fonthill Abbey Grounds

A reminder that the beautiful bluebell woods and rhododendrons of Old Fonthill Abbey will be on display for visitors on Sundays 5 and 19 May, 10.30am-4.30pm. Enjoy lakeside walks and Abbey views; there will be a barbecue and homemade refreshments. Entry donation, suggested £10 per adult, in aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities. Polite dogs welcome. In event of high winds, the grounds must close (check beforehand to see if Stourhead is open, if in doubt). Location: SP3 6SP on the Hindon Newtown lane.

Fonthill Dog Show

Time to get your dogs in training for this year's Fonthill Dog Show on Sunday 2 June. Lurcher racing gets off to a prompt start at 9am, followed by Gundog classes at 11am, and then Fun Agility, Gundog Scurry, Terrier and Family Dog racing. At 12 noon, there will be a Novelty/Family Dog Show, followed by Lurcher classes & Terrier classes. As always, there will be a BBQ, Bar, Cakes, Tombola and Stalls. The Show takes place in Fonthill Park, SP3 5RZ. For more information, email: details@fonthilldogshow

Fonthill Estate News

The Fonthill Estate team have been busy over the winter, planting an impressive 57,000 young hedgerow saplings,

making up six miles of new hedge! This is the first of 15 miles of new hedges to be completed by early 2026. These hedges will form key habitats and food sources for a variety of species. They will provide thorny nesting cover for yellowhammers and grey partridges, nectar for a multitude of bees and butterflies as well as food plants for their caterpillars and safe hibernation for dormice and hedgehogs. Hedges also form weather-breaks for many species during harsh winter weather. The benefits are huge and the hedges will be essential to much of the estate's farm wildlife throughout the year.

A variety of species have been selected to provide a good mix of cover and food and crucially to provide nectar throughout the year, the species included are: Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, Holly, Hazel, Spindle, Dogwood, Guelder Rose, Wayfaring tree, Bird Cherry, Privet, Dog Rose, Gooseberry.

The first Fonthill Gardens open day of the year in March was blessed by glorious sunshine – a rare treat this spring – with lots of visitors including children and happy dogs. The event raised the wonderful sum of £6,000 for the National Garden Scheme. The last of the three garden openings this year is on Sunday 9 June, 12pm – 5pm. This is in aid of a national charity called Atlantic Salmon Trust. More about this charity in the June issue of the VV.

Spring into Summer!

Tisbury Community Choir will be presenting a seasonal programme of madrigals, songs from musicals, and contemporary popular music in the New Vic Hall, Tisbury, on Friday 10 May. Doors & Bar open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Suggested donation £5. Profits in aid of Salisbury Hospice.



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Recycling & Waste Collections

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Wednesday 8	Household waste – Grey bin
Tuesday 14	Blue lid – mixed dry recycling Black box – glass & recycling Green lid – chargeable garden waste (no household compost)
Wednesday 22	Grey bin
Tuesday 28	Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

For more information what and how to recycle, visit:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) Permit Scheme

Wiltshire Council has introduced a new HRC van and trailer permit scheme designed to cut council costs. All vans, pickups, or large trailers (between 1.8 and 3 metres) require a permit to visit any of Wiltshire's household recycling centres. Under the new system, which takes effect this month (May 2024), the previous physical paper permit will be replaced by an electronic system. Residents will have to pay a £20 non-refundable registration fee to sign up for the electronic permit. The new system will go live on 14 May and all existing permits will become invalid from 13 May. You can register online now for a new permit. If you don't have access to the internet, please contact Customer Services on 0300 456 0102. See: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres-permits

HRC Summer opening hours

Summer opening times are now in operation as follows:
Salisbury – 9am to 4pm, closed Thursday
Warminster – 9am to 4pm, closed Wednesday & Thursday
Amesbury – 9am to 4pm, closed Tuesday & Wednesday

You may be asked to provide a proof of address to use a household recycling centre. Acceptable examples include: driver's licence, council tax bill, utility bill (either printed or electronic versions allowed).

Hike in Fly Tipping & Litter Fines

Wiltshire Council has raised the sum of fixed penalty notice fines (FPNs) that people will have to pay when they are caught fly-tipping, handing their waste to rogue traders or dropping litter. From Tuesday 23 April, the FPNs will be raised to £1,000 for fly-tipping, £500 for littering and £600 for household duty of care, with no early payment discount. This is in line with changes in legislation that allow a raise in the fines.

Ansty May Day

A reminder that Ansty's annual May Day celebrations take place on Monday 6 May, 1-5pm. There will be dancing round Ansty's historic Maypole, a May Day procession and crowning of the May Queen, along with performances from the White Horse Morris dancers and local musicians. Food trucks, bars and stalls will be on hand, and money raised will go to the local charities Julia's House and Salisbury Hospice. Please bring cash. The ceremony is held at the Maypole on Ansty High Street. Parking is limited; disabled parking accessed via the A30 entrance to the village.

Café Farewell

We were sad to learn of the closure of the café/restaurant Bird & Carter at Fonthill during April. Since opening in 2020 – and providing a wonderful community shop during Lockdown – the B&C Fonthill café had become a popular breakfast, coffee and lunch spot for walkers, visitors and local residents. On a positive note, the Bird & Carter Bed & Breakfast will continue to operate on the site. Bird & Carter owners Annie & Joff said: *We apologise for the short notice, but this isn't a decision we have made lightly, and it's a necessary one for the future of Bird & Carter. We hope you all understand and will continue to support us. We are delighted to still be welcoming room guests to stay in our beautiful part of the world, and we are excited to pour our time and efforts into the Farm Shop & Cafe in Wilton as it enters its 14th year of business... how time flies! A massive thank you to you all.*

Tisbury Flower Group

On Tuesday 28 May, Tisbury flower group will be welcoming Jenny Hair to their monthly meeting. Jenny will be presenting *Celebrating the Women of Salisbury* and she will be bringing Salisbury Footprint maps at a cost of £1. We look forward to seeing you at 7pm in the Hinton Hall. Tea and Coffee will be available. Our Programme is varied and fun. Visitors are always welcome for a small fee, so come along to enjoy learning about flowers. Learn a new skill and meet new people. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month except December. For further information, contact Bernadette Watson on 01747 228371 or blwatson4@gmail.com

Stargazing Big Sleep

Bed down for one night and watch the stars unfold above you at Messums Gallery, Tisbury, on Friday 24 May, 8pm-7am. This fabulous overnight event, organised by Salisbury-based charity Alabaré, welcomes community minded supporters together with families with children over the age of eight. Sleep out under the stars to raise vital funds to change the lives of homeless and vulnerable people in our area needing our care. Cranborne Chase National Landscape's Dark Sky Advisor Steve Tonkin will be at the event to talk about the night sky. Adults £10, children £5 (must be aged 8 or over). Sign up at: alabare.co.uk/events

Celebrating the Nadder

Coinciding with the Salisbury Arts Festival, Messums Gallery, Tisbury, is running a series of events at the end of May as part of its De Nadder exhibition in the Barn which runs from Saturday 4 May to 1 July. De Nadder is an environmental soundscape that takes the visitor on an aural trip down the River Nadder from its source to Salisbury.

The events on the weekend of 24-26 May will include performances for children, readings, premieres of plays by contemporary playwrights, and a poetry and nature walk from the Barn to the Nadder. Also opening that weekend is an exhibition of Wildlife in the Nadder Valley, created by children aged 8-13 from three local schools: St John's in Tisbury, Semley Village School and Port Regis in Motcombe. For more information, visit: www.messums.org/exhibitions



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Wiltshire Police News

The Police and Crime Commissioner Election takes place on Thursday 2 May. Remember to take your ID to the polling station - Chilmark Reading Room - when you vote. Candidates standing at this election will appear on the ballot paper as follows:
ADAMCOVA, Stanka - Labour and Co-operative Party
HAGGER, Alan Stuart - Liberal Democrats
REES, Mike - Independent
WILKINSON, Philip Roy - Conservative and Unionist Party
For information on above candidates, visit: choosemypcc.org.uk

Planning Application Objection

Ref: PL/2024/00419 - Removal/variation of conditions
Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark, SP3 5AJ
Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Wolseley-Brinton
Vary condition 2 on PL/2022/00888 to state: The development shall be constructed using the following materials: Clipsham stone walling as shown on document entitled stone sample photos; timber boarding, roof materials and driveway surfacing materials all as approved under application PL/2023/01717.
Chilmark Parish Council has registered its **Objection** to the above application on the following grounds:
The conditions attached to the original application were accepted, implicitly at least, by the applicant. In the important case of the stone type they were not followed. This was not trivial. It is apparent this was deliberate. Accordingly, the current application to vary should be refused.

Village Voice Future Planning

Thanks to all who attended the Village Voice Open Meeting in the Reading Room on 8 April. A wide-ranging discussion, including contributions from members of the public, took place as to the best way to find a new editor & design team for the VV as of September 2025. Options raised included a quarterly as opposed to monthly publication, an online-only version, possible payment of a small fee to a new production team, and the likelihood that a new team might wish to introduce a completely new look/different layout. The value of the weekly *events* email to residents was also highlighted. At the suggestion of founding VV Chair Sir Peter Jennings, it was agreed to include a one page insert/questionnaire in an autumn 2024 issue, outlining the situation and asking readers what they would like to see in a future version of the newsletter. This will be followed up by an invitation to all villagers to attend the Village Voice AGM in October/November 2024. The date of the AGM will be confirmed in the June issue.

PCC & Reading Room

You will see on p4 & p10 respectively that the Chilmark Reading Room Committee and Chilmark Parochial Church Council (PCC) are looking for new members. To find out more about the roles, please contact existing members, as below:

Chilmark PCC

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Lift, Please?

Chilmark resident Steve Jarvis is looking for someone to drive him to a Blind Social Club meeting at the Nadder Centre, Tisbury, on the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings start at 11am and Steve doesn't need a lift home afterwards. He is very happy to reimburse petrol costs. Please contact Steve on: sjsusiej1@gmail.com

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