

Hankerton Church Services

August	4 th	9:30am	Holy Communion
	18 th	11am	Morning worship
September	1 st	9:30am	Holy Communion
		4pm	Young Church
	8 th	6:30pm	Deanery Evensong Malmesbury Abbey
	15 th	11am	Morning Worship
	29 th	10am	Crudwell Group Service
October	6 th	9:30am	Holy Communion
		4pm	Young Church
	13 th	6pm	Harvest Supper
	20 th	11am	Harvest Service



From the registers

On 17th June there was a service of thanksgiving for the life of Kath Rowlands. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken.

On 29th June Leanne Bleaken and Justin Wooff were married.

On the 30th June in Bristol Cathedral I was ordained Priest in a very moving service, it lasted two hours, but for me went very quickly. On July 7th we had a wonderful group service here in Hankerton where I presided over my first celebration of communion. It was followed by a wonderful buffet and I just want to thank all of you who came, contributed and have supported me in prayer and words in the last four years.

This is what I wrote in the programme for the service at the Cathedral.

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. (The servant song)*

I only seem to see near horizons not the distant peak and am amazed finding myself a Deacon nearly a Priest. I feel very privileged with the support from my family and friends, and of course God. There have been many challenges this year, not always what I expected; but I have been honoured sharing other people's journeys. At times God has placed a mantle over me providing me with resources; sometimes that has been you, my fellow traveller. Life has not been easy but I hold onto the fact that with God all things are possible. So thank you one and all for your love, support and prayers and I pray that I will be a light for God on the journey we are all continuing together.

Mrs V.E.M. Berry

Valerie Berry, who started her teaching career at Crudwell Church of England Primary School and retired as Head Teacher, passed away peaceably in May. Mrs Berry, a dedicated teacher, will be remembered with affection and appreciation by both her former pupils and their families from Crudwell and the surrounding villages.


WHAT IS PRAYER?

Silence, listen, God is there - When you bow your head in prayer
He will come to you to still your fear - Do not think that Our Lord does not hear
Prayer is not just a **request** - It is to welcome Him as Friend, Our Guest.
Our **gratitude** should show how glad - We are to You for all we have
We **worship** You in prayer it's true - Learn to be obedient to You.
Guidance, we seek when low in spirit - Willing to say Amen, so be it
Here in our Quiet Time, our lives we share With You, Dear Lord, now that is **Prayer**.
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Thought for the month

"If you want to feel rich, just count the things you have, that money can't buy"

Craig



The Grapevine

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Editorial

In this edition of Grapevine, the editors have decided to maintain everybody's smiling faces after watching the Queen's fantastic Coronation Jubilee celebrations, Andy Murray winning Wimbledon and the sun continuing to shine in what has been described as possibly the best and hottest Summer weather in 7 years. Dare we say that we are having a BBQ Summer?

Let's hope this continues for August so that all the local outdoor activities and fetes can take place - especially our own Street Fayre. Hope to see you all there - a truly local village fete. Let's also remember that noise and especially bonfire smoke travel further than your own garden and be aware of our neighbours who will be wanting to enjoy their gardens and have their windows open - day and (especially) night time.

Our contribution, to maintaining our smiling faces, is some golfing humour from our old friends in the Hankerton Golf Club (less of the old please - Craig). How about sending in your own favourite jokes or funny stories to share with the rest of the village?

Please keep an eye on elderly neighbours who may have a mobility problem in the heat. Offer to get shopping or give a lift.

Craig and Susan

Hankerton Street Fayre

August 26th 2013 2-5pm
Produce. Stalls. Children's games. Tombola. Games.
Competitions. Teas and ice creams.
Something for everyone.

Come along to enjoy a traditional summer fete in your own village!

Want to help?

Contact: any members of the North Aisle Committee.
(Christine Betts, Anne Brown, Philip Carter, Valerie Durnford, Claudine Pynn, Susan Mockler)

Look out for flyers posted through your door in mid August with details of stalls and how you can donate items, make cakes etc. Don't forget the photographic competition!

The Photo Competition categories are:-

1. Children's eye view
2. Village Characters
3. The church - can be any aspect, inside, outside, churchyard etc
4. The landscape

All photos must be taken within the parish boundary, be no larger than 15cm x 10cm and can be with/without border.

Other competitions are:

Children: 4 decorated cup cakes judged on decoration ONLY
Gentlemen: an apple pie
Ladies: 4 cookies

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Coffee Mornings

North Aisle Community Area
Every Saturday 10.30-12
These popular mornings continue for people to come and chat, change books and buy plants and produce. The refreshments are prepared by volunteers who cheerfully cater and dispense a variety of teas and coffees. Volunteers are always needed - look in the church porch for the list or ring Anne Brown on 577160. The North Aisle Committee.

It's CHAOS PANTO Time again!

December: Friday 6th at 7.30pm
Saturday 7th. at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Once again CHAOS will be producing a pantomime in Charlton Village Hall – with all the usual ups and downs, songs, jokes and chaos unlimited.

Tickets will be on sale in November. If any adults would like to join in, and fancy performing or helping backstage, please contact Susan on 577526.

Rehearsals start in September and are on every Friday night. (Just the thing to get over a hectic week at work!).

Full minutes of the recent Parish Council meeting are available on the Parish Web site at <http://www.hankertonvillage.co.uk> . In summary the main discussion points were:

- 1. Flood prevention** - The issue of flooding and excess surface water at properties was raised; the PC had been trying to get landowners to clean out their ditches for some years now, with very little success, and was now approaching the Wiltshire Council Operational Flood Working Group about it. It was suggested that the first problem to be tackled would be getting permission from the landowners to clean out their ditches for them.
- 2. Village Sign on Cloatley Road.** The Chairman said that a village resident had recently re-raised with him the subject of the PC making a donation to the North Aisle to recognize the use of the painting of the church on the planned new road sign. The PC had previously decided that the annual donation of £400 would suffice. The PC now agreed that a £20 donation was appropriate.
- 3. Bus Shelter.** The seat needed repair or renewal. Cllr Dalton said he would do it and that he would look for volunteers if he needed them. The PC would pay for new wood. The Chairman pointed out that the memorial plaque in the bus shelter gave no detail of Jack Tugwell's death in World War II other than the bare fact and suggested that the PC should investigate more detail and renew the plaque accordingly. It was pointed out that the family would need to be asked for their permission.
- 4. Snow Clearance.** The Wilts Council response dated 10 Apr 13 had been circulated before this meeting to all Cllrs. It was agreed that Cllr Grierson would speak to the responsible farmer to ensure he understood the Wilts Council system for authorizing farmers who held Council snow ploughs, to use them when needed.
- 5. Highways and Footpaths.** Some footpaths were suffering from long grass. Some could not be accessed by a tractor and topper, but some could. Cllr Grierson would mention this to some landowners.

Handover of the local Rotary Club Presidency

Once again the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds has come to the end of its Presidential Year. Philip Selwood from Hankerton now stands down and hands over the presidency to Nigel Gilhead from Crudwell. Nigel Walker from Lea has taken over as the Vice President.

Looking back on his year in office Philip said that the highlight for him was the celebrations surrounding the Olympic Games and, particularly, the Rotary Club providing the opportunity for wheelchair-bound Scott Pockett and his family from Charlton to go to the Para-Olympic Games in London. The club also got very involved in helping people affected by the floods in Malmesbury – the Rotary Clubs in Britain have a stock of dehumidifiers for just such events and many of these were brought to Malmesbury and put to use. One thing that got particular attention from the local press was the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds obtaining four (live) chickens to replace those lost by the Copeland family children during the floods. The South Cotswolds club covers Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages – and is strongly represented in the villages around Malmesbury.

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Hankerton Golf Club

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Such is the enthusiasm of the members in the overall progress of their standard of golf this year that new equipment is being purchased without any thought of cost. Mike Goodwin has a new set of Ping Irons (probably the best in the World), Mike Geake has a new chainsaw, Tony Hill is thinking about a new set of Irons, John has bought a new driver and has asked Edna if he can have some new Hedgehogs. David has a new 5 wood and some very snazzy blue golf shoes,while Craig is looking at some new glasses (to match his new eye). Brian has a new high tech tap in his new cloakroom while Peter has a new putter which brings us beautifully to the next story.

A wife's diary.
Tonight I thought my husband was acting strange. We had plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping all day with some friends so I thought that he was a little upset because I was late. But he made no comment. Conversation was not flowing so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed but did not say much. I asked him what was wrong, he said nothing,I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he was not upset and it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home I said that I loved him. He smiled slightly and kept driving. I cannot explain his behaviour. I do not know why he did not say I love you too. When we got home I felt that I had lost him completely and decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later he came to bed but I still thought that his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep.....I cried.....I do not know what to do. I am sure his thoughts are with someone else, my life is a disaster.....

Husband's Diary.
A two foot putt? For goodness sake, who misses a two foot putt?? I am an idiot!!

Come for Coffee!

It's Time for Macmillan!

Once again Hankerton will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Date and Time: Saturday, September 28th at 10.30am.
Place: North Aisle Community Area.
Great cakes, tea, coffee and company - we look forward to seeing you there!
Offers of cakes to Chris on 577123, please.

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“Why limp when you can sprint”

Hankerton History Group.
Information about meetings is posted on the notice board on the bus shelter and in the church; please keep looking for them! Meetings are always open to anyone interested in the topic - just come along and join in.

The AGM in May was well attended and very noisy - due to there being lots to talk about! People who lived in Hankerton up to 60 or 70 years ago came along to talk about their childhoods and events they remembered. An enjoyable and sociable evening.

We'd like to welcome Pam Selwood onto the committee - we always need help and new ideas.

Over the summer we are metal detecting in various gardens in Hankerton. So far, we have not uncovered any valuable treasure, just a few pennies and lots of objects for speculation as to their use and origin. Thank you to all for allowing us to dig up their lawns!

The Family History evening talk by Jenny Walker enthused many people to start researching their own family history.

Advance notice:
October 30th : There will be a talk by Bill Welsh about the Earle and Brett families and the links to Hankerton.
Trips: Bunny is organising a trip to Cosford on August 28th. Please ring him on 577275 to check availability.
Contact: Susan Mockler 577526



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