



# The Grapevine

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## Editorial

At last spring has sprung and summer is beginning to put a smile on our faces, pep up the plants and make the grass grow! There are lots of things to look forward to in the village over the coming months - the Street Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th. birthday (don't forget to order your tickets and thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far), the Strawberry Tea organised by the church, the Street Fayre organised by the North Aisle Committee, and the judging of the best kept village competition. Let's get the village looking spic and span for that - and for that to happen we need to keep an eye open for the lunch time wrappers that are appearing regularly along the verges- some people seem to have little regard for the countryside or have servants!

Congratulations are due to all who raised such an impressive amount for Sport Relief, great organisation, John and all who helped make it a success!

## Eds

### What's on in June and July

- The Strawberry Tea will be held on Sunday 17th July at 3pm in the Churchyard
- Sherston boules festival is on July 16
- QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY STREET PARTY IN FOLLYFIELD SUNDAY 12 JUNE

### COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE NORTH AISLE COMMUNITY AREA OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH.

These popular Saturday mornings enable anyone to drop in and catch up with other people from the village.

The conversations are wide-ranging and lively, conducted whilst enjoying a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit. The book section continues to be well used and the children's toys provide activities for younger visitors.

These mornings rely on volunteers to open up, make the coffees and clear up afterwards ( although lots of people offer to help clear away) and a few more people to help would be great. Please consider helping out at Saturday Coffees – either fill in the list in the church porch or contact Chris on 577123.

### WIVES GROUP

The Charlton and Hankerton Wives Group is an informal group that meets once a month, in the evenings, to enjoy each other's company.

Activities, talks, dining out and craft evenings are examples of past activities. We welcome new members.

#### Contact

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The next Newsletter will be published in August 2016

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Grapevine to place your small  
ads. They are free for  
Hankerton residents or good  
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## STRAWBERRY TEA

The Strawberry Tea will be held on  
Sunday 17th July at 3pm in the  
Churchyard or in the Church, if wet.

For tickets, please phone Chris Betts  
(577123) or Philip Carter (575465)  
and will be available in the Church on  
Saturday mornings.





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We would still be very grateful for any offers of help in  
baking cakes or providing tables and chairs.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Sometime over the weekend of 16/17 April while a householder was away some persons removed a fence boundary from his property, trimmed some of his trees and made an entrance on to his property so that they could deposit the trimmings onto his land.

On the face of it, this seems to be a case of aggravated trespass and not something we're used to seeing in Hankerton. The Police have been informed.

On occasions we all might have disagreements with other residents but one would normally raise an issue of overhanging trees, obstructions and the like with an amicable request by word or letter. Taking action in an underhand manner is no different from unprovoked vandalism and should be treated as such. This is not something that people living in a civilised society would condone.

If you witnessed this event in the village please contact the Police by telephone using the non-emergency number 101.

Claudine Pynn

## Nature Diary – June

In the warm weather of June, (I hope), what could be nicer than sitting down next to a river or lake in the sunshine with a cooling breeze coming across the water. Perhaps when you sat down there may have been a loud “plop” in the water. This would have been the sound of a Water Vole (*Arvicola amphibious*) jumping into the water having heard your approach. If you sit quietly, when it reappears it may not know that you are still there, as they have poor eye-sight, and you will be able to enjoy seeing them swimming or feeding.

Water voles are found in various water bodies that have slow flow or none at all, but need vegetated banks in which to feed and live – (water voles on mainland Europe by contrast don’t have to live by water). They excavate a network of burrows in the bank, which has openings both below and above the water level. Their grazing of the bank side vegetation creates “lawns” on which can sometimes be seen tidy piles of partially eaten plants. They are almost exclusively herbivorous (plant-eating) but will take some invertebrates. Another sign of their presence are their latrines, which comprise of accumulations of blunt ended faecal pellets, often said to look like miniature cocktail sausages!



In the children’s book “Wind in the Willows”, the water vole character was called “Ratty”, but water voles should not be confused with brown rats. Water voles have a less pointed snout, their ears are smaller and because they sit within their dense fur are less obvious, and although they have a long tail like the brown rat, theirs is covered in fur. Both species can swim, the brown rat lying low in the water, but the very buoyant water vole floats high and paddles quickly across the surface.

Water voles have suffered a catastrophic decline in numbers, partially due to loss of suitable habitat, but mainly due to predation by North American mink, which escaped accidentally from fur farms or were irresponsibly released by animal activists from the same farms. The female mink is small enough to follow a fleeing water vole down its burrow and kill it. One conservationist stated that “Water Vole conservation is all about Mink eradication”, that’s how seriously mink affect the voles.

While you are sitting by the water you never know what else will come along. Sometimes waiting for the wildlife to come to you works better than walking around looking for it, as you cause less disturbance. Perhaps it will be some dragonflies patrolling the water’s edge, some feeding fish, or the flash of electric blue as a kingfisher flies along past you. So take along a snack and cooling drink and enjoy the peace, the sunshine, and hopefully some water voles.

*Steve Davis*

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds has continued with its very active programme of events - both internal and public-facing. A few recent and soon-to-come highlights include;

The recent local heats and final of the Rotary Young Musician competition - the local final, held at Wycliffe College in February, was won by violinist Daniel Harding, a Scholar at Wells Cathedral School, who was runner-up in 2015 and third in 2014. This year's runner-up was 12-year old Edwin Ward, from Rendcomb College, playing piano. Daniel will go forward to the regional and, hopefully, the national final.

Back in January three Rotarians helped out the Crudwell Scout Group by acting as judges for their cooking competition - which includes cooking a three course meal on two gas rings! This is always a favourite assignment amongst the Rotarians and volunteers are always forthcoming as the scouts actually do rather well at this.

In the near future members of the Rotary Club will be taking two minibus-loads of children from Malmesbury and Tetbury to a Kids-Out day at Bowood - an annual event where Rotary Clubs across the west bring groups of children from their areas together for an action-packed day of events and attractions!

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds are delighted to be able to promote a concert in the wonderful setting of Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 11th June at 7.30 pm. being given by the Stuart Singers from Minchinhampton. They have a very wide repertoire providing an enjoyable programme of music, which includes medleys of popular songs by Lennon and McCartney and Abba and other modern classics. All their performances are given without music and are under the enthusiastic direction of Helen Sims. The Stuart Singers have previously given concerts in Tetbury for the Rotary Club and are excited to have the chance of singing in Malmesbury Abbey in order to raise funds for local charities. Tickets which will include a beverage in the interval will be £10 and will be available from the end of April from the Abbey Bookshop and Flowers Galore in High Street Malmesbury or any Rotarian. An enjoyable musical evening is guaranteed.

A bit later in the year the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds will be again organising its Horseless Team Event in the grounds of Badminton House - this is a event aimed at fun-runners (and the more serious cross-country runners) and canni-crossers (an apparently rapidly growing sport of running with dogs). This will be on Sunday, 2nd October this year. See <http://www.rcsc.co.uk/badminton-horseless-team-event-2016/>.

*Peter Wyman*





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**Little Saints**

**Our Local Churches' Baby and Toddler group**

We welcome all pre-school children (0-5 years) with their parents or carers. Every Tuesday during term time at All Saints Church Crudwell

April 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July (excluding half term 31<sup>st</sup> May)

Doors open at 9:30am, finish at 11am  
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squash and biscuits/coffee and cake.

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## Litter! Litter!

What a great job the village litter pickers did when they recently tidied up the village but.....

What a shame that people passing through have no respect for our village and throw sandwich wrappers and cartons of their car or van windows.

If you see this litter on the road or grass verge, please follow the example of one Hankertonian and pick it up for disposal.

Eds

## Oxlease Lane

The location of our four properties in an unnamed lane, off an unnamed road, with a postcode that covers a large chunk of the village and with two of the houses still maintaining their Suffolk Estate numbering has caused much confusion over the years. It all came to a head last July when there was a medical emergency. First the Paramedic and then the ambulance could not find the address until they were flagged down, as they drove through the village on their third attempt.



Enough was enough and we resolved to fix the problem and become identifiable within the village. Until the 1930's there was a gate across the lane at the junction with the road. Beyond that the lane (which was just a couple of tracks), the two paddocks on the right and the large field on the left were all known as 'Oxlease' field so this seemed the appropriate name to adopt.

With the assistance of the Parish Council, County Council and Highways we have now officially become 'Oxlease Lane' with a new postcode SN16 9TS. It will take up to a year for all business users to update their data bases from the Post Office master data base, so until then we are living a dual existence.....but it gets better by the day ! The two cottages, with the Estate numbering 10 and 11, have dropped their numbers and are using the names they have had since the 1970's - Cherrybrook Cottage and The Hawthorns. Peach Tree Bungalow and Fir Tree Lodge remain the same.

*Nick Warren*



## Hankerton Sports Relief

Thank you to everyone for their support for the Hankerton Sport Relief event on Sunday 20 March.

135 people entered the event. £245 was raised in the sale of cakes and refreshments, and £691 in entries on the day and donations. The total of £936 is far greater than the £550 raised the last time the event took place, in 2014.

The event started with a warm up, and then participants ran or walked one mile around the village, or three or six miles around the village and then through Hankerton Copse and Cloatley Meadow. Cakes and refreshments were on sale in the North Aisle. Everyone received a finishers' medal. Background music played throughout.

Participants' comments about the event have been very positive. Entrants of all ages came from Hankerton, Malmesbury, Crudwell, Somerford Keynes, Dauntsey, Grittleton, Lea, Cirencester, Cheltenham, and Newent in Gloucestershire.

I can confidently say that the village did itself proud.

Photographs of the event are on the Hankerton website; <https://hankertonvillage.com/sport-relief-2016/>

John Thorne



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I found a set of car keys that had been left in the middle of the road. This was at the T junction of Cloatley Road and Vicarage Lane. If you hear of anyone looking for them please feel free to pass on my mobile number (07977 225 463).  
James Sykes

# Hankerton Church News

The Church is open every Saturday, 10:30-12, unless specified, for tea, coffee and chat; all are welcome.

Rev Phil Daniels welcomes anyone to join him and others in a short(30 minutes) service each week(Monday to Thursday) starting at 8:30am. This will be rotated around the six parishes.

There is a weekly said evening prayer on a Wednesday, 4:30pm at Crudwell.



June		
5th	9:30am	Holy Communion morning prayer this week at Minety
12th	10:00am	Group Service Hankerton celebrating the Queens official birthday morning prayer this week at Oaksey
19th	11:00am	Informal Worship morning prayer this week at Ashley
July		
3rd	9:30am	Holy Communion morning prayer this week at Crudwell
10th	10:00am	Group Service Minety morning prayer this week at Hankerton
17th	11:00am	Informal Worship morning prayer this week at Minety
24th	6:30pm	Deanery Service. Malmesbury Abbey. celebrate the formal, legal, creation of the new North Wilts Deanery.
31st	11:00am.	Group Service Oaksey. celebrate the new, legal creation of the Braydon Brook Benefice.
	12:30	Benefice lunch in Oaksey Village Hall.
August		
7th	9:30am	Holy Communion morning prayer this week at Ashley
14th	10:00am	Group Service Ashley morning prayer this week at Charlton
21st	11:00am	Informal Worship morning prayer this week at Crudwell

From the registers

On the 17th April we welcomed and baptised Jackson Strong

**Deanery Service.** Sunday 24 July at 6.30 p.m. Malmesbury Abbey.  
This Service is to celebrate the formal, legal, creation of the new  
North Wilts Deanery. All are welcome.

**Braydon Brook Group Service.** Sunday 31 July at 1100. Oaksey.  
This Service is to celebrate the new, legal creation of the Braydon  
Brook Benefice. It will be followed by a Benefice lunch in Oaksey

## BIDE YOUR TIME

Bless You, Lord, for hearing our prayers -  
A constant reminder that You are there  
To be without what we want is so hard for us  
it beggars belief  
And brings to mind the power of description,  
the gnashing of teeth!  
Patience is called for, but it's always so hard  
to attain -  
Because 'NOW' forges ahead so as to be first  
again and again  
Humility asks that we should wait just for a  
little while -  
Not get worked up, nor frown, nor fret but  
learn to find our smile  
And while we're waiting, thank the Lord for  
all He's given you  
Our trust and confidence to call Him when  
we're feeling blue  
He gave to us the breath of life, the power to  
laugh and soothing hands -  
So make the best of what's ahead, and help  
other folk to understand  
God's written Word is there and shows us  
what we're waiting for  
The joy of Christ and knowing that He has  
good gifts in store  
For those of us who're longing for His ulti-  
mate return  
Meanwhile, He's given us His Book so that we  
can look and learn  
So if things don't go your way at first, then put  
the 'NOW' on hold -  
And let God be to do His Will and turn your  
life to gold  
So bide your time and wait and let God's  
blessings mount  
And see in wonder that on Him, we can always  
count  
So praise Him for His Patience and Love but  
most of all believe  
That God can use us in this way to still those  
gnashing teeth!  
27.11.04. Shelagh Dalton 2004

## **HOLY CROSS CHURCH HANKERTON**

### **CHURCHWARDENS REPORT 2015/2016**

Holy Cross continues to be at the centre of village life in drawing people together in worship, in mutual fellowship and meetings. In addition to our services, the Church and North Aisle is well used for meetings and social gatherings, including the popular Saturday Coffee and Chat.

The major event of last year was, of course, the appointment of our new (now official!) Rector, the Rev Phil Daniels. Phil and his wife Rhoda have been warmly welcomed into the Braydon Brook Benefice and, from the moment he arrived, he has been an inspiration to us all.

We continue to hold two regular services each month, Holy Communion at 9.30 on the 1st Sunday and Informal Worship on the 3rd Sunday, for which we have our regular, faithful worshippers. Easter, Christmas and, in particular, the Carol Services, were all well attended.

As always, we have enjoyed many pleasant social events during the year - a lovely Supper Party, Strawberry Tea (held in the churchyard in spite of threatening rain), Harvest Supper in the North Aisle and of course our Lent Lunch and Advent Sale. All these events are essential to help pay our Parish Share and every day running costs.

The fabric of the Church appears to be in excellent condition with no major repairs last year. However, the Quinquennial Inspection has recently been carried out and we await the report of Annie Page.

A new Sound System/Hearing Loop facility was installed in the Church last year. This serves not only the main body of the Church but also the North Aisle, which is very beneficial when meetings are held there. The cost of installation was split 50/50 between Church funds and the North Aisle account, for which we are very grateful.

One of the old radiators in the Nave was found to have a leak early in the year and was replaced with a modern, more efficient, white one. The PCC is considering replacing others in time but feels that an improvement to the overall lighting within the Church is more important. A quotation has been obtained and we are now looking into the legal requirement of a Faculty.

A boiler service was carried out at the beginning of the year, as was an inspection of the Lightning Protection System and an inspection by Swindon Fire Protection, with the replacement of one extinguisher. Considerable repairs were also carried out on the organ although there are still problems with it. The PCC is currently looking at various options to improve this situation.

The Churchyard is well maintained, thanks to a generous donation by the Parish Council towards grass cutting costs. Steve Davies has continued to co-ordinate the "Living Churchyard" project in the area to the North of the Church and we again thank him and his volunteers for their hard work.

Finally, we would like to thank all of you who have helped us this year. We are very grateful for the support of Sarah, our Curate, for her hard work and spiritual guidance, and all our Lay Ministers, especially Richenda. Thank you to all those on the flower and cleaning rotas who work so hard in keeping the Church looking lovely, especially during the bat season!, and to our organists, especially Heather, Christopher and Penny. We were very sorry to see Anne Brown leave the village in the Autumn for pastures new. Anne was PCC Secretary for many years and we would like to express our thanks for her dedication and hard work. We miss her in Church and at our social events but we wish her well in her new home.

Overall, 2015 has been a good year for us and with the "Discovering the Future" process well under way, the future looks exciting. Under Phil's leadership, and with his energy and enthusiasm, we can look forward to a refreshed and challenging year ahead.

Valerie Durnford and Philip Carter  
Churchwardens  
April 2016

### **CHARLTON AND HANKERTON WIVES GROUP**

The Charlton and Hankerton Young Wives Group started in 1959. The group was formed to allow young Mothers, to meet and relax over a cup of tea and two biscuits for the cost of 6 old pence.

The Group has evolved over the years but is still based on the foundation of friendship, relaxing and laughter.

We would like to invite members of the group prior to 1970 to join us for Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 17th August 2016 in the North Aisle Community Area

Holy Cross Church Hankerton at 2.30pm

Transport can be arranged.

If you were a member or know the whereabouts of any founder members Please contact Doreen Austin, one of the founder members Tel: 825299

or Claudine Pynn 577946 or Chris Betts 577123 present members.

We look forward to hearing your memories of this group over tea.



## What is the Patient Participation Group (PPG) about?

It is a partnership between the Malmesbury Surgery and the patients enabling good communication between village representatives and doctors to improve the quality of the service that is provided.

The PPG comprises of patient volunteers who are essentially "Area Representatives" for their Village or locality. They are supported by the Doctors and Practice Manager who meet with them bi monthly and discuss healthcare issues, both national and local, large and small so that the members can then relay points back to their community through local networks.

### Purpose of the PPG

To enable the patients to have a voice in the provision of health-care in their area

To give both staff and patients the chance to discuss health topics of interest.

Patients can give constructive feedback, requests and suggestions.

'Latest news! Malmesbury PCC was recently inspected by the Care Quality Commission and has been graded as "outstanding", only the second practice in Wiltshire to have achieved this.

We are lucky to live in this area!'

If you have any comments that you would like to make about the services at Malmesbury Primary Care Centre please do not hesitate to contact me Margaret Perrin on 01666 577960 or [mperrin@btinternet.com](mailto:mperrin@btinternet.com) or your local area representative.

*Georgina Carter*

## What should Church be like?

In these weeks after Easter, we remember the way the very first Christians lived their lives. The evidence is quite striking:

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.' (Acts 2:42-47)

The words and qualities leap out at us from this description: devotion, awe, caring, generous, praising, goodwill, growing... this looks like a community that I'd love to be part of! It might seem hopelessly idealised, and of course there is no such thing as the 'perfect church' (in fact there's a well-known proverb along the lines of: 'if you ever find the perfect church don't join because you'll spoil it!'). However, there is no doubt that at its best the church has always been able to show something very different and attractive to the rest of the world: a way of being together that depends on God's love and is characterised by forgiveness, service and joy.

The example of the very first Christians should encourage us in this. They weren't 'special' in most senses of the word. They weren't outstandingly intelligent, or outstandingly well-educated, or even outstandingly 'holy' in the conventional sense. The only thing that made them special was a relationship they had. They knew Jesus, and it was Jesus who made such a difference. In these weeks after Easter, let's not settle for anything less than loving Jesus for ourselves, and let's ask him to keep on transforming us so that through us God's love might transform the world.

A Prayer for the Sunday after Ascension Day:

"Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rev Phil

## **Hankerton History Group Annual General Meeting**

The committee was voted in with two changes: Pam Selwood was thanked for her efforts over the past year and has moved on to pastures new and we welcome Caroline Perchard who has joined us to help move the next year along.

What does Hankerton History Group do?

Our objective is to bring together folk who have an interest in history. What makes it so interesting is that while nearly all our members have interests in different aspect of history we try to centre upon Hankerton if we can. As such we may look into the history of certain families who lived in the village and linking these with artefacts such as grave stones, houses and locations, research the rights of way and the history of boundaries and the historical interaction with surrounding communities, record the way of life in the village over the years, through hard times and national emergencies, and collect documents and artefacts relevant to the village.

There have been some more practical activities such as metal detecting and research at the various archives. The latter of course involves much work on documents relating to charities, wills, agreements, contracts and registers. We try to arrange talks of various historical interest by learned people. These in 2015/6 have covered 'Events leading up to first world War' by Craig McCallum, a talk by Tony MacAleavy on Malmesbury Castle, a talk by two historians on Railway navvies and their life in developing the network and a review of the lives of leading servicemen in World War 1, through logs and diaries, by Susan Mockler and Sue Wood.

There also been some informal meetings to view documents and talk of our individual experiences. This has been particularly rewarding as the Hannah Ludlow Charity document has come to light and we have been lucky to be able to examine this in detail before it goes to the County Archive.

The group has also joined with other societies to visit to the Imperial War Museum, the Kensington museums and the RAF Museum at Hendon.

We now have access to a 'Drop box' on the net and one of our members has been working hard to archive as many documents as possible and to make them accessible to others.

We will continue with a mix of outside speakers on various historical topics, reports and presentations by members and visits to places of interest. These will be advertised on posters, the website and in the Grapevine.

### **June 21st 2016**

We are hosting an outside speaker who will present excerpts from historical letters from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in a light-hearted and amusing way.

All welcome

### **The Hannah Ludlow Indenture.**

One of the most remarkable finds has been the Indenture document setting up the Hannah Ludlow Charity in 1848. This granted the rental from two fields in Hankerton, Oaklands and Little Tanknalls, to be used equally between six labouring married men, 'being at the time of such division above the age of fifty years and resident in the said parish, and having been resident for five years at the least, next previous to such division, and being as well as their wives persons of good moral character, and who should have brought up the greatest number of children without aid from the rates made for the relief of the poor.'

Hannah never lived in the village but was descendant of John Ludlow, a Yeoman, who did, in the early 1700's. Her father Thomas, left the village at the age of 15, when his parents died, to become an apprentice ironworker for Nathaniel Ogborn, in Bristol. Thomas lived and worked in the Quaker community of Bristol. He married Alice Ogborn (the bosses niece) and had two children, Hannah and Thomas. Neither Thomas or Hannah married and when Thomas junior died Hannah inherited the entire fortune which was quite substantial. One of the first things Hannah did when her brother died was to give the two fields, Little Tanknells and Oakland in trust to the poor of the village. They had still been receiving income from these fields since here Grandfathers time.

Hannah died in 1869 aged 90 and apart from some small bequests she left her entire fortune to the "Bristol Charities" for the benefit of "widows and single women of Bristol who were well educated, of irreproachable character, who were in reduced circumstances and who had not been in domestic service"

This charity has survived and, with the money from other small charities, continue to provide assistance to people resident in the village.

*Susan Mockler, Bunny Lees-Smith and Sue Wood*

## Hankerton Golf Club

The 10th anniversary of the founding of the club was celebrated in great style at The Abbey Hotel and Conference Centre Redditch, where we were all treated royally.

As it was snowing on the Saturday and none of the golfers had brought snowballs, the gentlemen visited the Coventry Motor Car museum, wistfully gazing at vehicles from their youth while the ladies enjoyed a personalised tour of Warwick Castle.

In the late afternoon after a time in the local hostelry, we all moved into the Suite of Brian and Frances where the golfing awards were distributed, kindly donated by Craig, Mike and Heather.

The longest drive of some 120 miles and an overnight stay was awarded amongst a great deal of congratulations to Philip and Pam.

The Merlot annual award, to John for being the club's best putter, now for 3 years in a row.

Sue, Tony, and John had the team prize of 24 water balls while Mike and Carrol received a money box for future green fees and a very posh head cover.

The Captains Perpetual Challenge Cup, really a china mug, was gifted to David as our best player, along with a patented long handled ball in a bunker removal tool.

While finally, Craig had a gin and tonic so that he could maintain his calmness and equilibrium while editing HGC epistles for Grapevine.

So, we all had a great time and welcomed four new members for this season. Next year's event will be at the end of the first week of April this in good time so other villagers can plan their activities.

*Peter Jeffris*



Graham is now perceived to be the most promising new recruit to our club and received a most prestigious prize of a glass cabinet of golf memorabilia complete with a fixing kit screws rawl plugs along with the promise from Graham that he will display the item permanently in his new garden shed, all members were invited at any time for an inspection.

# The Big Get Together



**Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm  
THE ACTIVITY  
ZONE  
Malmesbury**

Looking for something to do in your spare time, want to take part in something different or new, maybe even volunteer for a local cause, then come along and explore opportunities in the Malmesbury Community Area and GET INVOLVED!

**Showcasing local:**  
Arts and crafts groups  
Fitness activities  
Volunteering opportunities

**Bake Off  
Competition**  
Bring your cake  
on the day to  
be judged by ???  
And win ???

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## Parish Council

Hankerton Parish Council met on Mon 16 May. Decisions and other key points were as follows:

- Jill Kearsley was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council; David Wood was re-elected as Deputy Chairman.
- The 2015/16 accounts were approved. They now go off for external audit. Meanwhile all details are on the village website.
- Payments were authorised as follows: Wiltshire Association of Local Councils membership £120.70, Insurance renewal £170.88, costs of APM refreshments £56, PCC £841 (churchyard maintenance £750, hire of North Aisle £91), North Aisle donation £400, Grapevine £250.
- The PC considered a proposal received from a member of the public for the PC to buy and erect up to 3 more noticeboards around the village and parish - specifically at Cooper's Garage, at the Follyfield entrance and at the start of the Rookery Farm lane. The aim was to enable the PC to communicate more effectively with the residents. After much discussion the PC decided against any more noticeboards. The reasons included: it was thought that not many people read noticeboards - perhaps only if they happen to be walking by - the website is a better tool and should be promoted, especially to get more people to 'follow' it so that they get alerts whenever new material (for example notification of a Parish Council meeting and of any key subjects coming up) is added; noticeboards bring with them ongoing costs of maintenance; the more noticeboards the more someone would have to drive around to post notices on them, instead of walking which is possible at present.
- The PC noted great disappointment with the fast broadband provision in the village, with the 'green boxes' positioned on the edge of the village instead of in the centre, and few houses getting a fast broadband speed even now. The PC would write to BT to complain.
- It was noted that there had been water flooding out of the manhole covers after the recent heavy rain. Brian Dalton was attending a Wiltshire Council Flood Working Group on 18 May and would raise the issue again there.
- It was noted that the recent re-surfacing of Five Lanes had seen shoddy workmanship - in 2 areas the centre of the carriageway was gouged out, in one case right down to the substrate, and not resurfaced;; and a lump of tarmac left on the road surface that could be very troublesome to a bicyclist who hit it. The PC would write to Wiltshire Highways to complain and point out how bad the work had been, and try to get a Highways engineer to come out to see it - as they need to know if their contractors are performing so badly.
- Finally, Brian Dalton tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor. The PC were shocked at his decision and expressed great thanks for all that he had done as a Cllr since 2007.
- Next meeting - Mon 4 Jul.

Michael Bromley-Gardner  
Parish Clerk

***Save the Date!***  
***Make sure you don't miss the***  
***Hankerton Street Fayre***

**In and around the Church and Church Lane**  
**Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
**2pm – 5pm**  
**All the usual popular stalls for the young and the young at heart!**  
**Hankerton Art Group exhibition in the church**  
**Look out for the Return of SID the**  
**Scarecrow with the latest updates and**  
**information!**  
**All proceeds to the North Aisle Fund**  
**Offers of help extremely welcome!**

**Contact Chris Betts 577123 or**  
**Mary O'Brien 577394**