

## Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds

**30<sup>th</sup> Horseless Team Event, Badminton Estate Park**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Start 11:00am**

We are ready to take your on-line entry for the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds' *Horseless Team Event* in the Badminton Estate Park on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 – the start is at 11:00.

The course incorporates the world famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles and goes around most parts of the Badminton Estate Park. For runners there are 5, 9 or the full 13 mile course. Walkers (often as family groups) generally do the 5-mile course, thus seeing all parts of the park just the once!

You can run as an individual, or a team member with the rewards of mutual support and teamwork, making this event so different from other runs. You might want to run or walk just for fun but if you are entering to raise money for a local cause or national charity there are on-line sites such as 'Virgin Money Giving' and 'Just Giving' available to help your friends and supporters raise lots of money for your chosen benefactor.

Rotary often receives requests for funds, from various individuals, good causes and charities. This year our emphasis is on local charities, so you will see marshals from several local organisations, coming to help on the day. The club will give them a donation from the money raised at the event.

You can enter on the day, but entries received before the end of September (on-line or by printing and posting the entry form from the web-site) will be Emailed a free car parking pass.

## PATIENTS' PARTICIPATION GROUP

This is a reminder that I am the Hankerton representative on this Group, which is a link between local residents and the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre. We meet every two months or so for updates on surgery matters and to air any problems or queries brought forward. At our last meeting I raised a problem over the new 111 service, with which a resident had a difficulty accessing during the first weekend it was in operation. This appears to have improved greatly, although from recent press coverage it would appear that there are still ongoing problems in some areas. The surgery messaging service for out-of-hours should now make your options clearer.

A five-year programme is in place for health checks, and invitations to attend are being sent out based on date of birth. We had a brief talk from the chairman of the Malmesbury Parkinsons Group, Sylvia Morgan. They have some 120 members and offer support, meetings and outings. If this might be useful to anyone who suffers from this disease, or their carer, please ring Sylvia on 822501 and she will be pleased to help. Please feel free to let me know if there is anything you would like mentioned at one of our future meetings.

Georgina Carter 575465



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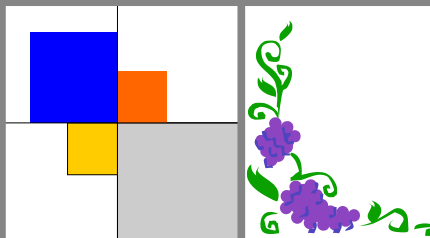
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# The Grapevine

**Issue 103**

**October 2013**

## Wiltshire Council plans to axe bus services

The Council is currently reviewing the bus services which it funds in the north west of the county. Changes are proposed to many of these services, and the Council is asking for your views on the proposed changes, which it is intended will be introduced in April 2014. This is part of an ongoing series of reviews of bus services across the county, which aim to identify cost savings while meeting local access needs in a way that can be financially sustainable in the longer term. The reviews are being carried out in the context of the current pressures on public spending and the requirement of the council's financial plan to make savings in funding for bus services. They are therefore looking in particular at under-used services or journeys that require a relatively high level of council funding relative to the number of passengers they carry.

### How are we affected in Hankerton?

According to Wiltshire's web site.....

"Service 93 provides the main public transport service for Charlton, Hankerton, Crudwell and Oaksey in Wiltshire, and Somerford Keynes in Gloucestershire. It provides a link between the towns of Malmesbury and Cirencester. It also runs through Milbourne, which is currently served as well by the more frequent service 31. Service 93 currently runs about every two hours between 0730 and 1830 on Mondays to Saturdays. The service carries around 35,000 passenger journeys a year. The school and college journeys are well used to both Cirencester and Malmesbury, but numbers travelling during the day are lower. Around half of passengers overall are travelling to / from Cirencester and half to / from Malmesbury. Crudwell and Oaksey are the villages generating the most passengers, with Chelworth, Charlton and Somerford Keynes following. Only 1 or 2 passenger trips a day originates in Milbourne, and the diversion via Poole Keynes is rarely used."

The proposed timetable effective from April 2014, is available for consultation and can be accessed on the Council's website at

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>.

Many regular users of the No 93 service are pensioners who use their bus pass for free travel into Malmesbury and onwards to other destinations. Villagers in Hankerton will be affected by these changes, the main one being that the 0932 service to Malmesbury is to be dropped with the 1032 remaining. This in itself would be ok but the return journey on the 1200 from Cross Hayes to Hankerton is also to be dropped. This means that instead of spending a comfortable hour shopping in Malmesbury, passengers will now have to spend 2 hours there until catching the 1.00pm bus – what happens in the winter months? Do pensioners have to shiver to death while waiting for their return bus or spend their pensions in the local cafes so that they can keep warm?

Another hiccup in the new timetable is that the first bus to Cirencester will be at 1117, too late for any connecting services to, for example, Cheltenham and get back the same day. If one catches the 1117, the first one back is not until 2.00pm from Cirencester - again, passengers will stand around and freeze.

**Grapevine editors urge everyone to respond to the Consultation with their views either by using the website shown above or writing to**

**Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN (attention of Ian White);** or by email to [buses@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:buses@wiltshire.gov.uk)

by 7th October 2013.

Next Newsletter to be published in December 2013  
please send copy to  
Craig McCallum

19 Follyfield

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[Craigmccallum@Btinternet.com](mailto:Craigmccallum@Btinternet.com)

by 10th November please.

All opinions expressed will be solely those of the correspondent

..... And don't forget to use the

Hankerton Parish Website at

<http://www.hankertonvillage.co.uk>

For Parish Council information

### Coffee Mornings

In the 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.

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Editorial

Here we are again, moving into the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness. After a long and wonderful Summer it seems that Autumn has finally arrived and what a beautiful time of year it is too - we are so lucky to live in such a lovely location with every season bringing new and breathtaking changes to the landscape; low-lying mist over the fields on a cold early morning, that gorgeous milky sun shining through the trees, highlighting the changing colours of the leaves, and then there is the fun of Halloween and Bonfire Night too. Autumn offers us a lot to enjoy and hopefully the village will escape the flooding that has affected other parts of the country. That being said, we certainly do need some rain as the gardens and fields are still bone dry which was welcomed by our farmers during a dry Harvest time., although the silage crop was well below average because of the low rainfall.

We would like to extend our best wishes and thanks to Barry Raven who is retiring after 22 years as vicar of our parish. During that time he his workload has increased tremendously due to the number of churches he now supports. Barry has shared joy with babies at baptism, calmed numerous bride and grooms and supported the needy and bereaved during their most difficult times.

We look forward to seeing Barry and Avril in their new roles as retirees. Enjoy!!

Eds.

It’s CHAOS PANTO Time again!

Once again CHAOS will be producing a once seen, never to be forgotten pantomime in Charlton Village Hall with all the usual ups and downs, songs, jokes, magic and chaos unlimited. This year's pantomime is Aladdin - a magical mixture of mirth, mayhem and merriment!

Tickets are available from Susan Mockler

Sadly, we have to report that Roy Hammond of Charlton died on 4th September after a long illness. He had been in hospital and resident at Athelstan house over the last few weeks. Roy will be remembered for his enthusiasm as a long standing member of the Charlton Village Hall committee and his willingness to help at the hall events.

PERFORMANCES

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

Rehearsals start in September and are on every Friday night.

(Just the thing to get over a hectic week at work!).



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

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Malmesbury Local Supporters Group.		
Winter Talks Programme 2013 – 2014.		
Date.	Speaker.	Title of talk.
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Kaye	Moths of North Wiltshire
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Darby	A Celebration of Trees
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Pilkington	Salisbury Plain – a botanical tour
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Val Melville	Luanga National Park, Zambia
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gemma Harding	Amphibians of the UK
March 6 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Speaker and topic to be confirmed Speaker and topic to be confirmed	
All talks take place in Charlton Village Hall and begin at 7.30 p.m.		

Hankerton Golf Club

**Hankerton Golf Club** is a club without a course but with much enthusiasm to get together, enjoy a game of golf on any of the many courses in our area, eat bacon sandwiches with an occasional beer and have a jolly good time. The club meets every Friday for a 10 am tee off, venue to be decided on the previous week’s 19th Hole. Check the village notice board for details. Players of all ages, sexes and abilities are very welcome and, if you are a beginner, we can provide some clubs etc on loan. Anyone who would like to join us at the HGC club should contact Brian Dalton at [Hankertongolfclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Hankertongolfclub@yahoo.co.uk)

The 7th Annual Hankerton Golf Club barbeque was hosted most graciously by Pam and Philip Selwood All guests were welcomed with glasses of delicious Pimms. They certainly set new standards for hospitality and gave us all a little spirit to send us on our way home a little wobbly. John and Edna could not make it ( not home but to the occasion) but we did enjoy their buns. Mike and David proved excellent chefs,Brian and Frances arrived a little late because Brian was playing with a new gadget! The BBQ was the usual good natured occasion the weather was kind, Pam a most charming hostess and we all departed saying "Do not worry, it will be another 10 years Pam before we descend on your home again". Val and George are looking forward eagerly to entertaining us all in 2014.

It was mentioned that we are all now becoming mature (*old ..ed*), George being the last member to be still carrying his clubs while the rest of us have to pull trolleys, or the self propelled electric models. Twice this year four members have used buggies, which brings us to this tale.

One day while playing golf and taking the buggy path I accidentally overturned my buggy on a sharp slope. Elizabeth, an accomplished golfing lady that lived in a villa on the golf course heard the noise and called "Are you OK? What is your name?" "It is Mark", I replied" And I am alright thank you". "Mark, just step up here and forget your troubles, come to my villa and rest awhile" "That is mighty nice of you I said, but I do not think that my wife would like it". "Oh come on" she insisted. She was very pretty and persuasive. "Well OK," I finally agreed, but added that my wife would not like it. After a restorative brandy or two and a brief sit in the shade, I thanked my hostess. " I feel a lot better now, but I know my wife is going to be very upset" "Do not be silly" Elizabeth said with a smile "She will not know anything. By the way, where is she ?"



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Craig



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Hankerton Church News

Hankerton Church Services			
September	1st	9:30am	Holy Communion
		4pm	Young Church
	8th	6:30pm	Deanery Evensong
			Malmesbury Abbey
	15th	11am	Morning Worship
October	29th	10am	Crudwell Group Service
			Harvest Supper
	6th	9:30am	Holy Communion
	13th	11am	Barry's last service at Crudwell followed by refreshments.
	20th	11am	Harvest festival service
November	3rd	9:30am	Holy Communion
	10th		Remembrance services in Crudwell, Charlton and Minety
	17th	11am	Morning Prayer
	30th	10:30-12:30	Advent Sale
December	1st	9:30am	Holy Communion
	8th	4pm	Christmas session
			Decorating the Christmas tree, anyone of all ages is welcome to come and have fun.
	15th	5pm	Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Other services around Christmas will be shown in the porch			
	25th	9:30	Holy Communion
			Christmas Day
<b>From the registers</b>			
On the 14th July Alice Daisy Mockler was baptised			
On the 10th August Ritchie Plumb and Emma Fry were married			
On 8th September James Durnford was baptised			

Moving On

After forty one years in the ordained ministry, twenty two of them spent in this area, the time has come for retirement. My final Sunday is 13th October. Priesthood is a strange and awesome privilege. As well as the ongoing weekly ministry to the congregations of our churches, there have been many occasions when I hope I have been of help to some of you in times of sadness and a friend and source of encouragement to others of you in the happy moments of life

Please could I encourage you to support my valued fellow ministers as they face the forthcoming vacancy period. Then, rally around the new priest to bring much needed new life and vitality to both church and village life, in these precious communities in this part of North Wiltshire.

God I believe loves you infinitely and has such a great purpose for us all. Avril and I will be praying for you and would greatly appreciate your prayers for us as we set out on a new stage of our lives very soon. It has been a privilege to serve you, in so many different ways, in these changing times and I do look forward to hearing of new plans and new growth for you all in the future, God Willing.

May I close with words we use so often in our worship:  
"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Barry Raven



HAND IN HAND  
"Don't go all religious on me, I'm not prepared for that - But I'll take some tea with you, maybe a biscuit, have a chat "Why is it when you follow God, there's a dividing line -Between some friends and you "Now don't go on - don't waste my time I've managed to get where I am today, and I've done it on my own" - Why, whenever God is mentioned, do folk take on a censorious tone? What is it that they think Our Lord wants with them or me? - Are they so afraid they'll lose their freedom - when in reality All He wants is to promise Life Eternal, isn't this what real freedom means? - Not to curtail our present way of life, that's not in His scheme of things They cannot see that He sent His Son to die so His Truth could be revealed - Oh, feel your lives transforming, as you trust in God, are healed! Don't be afraid, God loves you, this will never cease - He'll stand by you in your troubles and knowing this will give you Peace. Acknowledge Jesus as your Friend, is that so hard to say? - For if you welcome Him into your lives, He'll stay with you always. Don't worry that folk may laugh at you when you speak of what you know - God's Love will sustain you throughout these hard times and in His Love you'll grow It's good that you've done well in this life, to do it alone is not wrong - But better to be hand in hand with God, know His Peace, fill with love, and belong...  
14..08.97.  
(Matthew 10 17-37)  
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Hankerton Street Fayre 2013

What a great village occasion and community effort that was during a most unseasonable but very welcome sunny Bank Holiday! Thanks to everybody for working so hard on Bank Holiday Monday, helping the Street Fayre to be such a successful village event.

Hankerton hosted another enjoyable and successful Street Fayre with all the right ingredients - delicious cakes, competitive dads (even on the children's games!) patient mums and children happy to play games and eat ice-creams. All this; sunshine, good humour and a great team of volunteers has ensured that the North Aisle Community Area will prosper over the coming year and be open for Saturday morning coffee and groups to use. Thank you to all the people who organised, put up and cleared up, ran the stalls and entered the competitions (which provided an opportunity for friendly rivalry!), for providing the village with an opportunity to get together and enjoy a relaxed and social afternoon.

Thank you to all who donated items and those who came and spent their money. It was all worthwhile as £808 was raised. If you have any ideas for next year - games, competitions, displays, activities or would like to help, please let us know - and think about entering next year!

**The North Aisle Committee: Christine Betts, Anne Brown, Philip Carter, Valerie Durnford, Susan Mockler, Claudine Pynn.**



And here we have some happy villagers and stall Holders - didn't they all do well!!



**Sadly, Felix our much-loved cat is still missing.**

We haven't seen Felix since 17 July. He has been chipped but doesn't wear a collar. If you have seen Felix or have any news regarding his whereabouts, please do contact us on 07795 816043. Many thanks, from the **Noble family,** Oak Villa, Hornbury Hill, Minety.



- 2013 Fete what's in the socks?**
- Our winner was a visitor to the village who got 181/2 points, there were various others with 18.
- 1 semi circular pot pourri
  - 2 Pomander ring
  - 3 measuring cups for bread making
  - 4. wooden snail
  - 5. large clip for a dog's lead
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  - 15 game of jacks
  - 16 toy car Porsche 911
  - 17 small bulldog clip
  - 18 necklace
  - 19 Listerine bottle top
  - 20 wooden egg cup



### Malmesbury & District Link new email address

Link continues to provide a support service enabling those without their own transport to access local services and facilities including their doctor and hospital appointments. It is a charity which uses volunteer drivers and, although it relies on donations from users, it is partly funded by Community First. In order to make it easier for users of the service to contact Link at any time, they now have an email address, [coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk](mailto:coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk).

The phone number is still 01666 840861 and the line is manned Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

### Hankerton History Group October 30th 2013.

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear about the connection between the Nollekens memorial in Hankerton church, the two burials under the north aisle and the families of Earle and Brett and how they are connected to Down Hatherley.

Bill Welsh from Down Hatherley in Gloucestershire, who has done some research on Giles Earle and his family as part of his studies into the local history of his own village, is coming to tell us all about them.

Tickets: £5.00 on the door, refreshments included.  
Susan Mockler 577526

### Hankerton History Group visit the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford

The Club joined with like minded folk from the Science Society and Fairford Classic Car Club for a coach trip to Cosford. It is about 15 years since my last visit when we drove our classic cars there but motorway driving in a classic these days is not a lot of fun so the coach was chosen. David Wood and one of the Science Society members decided that to fly to Cosford was the way but unfortunately the cloud base was low and David was only one who made it due to the difficulties of navigation in a light aircraft.

There is so much to see there that one is almost overwhelmed by the exhibits. Huge aircraft interlaced like a jigsaw in large hangars and every space between filled with smaller ones. Walking under the 'V' bombers is awe inspiring, the Vulcan, the Victor just tower above you.

My favourite is the TSR2 that piece of technology, miss managed by the politics of our Prime Minister Mr Wilson. Where would the British aircraft industry be today if only the politicians had the foresight to see that in only a few years they would destroy it by their actions. I must get off my high horse, but in walking around Cosford one is continually reminded that political expedience has cost the country a great deal.

No matter what your particular interest this museum has so much to see be it aircraft, missiles, engines, personnel, prisoners of war, research aircraft all ranging from WW1 through WW2 and the cold war. It all makes a fascinating history



Just a reminder that I am here to help with information to (hopefully) solve problems and make your life a little easier.

Please call me, Ellen Blacker on **07557 922020** or email me at [Malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:Malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk)

### Hankerton Christmas Cards

(for North Aisle Community Area Funds)  
Hand-finished pictures of the church  
(please see sample in the Church porch).



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16 Follyfield. Tel: 577123



### Advent Sale

#### North Aisle Community Area

On Saturday 30th November 10.30 to 12.30. please come along to buy Christmas gifts and enjoy coffee and mince pies.



### Parish Council News

The Parish Council has been considering an upgrade to the memorial plaque that is dedicated to Jack Tugwell in our bus shelter. This is some of the information that has been researched.

Jack's full name was Arthur John Tugwell. He lived at Elm Farm, Hankerton. His Father was Frederick Charles Tugwell, farmer and his mother Rosa Ellen nee (Painter).

Their children were:-

Dorothy b1911, Eva b1915, Albert b1917, Ernie b1919 (some of us can remember him) and the youngest Arthur John (Jack) b1920.

From the UK Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945:-

Arthur John Tugwell

Gunner

Death date:- 12 Sept 1944

Number:- 11001231

Regiment:- Royal Artillery

Theatre of War:- Malaysia

Age at death:- 23 years



His final resting place is unknown but his name is listed on column 32, Singapore memorial, Kranji, North Singapore.

History shows that the Japanese invaded Malaya in Dec 1941 and the surrender was in Jan 1942, so he must have been a POW for at least 2 years. We will have to decide what to write up on a new plaque. I have told the NOK and they are going to give me a letter or postcard that Jack wrote home from the POW camp.

Very sad and so very young.



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