

The Grapevine



Well, summer belied its warm start and became a challenge to parents with schoolchildren and gardeners alike.

Thank you to all the gardeners who have contributed produce to the North Aisle funds by putting lovely fresh fruit, vegetables and plants in the church porch. The sale of this is appreciated by those who do not, or cannot, garden and contributes to the running of the community area, keeping it available for village events and Saturday

morning coffee. Speaking of which, please come along to enjoy the company and volunteer to help out and make the coffee. A rota is on the board in the church porch.

A big thank you and many congratulations to the North Aisle committee, all the volunteers and especially the tireless Chris Betts, for another successful and enjoyable Street Faye. The sunny day certainly helped to keep people smiling!

It is lovely to see so many young people around the village (and helping and participating at the Street Fabe) a credit to their parents with their politeness and enthusiasm to get involved.

Congratulations to all on their GCSE, AS and A level results. Good luck in the next stage in your education.
Eds.

And the Winners are...

Thank you to everyone who helped or came along to support the Street Fayre this year - the weather was glorious and we raised an amazing £1,040!

It was lovely to see the young people of the village joining in too so for those who are dying to know, here were the winner of the 2017 Children's competitions:-

Under 6 years

Four decorated biscuits - 1st Milly Evans/ 2nd Harry Jolley

Under 12

Four decorated biscuits - 1st Phoebe Jolley/ 2nd William Sawtell/ 3rd Sophie and James Tjolle

Decorated hat - Sophie Tjolle

Tallest Sunflower - William Lawrence

Best Scarecrow for Sid's gang - Sophie and James Tjolle



And for the grown-ups, Guess the Weight of the cake was won by Sue Beard - it weighed in at 6lbs (2.72kg)

See Hankertonvillage.com for lots more photos of the day.

Deadline for news for the December newsletter: November 10th 2017

The size and content of The Grapevine depends on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups, so please keep the news and events coming in!

All articles, adverts to be sent to: grapevinesn16@aol.com

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The 2017 Minety Tennis Club Open Mixed Tennis Tournament

On Saturday 15 July, Macmillan Cancer Support Didmarton and The Minety Tennis Club held an Open Mixed Doubles Tournament for 80 enthusiastic players who played on courts in Minety, Eastcourt and Hankerton.

Club members and Macmillan volunteers ensured that the players were well-fed with morning coffee, lunch and then tea and scrumptious cakes in the afternoon.

Huge thanks go to our sponsors and all of the helpers from Macmillan and the club as well as the tennis hosts who kindly donated their courts for the day. The whole event was masterminded and led by Andy Dickinson with support from Linda Klemme from Macmillan. The whole event raised just under £4,500.

Next year the club is hoping to extend the event and raise even more for Macmillan. If you are interested in playing next year's event on the 14th July and would like to be included in the mailing list then please contact Andy Dickinson at OpenMixed@minetytennis.net.

For those of you who enjoyed this at the Strawberry tea in the summer we've managed to get the recipe from Emily Gorman - thanks Emily!

Gluten Free Cake Recipe: 'Tarta de Santiago'

Ingredients:

200g ground almonds (200g)
6 large eggs, separated
140g unrefined sugar
Grated zest of 1 orange or one lemon (unwaxed)
Confectioners' sugar for dusting (optional)



Preparation:

Pre-heat oven to 170 degrees centigrade.

With an electric mixer, beat the egg yolks with the sugar to a smooth pale cream. Stir in the zest. Add the ground almonds and mix very well.

With clean beaters, beat the egg whites in a large bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold them into the egg and almond mixture (the mixture is thick, so that you will need to turn it over quite a bit into the egg whites).

Grease an 11-inch springform pan, preferably nonstick, with butter and dust it with flour. (I use greaseproof paper and grease the paper with a little bit of oil). Pour in the cake batter, and bake for 30 minutes, or until it feels firm to the touch. Let cool before turning out.

Just before serving, dust the top of the cake with confectioners' sugar.

Variations

When the cake has cooled down, with a long knife slice it sideways in two pieces. Beat 200 ml semi-skimmed cream until stiff peaks form. Mix this thoroughly into 250g mascarpone cheese and a tablespoon of confectioners' sugar. Sandwich this evenly between the two slices of cake.

Enjoy.

There will be a Cookery demonstration in aid of Macmillan at the R.A.U. in Cirencester on Monday 6th November given by Caroline Waldegrave. See hankertonvillage.com for more details.

Edward Cooper's racing update at September

Readers will be aware that in sport you experience both success and failure yet it is the pleasure of achievement that makes the competitor try and try again. Edward has not had an easy year but bear in mind this is a National championship in which he is racing and there is a high standard of competition around.

On this occasion we will move to Edwards own words to describe the feelings when things do not go well.

“ The season so far has been at best interesting! With various issues of bad luck, I am running in joint 6th place in the championship. At Silverstone the bad luck and the lows and highs of racing continued! During the first lap of qualifying, a supply cable for the fuel pump (mounted inside the tank so not usually visible) broke away, meaning I had to sit out of the rest of qualifying, then fix the car and start both races from the back of the grid...

This made for an excellent Race 1, starting in 23rd place, I got a great start and made 10 places on the first lap! It was great fun and I managed to finish in 8th place. This earned me the clubs 'Driver of the day' trophy. I was pleased to have earned some championship points despite my grid position.

Race 2 on day 2, again starting last, I got an equal if not better start and had made 10 places up by half way through the first lap... So far so good until there was contact with another competitor (racing incident!) where I ended up in the barrier on the approach to the pit lane causing a bit of panel damage. So I had to drive through the pits and by the time I re-joined the track I was basically last with a big gap between me and the rest of the pack. The car still performing well, I drove it hard making sure I caught each apex and didn't overdrive it to save overheating the tyres. I caught the pack, managed to start overtaking people and was pleased to have actually got to 10th place by the time the chequered flag came out despite all the drama! I was also pleased to see my fastest lap time was 1/2 a second quicker than the winner (who incidentally was the next car ahead of me when the first lap incident occurred - leaving me wondering 'what if!'”

The end of the season is close now but keep trying Edward, we wish you the best of luck for the remaining race and a lot more points.

Here are the links to a couple of Youtube videos that you might enjoy

Race 1 - <https://youtu.be/gnDHxjxQyx8>

Race 2 - <https://youtu.be/RepLrYDg77E>

Bunny



Hankerton Golf Club

Playing golf with Hankerton Golf Club is magic, maddening, frustrating, crazy and just totally addictive. It has become part of our lives and members can barely imagine living without the buzz of the Wednesday or Friday games and the companionship this wonderful game offers.

It has been a great season for the Club, we have welcomed four exciting new players; Phil from Cricklade with his amazing power play and the recipient of our annual most promising new player award so graciously passed on from Graham, Terry whose approach shot on the very difficult par 5 at the Wiltshire was a joy to watch and will remain in the writers mind for a long time and two lady members joining Frances, Emily and Shayne both of whom are showing great talent.

We also hope that Sue will play regularly with us all of the above mentioned promises well for our future.

We have started a Shot of the Month award. In August this was awarded to Frances for her brilliant birdie on the par 3 at Basset Down as a result of a chip off the green on this notorious hole.

On Saturday September 9 at Oaksey Golf Club we entered two teams for the Annual Charity Match. This year it is for The Parkinson Foundation. It was an excellent result for the Hankerton Hackers. The competition was intense. The team comprising of David, Frances, Brian and Peter finished in 7th position, only 5 strokes behind the winners while the team lead by Terry and Emily who are first time golfers this year were only three strokes less and finished in the top 10 !

The team had great support from other members of our club. Members made a significant contribution to the Auction event and enjoyed much success with the raffle prizes.

It is estimated well over £3000 was raised on the day for the excellent good cause.

We are already talking about next Springs Golf Tour - at the present time we are looking at various offers in Dorset- more news later.

Peter Jefferis



Braydon Brook Services October 2017 - draft

	1 Oct Trinity 16	8 Oct Trinity 17	15 Oct Trinity 18	22 Oct Trinity 19	29 Oct Last after Trinity Bible Sunday
Ashley	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am (Phil)	Evening Prayer 6pm (Martin)	Harvest Service 11am (Richenda)	Holy Communion 9.30am (Sarah)	Group Communion 10am (Phil)
Charlton	Family Harvest Festival 9.30am (Richenda)	No Service	Evensong 6pm (Sarah)	Holy Communion 9.30am (Phil)	No Service
Crudwell	Morning Worship 11am (Rachel)	Harvest Service 6pm (Phil)	Holy Communion 9.30am (Sarah)	All Age Worship And baptism (Kinch) 11am (Cathy and Phil)	Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service 6pm (Sarah and Phil)
Hankerton	Harvest Communion 9.30am (Sarah)	No Service	Informal Worship 11am (Phil)	No Service	No Service
Minety	Holy Communion 11am (Sarah)	Harvest Service with School 10am (Brian and Vernon)	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am (Phil) Service of the Word 10am (Brian)	Service of the Word 10am (Rachel)	No Service
Oaksey	Family Harvest Festival 11am (Martin)	Group Communion 10am (Phil)	Family Service 11am (Helen)	Holy Communion 11am (Sarah)	No Service

Braydon Brook Services November 2017

	5 November All Saints	12 November Remembrance Sunday	19 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	26 th November Christ the King
Ashley	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am	No Service	Morning Prayer 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am
Charlton	Family Service 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am followed by Remembrance	Bell Ringers' Service 6pm	Holy Communion 9.30am
Crudwell	Morning Worship 11am	Remembrance Service 10.50am	Holy Communion 9.30am	All Age Worship 11am
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Oaksey	Matins 11am	British Legion Remembrance Service 3pm	Family Service 11am	Holy Communion 11am

Youth In Braydon Brook

There is something available for all ages, here in Braydon Brook. We cover the six parishes of Ashley, Charlton, Crudwell, Hankerton, Minety and Oaksey. These groups are run during school term times, contact the leaders for more information.

Autumn term September to December 20th
(Half term week beginning Sunday 22nd October)

For 0-5 (pre-school)
Autumn term at Hankerton Church
On Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am
Starting 12th September
Contact Sarah Wyman 01666 577159

Little Saints

Fisherman's Friends

For 5-10 year olds, infant and junior school.
Held at Charlton village hall
On Tuesdays 5pm to 6pm starting 12th September
Contact Alison Withers 07966 964437

Teenage Group

For 10 plus
Meets at Crudwell Church
On Mondays 6:30pm to 8pm starting 11th September
Contact Rachel Swatton 01666 861035

Phil and Rhoda would like to thank everyone in the Braydon Brook parishes for your encouragement and support over the last few weeks. We are also most grateful for your ongoing prayers as Rhoda continues her hospital investigations into her heart and immune system disorders, and as we come to terms with these, along with and Phil's ill health. We are glad at this time to be in Braydon Brook. THANK YOU! Phil is currently working a reduced timetable but is available to contact as usual about pastoral issues (01666540140 philjdaniels@talktalk.net).

Our Thanksgiving Remembrance service is at Crudwell on Sunday 29th October at 6:00pm. This service is for all who would like to remember someone, whether the bereavement is recent or a long time ago. If you would like more information, or are unable to attend but would like someone remembered by name, please get in contact:

Rev'd Sarah Wyman, 01666 577159,
sarah.w@deanery.org.uk;

Lorraine Mackie, Parish Administrator, 01666 825019, admin@deanery.org.uk;

Rev'd Phil Daniels, 01666 540140,
philjdaniels@talktalk.net

Hankerton Parish Council

At its meeting on 4 September the Parish Council agreed:

- To campaign with other parishes as part of its continuing work to increase Broadband speed in the village
- To co-opt Pam Wilkinshaw as a member. One vacancy remains
- To look again at whether the amenity area could be a play area
- To buy a No fly-tipping sign, which will be put up in Downs Lane
- To raise its concerns about the impact of proposed new housing in Crudwell on sewerage in Hankerton
- In principle to the planting of a World War One memorial tree in the village
- Also in response to questions from the public the Parish Council discussed the speed of farm vehicles through the village, whether we should have a defibrillator, and getting the grass cut outside Follyfield

Go to the Hankerton website for more information about the Parish Council. All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is on Monday 4 December, 7.30pm; North Aisle.

Would you like to make Hankerton an even better place to live and help make a difference to your community?

Are you interested in learning more about your local area and helping shape the future of this wonderful village?

If so, Hankerton is looking for people just like you to join the Parish Council. It is not an onerous role and the council only meets once every two months. It is up to you how much responsibility you want to take on or not!

Your skills and experience are vital to help our community to develop and grow. If you are interested please contact Jill Kearsley (jill.kearsley@kearsleynet.com) or Robin Tjolle (robintjolle@aol.com) or one of your local Councillors for more information on how you can join us. Full contact details on the Hankerton Website – www.hankertonvillage.com

Health and Wellbeing Champion, Ellen Blacker. Tel: 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk. Please contact me if you think I can help or support you.

Malmsbury has a beautiful new refurbished community centre - Riverside. It's just by the Co-op down by the Fire Station and it offers a monthly drop-in for seniors once per month to come and see old friends or make new friends. We open at 10.30 and offer tea, coffee and biscuits and a light lunch at 12-ish. All free of charge thanks to some generous sponsors (Wiltshire Council Area Board and others). Transport is possible, call me if needed.

The next dates are 21st October, 18th November and 9th December.

OR.....what about joining the successful **Sunday Lunch** group? Come and enjoy lunch at the Garden Centre Café at a discounted price. We currently hold 2 meetings per month, but are in desperate need of drivers who can help others who need transport. Could you volunteer to join and help with this? I'm not expecting you to help every month, but some help is desperately needed before we have to close one session.

For more information call me on 07557 922020. Be aware that I work part time so leave a message on my answerphone and I will get back to you. Ellen

Charlton Recreation Centre Committee Update (Anne Hodgkins)

Ride on Mower: The committee has been advised that the ride-on mower (used for cutting the edge of the field and the children's play area) has reached the end of its working life. A range of options for replacing the machine have been identified and were discussed. The committee has decided to explore purchasing a second-hand machine with a wider cutting deck. Charlton Cricket Club has generously offered to make a contribution to the cost of the replacement machine.

Garden: The committee has chosen a number of evergreen shrubs to plant up the rear part of the bed. These will now be purchased and the planting will be carried out during the autumn.

CHARLTON RECREATIONAL CENTRE

Registered charity No. 279819

Annual General Meeting

Will take place at Charlton Village Hall
on

Thursday 9 November 2017
starting at 7.30 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

The committee invites local people and users of the hall and playing field to attend to learn about the plans and challenges facing this valuable local asset.

Teddy - the Adventures of Killer Kitten.

Apparently I'm called "Teddy" - yes, yes... don't laugh, I'm not fond of this name, either! I'm living with a family in Hankerton and this is how I came to live here.

On a sunny day not long ago, this woman arrived at my house in Chippenham. She picked me up started making all these cooing noises, and commented 'Oh wow what a lovely kitten... he's adorable... oh he is just perfect for our home'. I stopped listening

Then I was bundled into this box with holes in and driven in a

car. This woman kept on repeating 'It will be alright, don't worry' I just thought she was talking to herself, surely she wasn't talking to me? I might look like a sweet kitten but really I'm a steely eyed killer, who wears a furry eye mask.

The car stopped, she picked up the box and I was taken into a house. Then three small people appeared who took it in turns to pick me up and later I was shown this fluffy bed which I think I'm meant to sleep in.

I am only 4 months old but I immediately started to take charge - after all I have to establish my place within this family circle - at the top!! They took me to the vets, I attacked the vet (it worked - I've not been back since!!) I jumped on the table to drink the milk out of their mugs, they gave me milk in a saucer. I try attacking their hands and they buy me toys. So far so good.

The problem is the outside. Now, don't get me wrong, I can kill. So far my kill list includes

- A bird - possibly a sparrow, not sure. It tasted good!
- A frog (not so tasty)
- 2 mice (lovely!!)

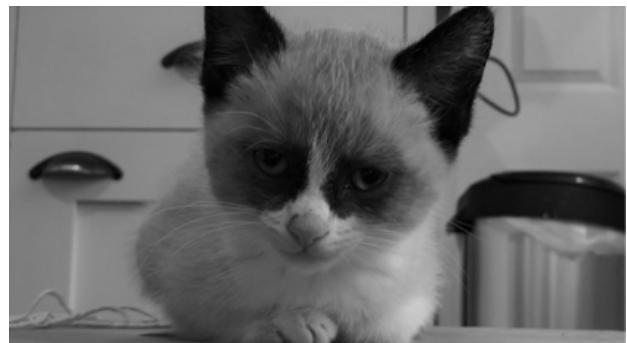
It's just that things keep happening to me and I have a feeling that I'm getting through my nine lives a little too quickly!

For instance, a couple of weeks ago I had my eye on the tortoise next door. I was planning my attack from a distance - he looked a push over! I took a step back got ready to pounce and fell into a pond! I couldn't get out - the tortoise just looked the other way - but a nice lady called Linda saved me and brought me back to my house bedraggled and muddy. Everyone laughed at me. I wasn't laughing.

Then the man who lives in my house made this den thing out of army netting for the children. I wanted a proper look - maybe I could make it mine once I get rid of those noisy kids?! Unfortunately, I got tied up in it and again Linda had to save me. Thank goodness for Linda!

Here's my current position. I have to improve my street cred. I've noticed there are three dopey cats living across the street. They seem to think they are in charge and pay no heed to my manly "miaow" or my impressive tree climbing skills.

Little do they realise I'm Killer Kitten, and I've just moved in.



Nature Diary – October.

Come October the season of autumn will be well underway, and there should be “mists and mellow fruitfulness” a plenty. Many of the fruits to be seen in the hedgerows are both well known and red in colour – such as the hips of the dog rose and the haws of the hawthorn – but there are others perhaps not so well known.

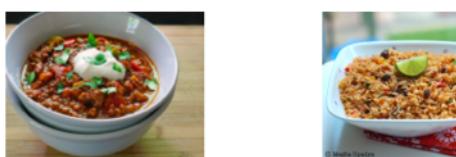
Did you know that we have one native member of the Cucumber family growing in the countryside? It is the climbing plant, White Bryony (*Bryonia dioica*). It has leaves that are five-lobed, greenish-white flowers, coiled tendrils



to help it climb, and produces strings of fruit which turn from green to red as they ripen. All parts of the plant are poisonous, but it was used cautiously in traditional medicine, for instance as a purgative.

Another name for White Bryony is Mandrake, although the true Mandrake is a Mediterranean plant and will not grow in this country. The real Mandrake root was believed to have magical properties, and often grew in the shape of a human figure, and was said to scream when pulled from the ground, (fans of Harry Potter will be well aware of this!). Unscrupulous traders would carve the roots of other plants, quite often of White Bryony, into human shapes and sell as true Mandrake root – so who knows what the consequences of this counterfeiting operation were.

Perhaps providing the framework on which White Bryony might clamber up is a reasonably tall and common shrub of the hedgerow, the Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*). In the spring broad heads of white flowers, (similar in form to the garden Lacecap Hydrangea), are produced but the ones associated with the large outer petals are sterile, and the fertile smaller flowers are grouped at the centre of the flower head. The Guelder Rose suffers sometimes from ravaging attacks from the Viburnum Beetle which feed on the leaves to such an extent that they become a lace-like network of veins. The fruits will be ripe by October and are borne as large clusters of waxy, bright red berries, truly beautiful in bright autumn sunlight.



The Hankerton Mexican Night



Mexican Night at Hankerton Church

Join us on Friday October 13th at 7pm in the North Aisle for a delicious Mexican Night!

Nachos, guacamole, salsa, sour cream. Chilli con carne, vegetable chilli, mild chilli for the children, rice, refried beans. Desert.

Cash Bar (including tequila)

£10 adult

£5 child

All monies raised will go to the North Aisle Fund

Limited tickets available so don't be disappointed...

Move it for your Mexican!!!

Tickets from Amy Lydiate 34 Follyfield

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Finally, a shrub whose fruits make me ask whether Mother Nature had a decidedly wobbly design moment. The Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*) is common enough around N. Wiltshire, and come autumn this shrub produces shocking-pink fruits which open to reveal orange seeds – surely a colour combination only likely to be found on some brands of modern sports shoes – but you will know them when you see them.

The Spindle produces a hard, pale yellow wood which being dense and relatively straight was used to make the spindle for hand-spinning wool, hence the name which was reportedly imported from Holland. Other uses for the wood were skewers, toothpicks and knitting needles.

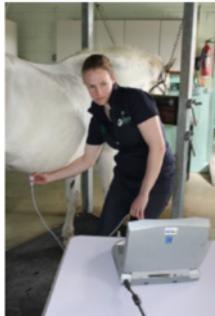
So take a walk along some hedgerows this October and see how many fruiting plants and shrubs you can count – and enjoy them (visually, that is).



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