

The Grapevine



What a glorious summer we've been having! At the time of writing we are yet to see how it compares with the Summer of '76 when people queued in the streets to collect water from communal taps, hosepipe bans were the norm and we were all encouraged to share a bath! Good job we're such a friendly village - should be ok if that comes into force!

The gorgeous weather always helps with our various summer fund-raisers and this year was no exception – despite competition from the Football World Cup Final AND the Wimbledon Men's Final, the Hankerton Strawberry Tea was well supported by young and old alike and a good time was had by all, raising an incredible £462! Thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed the yummy strawberries, scones and cakes and a special thanks to everyone who helped on the day or baked something scrumptious. Here's hoping for similar weather for the Street Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday!



Roll up! Roll Up!

Make sure you don't miss the

Hankerton Street Fayre

In and around the Church and Church Lane

Bank Holiday Monday 27th August 2018

2pm – 5pm

All the usual popular stalls for the young and the young at heart!

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 Amy Lydiate 575478

Deadline for news for the October newsletter: September 10th 2018. 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

Or to 21 Follyfield, Hankerton. SN16 9LA

The opinions expressed are the responsibility of the authors.

We reserve the right to edit material.

The Grapevine is also published on-line - check out the Hankerton web-site: hankertonvillage.com

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Nature Diary – August.

Viewers of BBC Autumn watch in past years will be familiar with the rutting season of Red Deer on Rhum, but at the start of August we are in the middle of the month-long breeding season of the Roe Deer, many of which can be seen around Hankerton.

There will not be the roaring of the Red Deer rut, but the Roe males (bucks) will be searching for females (does) in their established territories, and when found there follows a period of hectic chasing. Eventually it ends with the buck and doe chasing in a tight circle around a tree stump or bush, wearing a well-worn path which is known as a “roe ring”. Strangely enough, most roe deer run anti-clockwise around the circle for some reason. Both sexes can bark, (it sounds like a small dog), and during courtship the does will squeak and the bucks will make a wheezing sound. The pair will mate a few times, and the does may mate with more than one male.

After fertilisation of the egg, the developing cells (known as a blastocyst) become dormant and it is only towards the end of the year that the blastocyst implants itself in the wall of the uterus and begins growing again. This is a process known as “delayed implantation”, and because of the normal length of the pregnancy, the fawns will be born in May. More commonly there are twins, and until the fawns are old enough to follow their mother, she will leave them lying in long grass or thick vegetation while she goes off to feed. Occasionally while out walking you may come across one such fawn. Do not be tempted to touch it or disturb the surrounding vegetation, as you may deter the mother from coming back – it hasn’t been abandoned.

Just before the birth of the young, the yearling deer from the previous year will be driven away by both the buck and the doe. Obviously an upsetting experience for them, but it is time for them to become independent, and allow the doe to concentrate on the new arrivals.

Only the buck carries antlers, which are shed each year in the autumn and re-grown during the winter and early spring, (the horns of cattle and antelope are permanent structures), and it takes a great deal of energy and protein for male deer to grow new antlers each year. Once they are full grown, the bucks thrash their antlers against the base of small trees or bushes to remove the dried-out skin (called velvet) to reveal the shiny, knobbly antlers. Bucks also thrash saplings and bushes to advertise their presence to other deer when establishing their territory, and again these are something that you may see.

Finally, Roe Deer have lived here for a long time, being present at the same time as hyena, bear and woolly mammoth, but their fortunes have varied, and in 1800 Lord Dorchester re-introduced Roe Deer to Milton Abbas in Dorset, and most of the Roe Deer in the south-west are descended from this stock, which may possibly have been brought from France.

Steve Davies.



Hankerton Parish Council

At its meeting on 2 July the parish council:

- Agreed to co-opt Alan Jackson as a parish councillor, who takes on the Highways portfolio. A vacancy remains. If interested contact the Parish Clerk; contact details are on the Hankerton website
- Discussed whether to buy a defibrillator. Three to six people would be needed to check it regularly: ideally once a week, and at least once a month. Three people have already volunteered. If interested contact John Thorne: john.thorne@islington.gov.uk; tel. 575498
- Was updated by Pam Walkinshaw that she has cleared overgrown footpaths, ordered new footpath signs to replace broken ones, and had a sofa removed from Five Lanes/Down's Lane

All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is on Monday 3 September, 7.30pm; North Aisle.

John Thorne

Changes to kerbside Recycling Collections



From the 30 July 2018 the materials that people can recycle at home from the kerbside is changing. In addition to cardboard and plastic bottles, people will be able to recycle food and drink cartons, plastic pots, tubs and trays in their blue lidded bin.

Over the Badminton jumps without a horse?

The local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is again organising its Badminton Horseless Team Event – a fun-run over the world-famous Badminton Three Day Event course.

This annual event, which has been organised and hosted by the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds since its inception, is now in its 35th year. It is held by invitation of the Duke of Beaufort and is held on his estate, Badminton Park. The all-terrain course takes the runners and canicrossers (runners with dogs) along country tracks in sight of the deer herds, and through fields and woods.

The event is an opportunity for runners to experience the unique surroundings of Badminton Park and try out (or go around) many of the familiar obstacles on the Three Day Event course. The event raises money for Rotary Charities and allows runners to seek their own sponsorship for their own charities. Over the years the event has raised many hundreds of thousands of pounds for charitable causes through entry fees and sponsorship.

This year's event is on Sunday, 30th September 2018. Registration starts at 08:30 (on-line pre-registration is available and gets you free car parking; car parking is £5 on the day); the race itself starts at 10:00. Adult entries are £15; junior (aged 15 or under) entries are £10.

Runners can enter as individuals or in teams for 5k or 10k distances. Individual times are provided through professional chip-based timing from Full On Sport. For details of the event and how to enter please visit either;

<https://www.fullonsport.com/event/badminton-hte-2018-5k--cannicross/profile>
<https://www.fullonsport.com/event/badminton-hte-2018-10k--cannicross/profile>

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds covers Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages. It meets weekly on Monday evenings at the Horse Guards in Brokenborough. The club supports many aspects of the local community, puts on the annual Firework Display in Tetbury and takes a Santa Sleigh around Malmesbury and a number of the larger villages. More information about the Rotary Club can be found on our web site at <https://www.rcsc.co.uk/>

Peter Wyman

Hankerton Golf

2018 Season thus far, what an exhilarating, thrilling and exciting year this has been for the members of Hankerton Golf Club.

Membership is at an all-time high with the numbers who play regularly numbering 15!

For the last 8 weeks we have had to book three tee times for the Friday turnouts the overall standard of play in this most frustrating of games is improving very rapidly mainly due to the number of times members play each week some three times!

On the very important social side The Christmas Dinner was magnificent in the quality of the food and the company.

The Golf Tour of Hampshire and the Liphook Championship Course really set a very high standard for the players

So far this year we have enjoyed the following courses

Chippenham

Cotswold Edge

Stinchcombe

Shrivenham

Basset Down

Broom Manor

Highworth

Oaksey

Westonbirt

Brinkworth

The members have invented a new golf game which should be registered named GOLFPICPRES

Basically, it is nine holes of golf followed by a sit-down picnic and Prosecco. Those left standing then play a further Nine holes

Peter Jefferis



MINETY ART CLUB will be holding their annual Exhibition and Sale of Work
on

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September

In Minety Village Hall

10.00 am until 5.00 pm



**Part of the display this year will be paintings to commemorate 100
years of the RAF
Entrance is free!!!**

There will be work in progress tables with members to answer any questions and
show "Tricks of the Trade" in various media.

Also plenty of opportunity for visitors to have a go.

Refreshments will be on sale.

UNFAILING FRIEND

The humility of an open mind helps to keep our sins at bay – Close it and stubbornness and pride,

rule the day

Shuttering our hearts with secrets keeps God out

Help us with our sinful ways, Lord, free us from

all doubt

We need to let You into our lives through trust,

avoid temptation –To see, to hear, to understand

You are our only consolation

Be with us, Lord, in all our walks of life
Forgive us for the things we do that may cause others so much strife

Help us, Lord, to overcome, less to sin we yield

Take deception from us, we need You as our shield

We do not want to stay in sin, we want our souls

searched through – Lord, when we have to face our shadows, we thank God that we have You.

(Jeremiah 17:91)

Shelagh Dalton 10.07.98.



'Holy Cross' Harvest Lunch this year will be on the 7th October at 12:30 in the North Aisle.

it is a great event please make a note in your diaries, tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Friends in Grief (FIG)

A community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome, where you can talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting.
While we recognise that grief is something we will all encounter at some point in our lives, when someone close to us has died we are often left feeling lost and alone. Having a place to go to for support can be helpful.

- Every Tuesday 2pm-4pm (starting 3 July)
- Free of charge and no need to book, just come along
- Riverside Community Centre
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Dementia Awareness Week

I thought I would share something I saw published by the Alzheimer's Society called "Seven Small Actions. One Big Difference". These are seven actions that came up most often in their research among people affected by dementia.

1. **Talk to me.** Don't be worried about talking to me. I'm still me.
2. **Listen to me.** Take time to listen and involve me in the conversation. I can still teach you a thing or two.
3. **Include me.** Keep on inviting me out. Friends still mean the world to me.
4. **Ask if I need help.** If I seem confused, ask if I need help. These little things help me stay independent.
5. **Be patient.** Be patient with me and I'll show you how I can still do things, it just might take me longer than it used to.
6. **Ask me about my dementia.** Don't be afraid to ask me questions. When you take the time to understand my dementia, I know there's someone on my side.
7. **Help my carer too.** Support my partner and others who care for me. My dementia affects them too.

If you would like to know more about dementia or come to an information session, let me know. Meanwhile, if I can help in any way, call 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk. I look forward to hearing from you!

Charlton Village Hall Quiz Night

Doors Open 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Tickets on Sale from 1st Sept - £7.00 (including Ploughman's style refreshments)

Contact:- Anne 01666 823719 Jane 01666 311097

John 01666 575498 Sarah 07739 096820

Come as a Team (max. 8 people) Or Join a Team on the night

Proceeds from the RAFFLE will go to the local children who are taking part in the Malmesbury School trip to India in 2019.

All other proceeds from the evening will go to projects at Charlton Recreational Centre

Charlton Recreation Centre Committee Update (Anne Hodgkins)

PROJECT NEWS

External Cladding: The work to treat the external cladding has begun. The lower portion has been repaired and the wood treated. The final stage will be to tackle the gable ends.

Bench and Picnic Tables: The recreation centre has taken delivery of two new picnic tables and a new bench. A memorial plaque to John Jerman has been placed on the bench. The committee are grateful to John's family and friends for donations towards this memorial to commemorate John's contribution to the village.

Heating: We have been advised that the heaters in the hall are becoming uneconomic to repair. We are therefore exploring options for replacing them with up to date equipment.

Notice to dog Owners – Please remember to clean up after your dog and take their mess home or place it in one of the bins at the playing field entrances.

Attached is a photo from our recent walking tour of Cricklade. Feedback on this event was extremely positive.

The Hankerton village exhibition will remain on display until December; this and the regular Cricklade exhibits are well worth a visit.

The museum is normally open Sat. 10–12 (All Year), Wed. 2–4 (Apr. – Sep.). However, if you call Pam Debenham (Tel:07453 766744) she will be happy to organise an additional time slot for you.

The museum address is 16 Calcutt Street, Cricklade, SN6 6BD (www.cricklademuseum.co.uk).

Best regards,

Hankerton History Group.

Hankerton History Group enjoying a walk around Cricklade with Pam Debenham, learning about its history. Here they are standing where the wharf was in Roman times when the Thames was navigable up to Cricklade!



Hankerton Great British Bake-off!

It was the weekend of the Royal Wedding and Hankerton was abuzz with anticipation – would the sun shine, what would the outfits be like and most importantly, what would the food be like... yes, it was the Hankerton Great British Bake-off and I can report that the sun shone, the outfits were, hmm, varied but the food was MAGNIFICENT! The theme was obviously the Royal Wedding and both adults and children did themselves proud. After bringing in their



showstoppers and signature cupcakes from home, they then had to compete in the technical timed challenge of decorating a gingerbread man to look like Harry or Megan – unfortunately I don't have any picture of those since they were devoured almost as soon as the beeper went but there was an amazing display of creative genius from the children (and one or two adults too). In the end the adult prize, judged by Paul and Pru who turned up especially, went to Louise Thorne with her 3 tiered cake, each a different flavour! The children's prize, although hard to judge since they were all excellent, went to Sophia Tjolle for her Unicorn cake. The cakes were then sold and enjoyed with copious cups of tea, raising £43.50 for the North Aisle – thanks to everyone who took part and to those who came along and supported the event.

The North Aisle Committee



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