

The Grapevine



What another glorious Summer we've been having (well, we were up until mid-July when this was written – apologies if you are reading this in the pouring rain) and this gorgeous weather always helps with our various summer fund-raisers. The Hankerton Strawberry Tea was well supported, raising a respectable £290! Thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed the splendid refreshments provided and a special thanks to everyone who helped on the day or baked something scrumptious. There is still lots to look forward to in the village this Summer - at the time of writing we are still to enjoy the Summer Garden

Party/Teddy Bears' Picnic but here's hoping for similar sunny weather for that and not forgetting the Summer Street Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday!

Have fun!

P.s. Inside the Grapevine this month you'll find a flier with an important question for the village regarding the Amenity Area – make sure you use your vote to let the Parish Council know how you feel – as always in life, if you don't vote then you can't complain about the result!

Step Into Spring

On Saturday 25th May the Parish Council organised a meadow walk to celebrate the beauty of the Wiltshire Wildlife Meadows. These meadows are rare and we are fortunate in Hankerton to live in a village bordered by such a well conserved area.

Many thanks to the enthusiasts who supported the ramble and special thanks to Steve Davies who acted as an excellent wildlife guide on this occasion. His detailed knowledge and observations were much appreciated by all.

Pam Walkinshaw Footpath Warden



Deadline for news for the October newsletter: September 10th 2019. 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

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Nature Diary – August 2019.

The Red Admiral butterfly (*Vanessa atalanta*) is familiar to most people, as it is very striking to look at. Predominantly black in colour, but with orange-red bands on the upperside of each wing, and white spots towards the front of each forewing.

All but the mildest of winters kills off most of the Red Admirals in the UK, but with climate change there are increasing numbers over-wintering in the far south. Those that do overwinter are said to be “dormant” rather than “hibernating”, as they may fly on warm days. The majority of Red Admirals fly south at the end of the autumn to avoid our winter, and return to southern Europe or North Africa. They migrate at quite high altitudes (2000 metres) and have even been identified in large numbers by meteorological radar. At this altitude they pick up northerly winds and can be back in North Africa in 5 weeks. Once back in these southerly countries they start to breed again.

Come the Spring, the population of butterflies sets off north across Europe, beginning to arrive in the UK in large numbers from May onwards, but occasional individuals may be seen as early as March (but did they successfully overwinter, rather than fly back from the south?). Once here they set about reproducing, and the female butterflies lay eggs on the Stinging Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), preferring lush nettles growing in full sun or slight shade. As most eggs are laid in July/August when nettles tend to be older and tougher, cutting nettles in late June to encourage regrowth produces nettles that are very attractive to laying females.

The caterpillars live singly and by using silk threads build small tents from the leaves at shoot tips, changing sites as they grow. The caterpillar just before it pupates chews through the stem of a nettle tip so that it topples over, and will pupate within the spun together leaves.

Your likelihood of seeing Red Admirals increases as the summer progresses and the new generation emerges. They enjoy feeding from flowers, especially Buddleia sp., and are particularly fond of rotting fruit, such as windfall apples or split plums. Into the Autumn they will often be seen feeding from the flowers of Ivy, before some internal trigger persuades them to migrate south. When seen in flight it looks like a powerful butterfly, but it is still an incredible fact that they may have flown 2 – 3,000 miles to visit our neighbourhood. So make sure that you enjoy their beautiful colours and patterns, and marvel at the effort made by them at the same time.



Steve Davies.



ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

***MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THE
HANKERTON SUMMER STREET FAYRE***

In and around the Church and Church Lane

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2019

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, raffle donations, tombola prizes, produce
etc. and/or Gazebos extremely welcome!**

**(Note - good quality bric-a-brac needed for the White
Elephant stall!)**

Contact Mary O'Brien 577394



OUR SELF-DRIVE COMMUNITY MINI-BUS

Summer??!! Well, it has a long way to go as, at the time of writing, its pouring down out there!

Yet, Summer is the time we think of holidays and going places. It's great if you can go out and about with friends to somewhere special, but transport is an eternal problem particularly if a group of you would fill more than one car.

How about hiring a bus? Malmesbury is very fortunate to have two community minibuses, one of which, **The Cartmell Mini-bus** (named after the legendary Malmesbury youth worker who died in his prime) is 'self-drive', readily available most days of the week and incredibly cheap!



Available on an ad hoc basis to any non-commercial community-orientated group, the self-drive **Cartmell Minibus costs just 95p per mile *including* fuel and insurance!**

If yours is a community group, why not get your friends together for a day out somewhere?

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Parish Council Update

At its meeting on 8 July the Parish Council:

Agreed to hold a public vote about the amenity area in Old Farm Close being used as a play area

Agreed to ask Wiltshire Council for two strips across two roads in and out of Hankerton to count traffic volume

Noted that the installation of the defibrillator in the phone box has been delayed to July/August

Noted that Hankerton came third in the Best Kept Village competition

Rotary in Wiltshire raises £42,000 to provide new mobile classroom

Wiltshire's Rotary Clubs are delighted to announce they have provided a new mobile classroom to Life Education Centre (Wiltshire). Eleven clubs from across Wiltshire, including the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds, raised £12,000 and successfully applied for a grant of £30,000 from the worldwide Rotary Foundation to purchase the new unit.

The arrival of the new mobile classroom was celebrated at a reception on 26th June attended by some 60 guests including Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, the High Sheriff of Wiltshire and the Chairman of Wiltshire Council.



The Life Education Centre (LEC) mobile classroom visits many of the primary schools in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages to provide children aged 4 to 11 with the knowledge and skills needed to make the right decisions in life. The programme includes education on health, relationships and wellbeing. LEC works in association with the CORAM charity, schools and parents to deliver a series of sessions linked to the National Curriculum using the specially designed high-tech mobile classroom and highly trained educators. The mobile classroom and its specialist educators are essential in giving the children an exciting experience. This enables difficult topics such as managing risks from exposure to drugs and alcohol, the internet and personal relationships in a sensitive and protective environment. Several local primary schools have told the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds that the visits of the LEC mobile classroom and its specialist educators are highly valued.

The Life Education programme has been going for over 20 years – Rotary has been a key contributor and partner since the start. The latest mobile classroom replaces the previous one which has now reached the end of its useful life. This academic year alone, LEC (Wiltshire) will support nearly 12,000 children in around 80 Wiltshire Schools.

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett & District are responsible for managing the programme and for towing and installing the classroom in North Wiltshire primary schools. Phil Tanner, President of Royal Wootton Bassett & District Rotary Club, commented *"The way the Rotary Clubs in Wiltshire have rallied round to raise the money demonstrates the strong commitment of Rotary to support its local communities. I would like to thank all the clubs who donated to this appeal. This will benefit children across Wiltshire for many years to come."*

Peter Wyman, President of the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds, said that the Club will continue to support the Wiltshire Life Education Centre throughout his presidential year.



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Services in Hankerton August to October

August

4th 9:30am Holy Communion Minety
18th 11am Informal worship with baptism

September

1st 9:30am Holy Communion
8th 10am Benefice Communion at Oaksey
15th no service
22nd 11am family harvest festival service followed by harvest lunch
29th 10am Benefice Communion at Ashley

October

7th 9:30 Holy Communion
14th 10am Benefice Communion at Crudwell
21st 11am All age worship and baptism

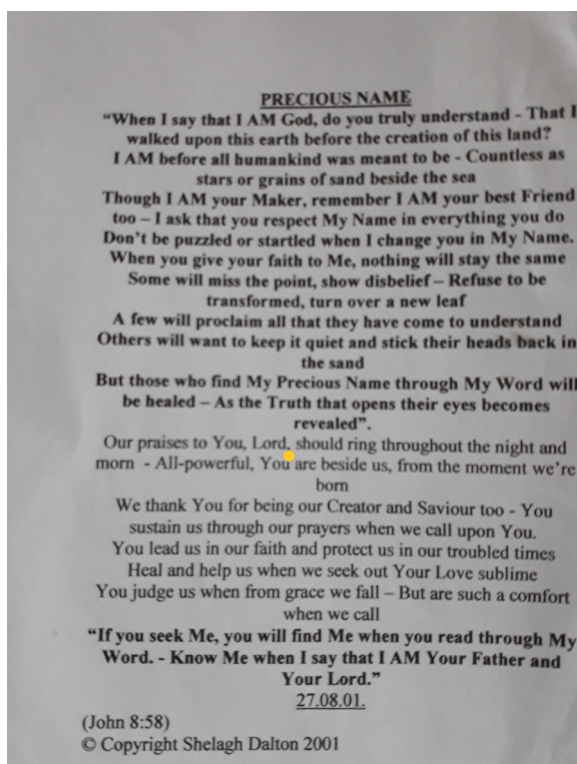


The Church is open every Saturday, 10:30-12, unless specified, for tea, coffee and chat; all are welcome.



Advance notice

2019 Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 22nd September followed by the Harvest Lunch.



Surgery Update

Malmesbury Primary Care continues to work closely with other surgeries in sharing appointments, pharmacists and specialists. By working together, GPs and other healthcare providers will be able to improve their provision to patients and build on shared practices and experience. They will also be able to pool resources.

GP Peter Torrance left in July 2019 and in his place Dr Thomas Winwood is rejoining the practice on a part time basis. Interviews are ongoing for a second GP to cover some of Dr Torrance and other doctor's sessions.

For some blood test analysis, a centrifugal machine was used. This machine was on loan to the surgery and was trialled for a period of time to help with appointments but was returned owing to the fact that there were too many incorrect results and quite a few patients were asked to return for re tests. The team of phlebotomists has since been increased and bloods are now taken before 11 o'clock for collection at 11.15 am.

For patients seen at hospitals other than the RUH they can obtain blood results when they are seen at their respective outpatients. Whilst you can get the results from the surgery (over the phone, or calling in for a print out) it was recommended that patients register onto the practice online service (systmonline), which as well as being able to book appointments, order repeat medications you also have the option to view your blood results. Patients can get details of this service from reception or the website.



Press releases included:

NHS In Touch - May 2019

Read the latest issue of In Touch, a newsletter for Wiltshire people that helps to keep you in touch with the commissioning and development of your local healthcare services.

In this issue:

- **BSW Commissioning Alliance** – new appointments to senior team
- **Our Health Our Future** – have your say on the future of local health and care issues
- **Cover Up, Mate!** – stay safe in the sun this summer.

[Read and download](#) In Touch from www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk to find out more.

Press Release

E-Zec Medical Transport Services to provide non-emergency patient transport

From 1 June 2019 the non-emergency patient transport service in Bath and North East Somerset, Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire will be provided by E-zec Medical Transport Services - a family run company focused on delivering high quality, safe, effective transportation for patients to and from a healthcare setting.

Further information about the service can be found at www.bgswwpatienttransport.co.uk

If anyone would like to raise a question or provide feedback about the service they've received from the surgery I'll be very happy to take this forward for you. If you could let me have the details, my telephone number is 07856202115. The next Patient Participation Group meeting is on 19 August 2019.

Charlton Recreation Centre Committee (Anne Hodgkins)

Projects:

- **Tractor:** There has been no luck in sourcing grass tyres for the newly acquired tractor. The committee has decided to widen the search to include replacing the tractor with one which has suitable tyres.
- **Heaters:** Research into air-source heating is underway, including seeking answers to questions raised by committee members and others. The results will be presented to the committee before deciding which form of heating to use. Whichever form of heating is chosen the committee will need to apply for grants and raise other funds before the work is carried out.

Secretary Vacancy: After 6 years as secretary and trustee of the Recreation Centre, I will be standing down at our AGM in November. The trustees are looking for a replacement and would welcome enquires from anyone in the area who would be interested in taking on the role. For more information about what is involved, please contact: Helen (01666 822381) or myself (01666 825248).

For information on all events please visit our Website (www.charltonvillagehall.co.uk), join the Village Hall Facebook group or look out for posters around the village.

Date for your Diary:

Autumn Quiz – Saturday 19 October: John Thorne has kindly offered to host a quiz at the Village Hall again, so please save the date in your diaries for what promises to be another challenging and fun evening. Plans are still being finalised so check the website and noticeboards for details.

The Bisset Love Letters (Anne Holland)

On 6th June Dr Diane Lovell of Blinn College, Texas gave a fascinating talk on the letters sent by the Rev. George Bisset, Vicar of Malmesbury, to Lady Catherine Howard at Charlton Park. Thanks to support from both the Hankerton and the Sherborne History Groups, we had an audience of 27 to hear of the initial disapproval of Lady Catherine's family, the Rev Bisset's time as a missionary in Sri Lanka and the couple's eventual marriage after 18 years of courtship. Dr Lovell pointed out similarities to characters and plots in Jane Austen's works and showed that Jane Austen and Lady Catherine both visited Bath at the same date. We were all thankful that the love letters were saved from destruction, and discovered by such a knowledgeable historian. This stimulating evening raised £155 towards Charlton Recreational Centre. Thank you to all we attended.

Malmesbury & District U3A

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Please contact Elaine Sharp for more information on 01666 823568 or e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Monthly meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Meet with others for tea/coffee and a chat and then enjoy listening to our monthly speaker. Non -members welcome. 50p donation

Our next speaker on Thursday 26th September is Brian Freeland. His talk 'The View from the Wings' will give a sideways look at theatrical productions from the stage managers point of view.



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