

The Grapevine



Congratulations to the volunteers who worked hard to ensure that the Hankerton Street Fayre was so enjoyable and successful. Special thanks to Mary O' Brien for all the time she spent pulling it all together and ensuring everything went smoothly on the day. Thanks to a lovely, sunny day we were able to wander around at a leisurely pace and enjoy the atmosphere.

Congratulations are also due to the Hankerton Art Group (who refer to

themselves as HAGS) for a vibrant and eclectic exhibition held in the John Bowen Gallery in Malmesbury Town Hall. They received many complements on their work. We can now look forward to some of the events in the autumn and winter organised by the great band of volunteers in our village. Look out for the posters around the village and come along to support them.

Editors.



I have looked after voluntarily for many years the cleaning of the Village Bus Shelter (memorial) and the grass surrounds. It has been a pleasure to do so and over the years I have had many people stop and give me their appreciation to me doing this. This season's ending will be my last year at doing this and I have decided to print this in the Grapevine to ask if anybody would like to take over from me and keep up the village effort.

Regards to you all,
David Wood

Deadline for news for the December newsletter: **November 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: grapevines16@aol.com

Or to 21 Follyfield, Hankerton. SN16 9LA

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Hankerton Summer Street Fayre 2019

The weather was kind to us this year and we enjoyed glorious sunshine as the village ventured out for the 2019 Summer Fayre.

The usual selection of more traditional stalls such as Guess the Weight of the Cake, the Coconut Shy, Hoopla, Tombola, White Elephant, Raffle, Produce Stall and the always popular Splat the Rat, mixed with the more recent additions of the

Water or Wine stall, Prosecco Bar, Sweet Stall and Mini-golf. These, along with mouth-watering cream teas, Childrens Games and a Photo Exhibition meant that there was something for everyone and a good time was had by all.



The usual high standard prevailed with the childrens competitions, the Build Your Own Scarecrow being won by Sam, Seb and Tom Lydiate with their Surfing Dude complete with sandy beach – very realistic!

By the end of the day an amazing total of £882 had been raised for the North

Aisle. We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Fayre from the stall holders, to those who baked or donated things or lent us tables or gazebos and to those who came along and spent their hard-earned cash. We couldn't have done it without you!

Services in Hankerton October to November

September

22nd 11am family harvest festival service followed by harvest lunch

29th 10am Benefice Communion at Ashley

October

6th 9:30 Holy Communion

13th 10am Benefice Communion at Charlton

20st 11am Informal Service

November

3rd 9:30 Holy Communion

5pm All Souls Service at Charlton when we remember those who have died

10th Remembrance Day

9:30 Holy Communion followed by remembrance at memorial at Charlton

10:50 Remembrance Service at Crudwell

10:50 Remembrance Service at Oaksey

10:50 Remembrance Service starting at the memorial in Minety

17th 11am Informal Service

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

From the registers

We welcomed Faye Mockler who was baptised on the 18th August.

12th September - The Thanksgiving Service for Anne-Marie Law



Christmas 2019 is coming...

Please can you help?

The Malmesbury Food Bank is again in need of

"Christmas Goodies" to make their hampers a little more special for their recipients at Christmas.



You can help by placing items in the special Christmas Food Bank crate that will be in the church porch from early November.

I shall be taking the donations to the Malmesbury Food Bank on the

9th December 2019

Any non-perishable goods will be very welcome eg. Christmas biscuits, Children's chocolate, puddings, custard, mince pies, cakes (please check use by date).

Thank you for your support. Chris Betts 577123



Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests?
Then why not join Malmesbury & District U3A?
We have over 400 members and 36 different
interest groups. Meet us at our

Open Morning

Saturday 19th October 9.30-12.30 at
the Old School Room, Malmesbury Town
Hall

Find out about interest groups, meet group leaders as well
as other new and existing members. See
malmesburyu3a.org.uk for more details.

Nature Diary – October 2019.

Autumn is the season when the fruits of many trees and shrubs are most obvious, and who is not familiar with that of the Oak, the acorn. However, have you noticed that sometimes the acorns are a little deformed and bear little similarity with their normal shape?

These are acorns that have been parasitized by the grubs of a Gall Wasp, and their presence has brought about a bizarre growth of the plant's tissue. The wasps themselves are rarely more than 5 mm long, so unlikely that you would see one of them, nor be able to identify something that small.



Marble Gall

There are about 90 species of Gall Wasps in the UK, and 42 of these species induce galls of various shapes and sizes on Oaks. Now is a good time to try and spot the different types.

You may have heard of the term Oak Apple, which is a gall produced by the species *Biorhiza pallida*, and is a soft gall, about 45 mm across with a brown papery surface. This term Oak Apple is sometimes misused to describe other galls found on oaks, so can be confusing. The Oak Apple is the gall that can be used to make an ink, which when applied to paper or parchment is extremely permanent. Making the ink involves combining a liquid prepared from the galls, with another prepared with rusty nails and vinegar, and a gelling agent (gum Arabic) to stop the ingredients separating. Wood ash can also be added to give a deeper colour. Recipes are available on the internet.



Robin's Pincusion Gall

The true Oak Apple contains numerous male and female gall wasps which emerge from the gall in June-July.

Another species produces hard, brown and woody spheres known as Marble Galls. This gall contains a single female wasp, who will emerge and lay eggs without mating with a male. This next generation is the one in which sexual reproduction takes place. The life cycles of these wasps are described as complex, and I think that I can see why.

Some galls have a more angular shape and a gnarled surface, and are very irregular. These are called Knopper Galls.

On the underside of some oak leaves you may notice numerous, flattened, pale brown discs and these are called Spangle Galls, and there are quite a few species of wasps that produce spangle galls.

Finally, another gall wasp, *Diplolepis rosae*, parasitizes wild roses and the gall has many long filaments, an overall pinky-red colouration and is known by the familiar name of Robin's Pincushion Gall. The gall contains a single female grub, and they undertake no sexual reproduction. I have seen these galls in Hankerton, especially up in the "fallow field" adjacent to Rookery Farm.

So as well as the leaves being eaten by many caterpillars, even the developing fruit of the oak is hijacked by insect species for its own purposes. These insects don't get it all their own way though. There are parasitic wasps that inject their eggs through the gall tissue and into the grubs of the gall wasp within. There are others known as hyperparasites that in turn inject their eggs into the grubs within the grubs. Is there no end to the twists and turns of life amongst the smaller species? See how many types of gall you can find walking around this autumn.

Steve Davies.



I'd like to introduce myself as Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Northern Reserves Manager, with responsibility for the management of Cloatley Meadows. Hopefully most villagers will know of the reserve, which lies to the east of Hankerton and comprises a series of meadows and a small copse, but perhaps some of you aren't aware of it at all. WWT has owned the site since 2003, but we'd like to build stronger relationships with the local community, so this article is the first in a series, explaining what we do (and why) and how you can get involved.

Summer is a busy season for Cloatley, and in the last few weeks we have finished our annual hay cut of the meadows and moved our cattle from the pasture fields onto the mown grasslands to graze the aftermath.

Wildflower meadows developed historically through traditional hay cutting techniques, and we follow similar methods to maintain a sward rich in herbs. The meadows at Cloatley are awash with wildflowers, such as betony, black knapweed, pepper saxifrage, tormentil and yellow rattle. Similar to the farmers of the past, we vary our cutting period within July and August, taking into account the weather and ground conditions, and always leave an uncut margin, strip or block as pollen and nectar sources for invertebrates. It's important that we mow at this time: cut too early and the wildflowers don't get chance to flower or set seed, but cut too late and we give a competitive advantage to vigorous grasses which outcompete the more delicate herbs. Most meadow flowers are perennials, but we 'ted' (turn over) the hay before baling to partially dry it, which encourages seeds to drop onto the soil. Our haylage (wrapped bales which can be stored outside) is then fed back to our cattle when they are housed overwinter.

Ellie Jones
Reserves Field Officer (North)

Need Help Finding My Past

I am building a family tree and I need help to find a relation that was born in Hankerton in 1863/4. Her name was Emily Woodward she married Henry William Moss and lived in Oaksey they are my Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother.

If anyone has any information on Emily and her family and you don't mind sharing please email to... mosscoone@gmail.com

Patient Participation Group – Shayne Smith

CQC inspection

The CQC are adopting a new technique for surgeries that attained a good inspection result on their previous inspection. Since Malmesbury Primary Care Centre received an outstanding result last time they will receive an annual phone call assessment from now on. The last CQC telephone assessment was in August 2019 and went very well.

Social Prescribing

This is intended to help patients improve their health, wellbeing and social welfare by connecting them to community services which might be run by the council or a local charity. Eg. Signposting people diagnosed with dementia to local dementia support.

The practice plans to share a full time social subscriber with other Primary Care providers.

Web site

Malmesbury Primary Care Centre Web site has lots of useful information and considerable practical suggestions, including self help advice. You can also use it for booking appointments and ordering prescriptions and view part of your medical record when logged in. Appointment bookings online are 'real time', so patients can see and accept the same vacancies as receptionists and call operators. www.malmesburypcc.nhs.uk

NHS In Touch Newsletter - Aug 2019

Read the latest issue of In Touch (www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk) a newsletter that helps to keep you in touch with the commissioning and development of your local healthcare services.

If you'd like me to raise a question or provide feedback about the service you've received from the surgery then contact me on 07856202115. The next Patient Participation Group meeting is on 7 October 2019.

Surviving Winter

Winter is a tough time and keeping warm is essential to help maintain good health. Every year 300 people in Wiltshire die of cold or cold related illnesses and hundreds more struggle to keep warm. With this in mind, Wiltshire Community Foundation organise a scheme called Surviving Winter. They basically redistribute donations and "unwanted" winter fuel payments which are given as part of the State Pension Scheme to those in need.



How can you help? The scheme relies on donations from individuals into the fund. If you feel it is something which you would like to do, please get in touch with me or the Foundation on 01380 729284 or check the website www.wiltshirecf.org.uk. If you are a taxpayer, your donation will also add Gift Aid to the donation which boosts the value which the Foundation can disperse at no cost to yourself! You could be saving a life this winter!

Are you worried about the cost of keeping warm this winter? Could you benefit from a grant from this scheme? The criteria for applications have not yet been confirmed, but if you are in receipt of Universal Credit or Pension Credit **and** have a disability which you receive PIP, Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance, get in touch with me so that we can check if you may be entitled to apply for a grant. The process is simple, and I will do the forms with you.

As ever, I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ellen Blacker
Health and Wellbeing Champion

Charlton Recreation Centre Committee (Anne Hodgkins)

Projects:

- **Tractor:** After searching far and wide for a suitable set of tyres for the replacement tractor, a set have been found close to home. They were surplus to requirements and their owner was happy to donate them to the recreation centre. We are grateful to them for such a generous and timely gift, and also for the help we received fitting the tyres to the tractor.
- **Heaters:** The company who provided the new heating at Minety Village Hall have surveyed the hall and supplied an estimate for the installation of air-source heating. The cost is very similar to the figure we have for replacing the gas heaters. The next step is to obtain further estimates for air-source heating, as grant-giving bodies require evidence of three assessments of cost.

Autumn Quiz: Charlton Village Hall – **Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm.** Tickets cost £10 and include Baked Potato with a range of fillings plus Desert. For more details see the website.

Annual General Meeting: Charlton Village Hall - **Thursday 14 November from 7.30pm.** Please come along to learn more about the centre and how you might get involved helping to keep this important local asset going. Refreshments provided.

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.

Upcoming Malmesbury Abbey Music Society Concert

PASSACAGLIA –

‘Vivaldi Undercover’

Saturday, 5th October 2019 at 7.30pm

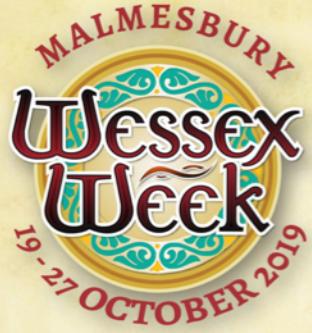
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Passacaglia is a UK-based professional ensemble specialising in music from the baroque era, played on baroque recorders, flutes, violin, viola da gamba, guitar, cello and harpsichord. With over 25 years of performing and recording experience,

Passacaglia brings the music of the baroque era to life with a range of exciting, colourful and engaging programmes. **Vivaldi Undercover** - Vivaldi, as popular in the baroque period as now, was unashamedly imitated, borrowed-from and re-arranged by composers across Europe. In this invigorating and colourful programme, suitable for all kinds of audiences, Passacaglia explores Vivaldi’s music as it masquerades in various different guises... with quirky re-workings of the Four Seasons and other concerti by Nicolas Chedeville and JS Bach, an exploration of Vivaldi’s mysterious ‘opus 13’ and Passacaglia’s own boisterous interpretation of Vivaldi’s ‘La Follia’ Variations.



For further information and membership of MAMS, contact Neil Medland on 823461 or visit – <https://mamsmusic.co.uk/>



Wonderful Women of Wessex

Music Talks Walks

Storytelling Anglo-Saxon fun

Saturday 19th

Anglo-Saxon Weaponry Demonstration - **Hector Cole**

Watch England's leading expert forge weapons from metal and fire

10am-4pm
Abbey House
Donation

Family fun with Archery and Axe Throwing

Watch expert archers and axe throwers and have a go yourself

10am-4pm
Cloister Gardens
Free

English Country Dancing with the Brewery Band

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of dances with calling by Vicky Cooper

7:30pm
Malmesbury Abbey
(includes ploughmans) £15

Sunday 20th

Women of Malmesbury - a Guided Walk

Meet at the Town Hall for an enlightening walk around the town

10am
Town Hall
£6

The Extraordinary Knyvett Sisters - **Tony McAleavy**

Malmesbury's infamous sisters and their wayward daughters

4pm
The Rausing Building
(Old Moravian Church) £10

Tuesday 22nd

Pioneering Fossil Hunter Mary Anning - **Ali Ferris**

The amazing life of one of the greatest fossil hunters and her discoveries

7:30pm
The Rausing Building
(Old Moravian Church) £5

Friday 25th

Voices of Extraordinary Malmesbury Women - **Sounds of Wessex**

Performed by J Bowen, J Hughes, J O'Brien, B Pollard, J Tong, D Witt

7:30pm
URC
(United Reformed Church) £10

Saturday 26th

The Woman Who Crushed the Vikings - **Janina Ramirez**

The thrilling life of wife, mother, diplomat and warrior queen Aethelflaed

7:30pm
Malmesbury Abbey
£15

Sunday 27th

Malmesbury Through the Eyes of Visitors - a Guided Walk

A walk around Malmesbury, a place of influence and change

10am
Town Hall
£6

Open Exhibition - **Warden and Freemen**

Learn about Aethelstan's local legacy & view the original Bird's Eye map

12pm - 5pm
Warden & Freemen Offices
(Market Lane) Donation

The Amazing History of the Old Courthouse

Hear from Malmesbury's very own families with Anglo-Saxon heritage

2pm & 3pm
Old Courthouse
(St Johns St) Donation

The Women of Medieval Malmesbury - **Tony McAleavy**

The amazing stories of the women who helped shape Malmesbury

4pm
The Rausing Building
(Old Moravian Church) £10

Wessex Evensong with Malmesbury Abbey Choir

Everyone is welcome to this special choral evensong service

6:30pm
Malmesbury Abbey
Free

HISTORY EVENTS TO SUIT ALL AGES

Tickets available from Athelstan Museum or online (booking fee applies)

wessexweek.eventbrite.com

Village Garden Party and Teddy Bears' Picnic

Our thanks to William and Rowena Sanders for hosting and to everyone who came along to support and enjoy our first ever Village Garden Party and Teddy Bears' Picnic organised by the Hankerton History Group and the North Aisle Committee back in July.

The weather was glorious, the cakes were scrumptious, the Bears were magnificent, and the gardens were absolutely gorgeous. Everyone enjoyed a lovely relaxed afternoon whether they just soaked up the rays (and the Prosecco!) or indulged in something a little more energetic like the childrens games or a friendly tennis match or croquet.

All in all, a wonderful way to spend a lazy summer afternoon and raise £186 to be split between the Church and the North Aisle. Thanks to one and all.

Hankerton History Group and the North Aisle Committee



Welcome to **Lifestyle Health and Beauty**. We are a hair and beauty salon based in the heart of Hankerton with plenty of free onsite parking.

Our fully qualified therapists welcomed hairdressing to the business in 2015, which now includes women's and men's hair services. We also offer vouchers which can be redeemed against beauty or hairdressing services; these can make a great gift for that special someone in your life.

Our opening hours are:

Monday 9am - 3pm,

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Wednesday 9am – Late,

Thursday 9am – Late,

Friday 9am – Late,

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Regular offers can be found on our website:

info@lifestylehealthandbeauty.co.uk

So why struggle with town parking and give us a call on **01666 577636** and book an appointment today.

Parish Council Meeting 2 September 2019

Result of the vote about the proposal to use the amenity area on Old Farm Close as a play area: **62 For; 37 Against**. The turnout was 43%.

A committee is to be set up to implement the result. A meeting open to all residents will take place in October/November. If interested look out for advertising.

The Parish Council with the local landowner has installed a new gate opposite Common End Farm (see picture below). This gate, which is called a Bristol end gate, replaces a gate and stile and is easier to use.



It is taking longer than anticipated to install a defibrillator in the phone box. This is due to the slow wheels of bureaucracy



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Christmas 2019 (Available from 2nd – 23rd Dec)

Starters:

- Prawn Cocktail with brown bread and butter (GFO)
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- Chicken liver and whisky pate,
Seeded toast with honey and mustard dressed leaves
*
- Carrot and ginger soup
with brioche roll (V)
*

Mains:

- Roast turkey with rosemary and cranberry stuffing
and rich gravy
*
- Beef bourguignon with red burgundy wine sauce
*
- Nut and herb crusted fillet of Salmon
and new potatoes. (DF)
*
- Vegetable and walnut roast
With spiced cranberry (Ve)

All served with roast potatoes (unless stated otherwise)
and fresh vegetables
*

Desserts:

- Crème brulee with shortbread
*
- Christmas pudding with brandy sauce (v)
*
- Chocolate and raspberry Brownie with ice cream (GFO)

2 Courses £15.5 3 Courses £20

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