

# The Grapevine



Welcome to the second COVID-19 edition of the Grapevine. Once again we can only publish it on the website as the printers are still shut but we wanted to let you know that we're still here and still trying to bring you the latest news from the village. Surprisingly, there's quite a lot. :-)

What has been lovely to see in these difficult times is the way the village has once more come together to support each other. Special thanks need to go out to all of those who are keeping us fed, whether it's the bread delivery from Simon, the fruit and veg courtesy of Sarah and Peter, or the yummy pizzas from Sue and Andy. Details of how to order any of these can be found on the website ([hankertonvillage.com](http://hankertonvillage.com)). Thanks also to all the volunteers who have offered to get shopping, prescriptions etc, and even fix loos! Also thanks to Simon (again) for our wonderful village website and to Geoff for setting up a WhatsApp group for the village. But of course, our biggest thanks go to those people in the village who work in the NHS or care sectors – not all superheroes wear capes!



Lockdown Lisa – desperate for Lifestyle to re-open!

**Deadline for news for the August newsletter: July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.** 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!

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### A Message from Chris Pound

Hi Folks, remember me!!! I used to be your friendly neighbourhood postie. I would like to thank you all for the wonderful surprise of the big retirement card and numerous presents I received.

I have so far spent my retirement standing in queue's, either for family, friends, or neighbours. I am actually getting the hang of it now. 2 metres apart, no eye contact with the

one in front or behind and most importantly no coughing. Hopefully when we come out this I will be able to do the things that I had planned. I would also like to come to a Saturday pop in at the church to thank you all in person. But in the meantime I would like to leave you with the most important thing...all your secrets are safe (for now!). The ones amongst you who are already paying for my silence, (you know who you are) please continue as it boosts my holiday fund! To the ones I haven't caught up with yet...I will!! 😊

Thank you again. Stay safe

Best wishes Chris



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## Nature Diary June 2020 – Steve Davies

The start of summer, and June heralds the arrival of warmer and drier weather, although this year June seemed to arrive in April! Even as the ground dries up, there are still areas that remain damper because of topography or vicinity to a watercourse, and it is in these damper areas that some interesting flowering plants can be found around Hankerton.



The Yellow Flag Iris (*Iris pseudocorus*) is usually found close to running or standing water and is a most striking plant. Long, stiff, sword like leaves are topped by a flower stalk bearing several bright yellow flowers, the shape of which is said to be the inspiration for the Fleur-de-Lys design decorating royal coats of arms. Like all irises the flowers are a favourite of bumblebees, who are responsible for the pollination of the flower, which later go on to produce large, glossy green seed capsules. When growing together in large numbers they produce a wonderful display, not in any way diminished by the fact that they are relatively commonly seen.

Many of the fields around Hankerton still show very obvious remains of the medieval “ridge and furrow” system. The ridge dries out in the summer heat, but the furrow holds on to more moisture and this is where you will find the other two flowers that I shall describe.



A smallish plant with bright pink flowers may at first glance be dismissed as Red Campion, but on closer observation you will notice that the flower's petals are deeply divided into narrow lobes, giving it a “ragged” look: this is Ragged Robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*) – don't you love it when the look of something ties up with the name! It does help with identification of something new. This is the least common of the three plants in this

Nature Diary, and there will usually only be a handful of plants growing together, so spend a little time enjoying this little beauty.

Finally, a flower that not only looks attractive but has a very heady and pleasant scent as well. Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) has deep green leaves, paler on the underside, which are divided into 2-5 paired leaflets. The veining is very prominent. The flowers comprise of dense clusters of very small individual flowers, and appear like frothy, irregular candy-floss. Do sample the scent, but tap the flowers before breathing in deeply, because they often have a healthy crown of small, black Flea Beetles resting in the flowerhead, which may take flight when disturbed! The plant supposedly gets its name from the time it was used to flavour mead, the honey based alcoholic drink. The perfume of the plant also made it a favourite to strew among the reeds on the floors of medieval houses, so that when walked on it released its scent.

During this period of restricted activity many have commented on how they are observing things perhaps not noticed before. It's nice to have the time and the opportunity to appreciate the beauty that is all around us in Hankerton. I think we are appreciating the good fortune of living in our village like never before. Stay safe.



## Church News

During this time while the church is closed we still have ways to worship and keep in contact.

The cross from Easter is still in the graveyard enabling a focus for anyone who wants to spend time in this quiet spot.

There are thoughts and inspirations on the Braydon Brook website ( [www.braydonbrook.co.uk](http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk))

and in our church yard which are updated on a regular basis.

Each Sunday a service is zoomed for those who want to join in and see those in the benefice.

Paper copies of the service are also available if anyone would like to have them.

there are zoom morning prayer groups on Tuesday (8:30am) and Friday (9:30am) and a zoom light- hearted quiz on a Wednesday 10:30am.

if you want to join in with any zoom event send an email to the administrator [admin@deanery.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanery.org.uk) and she can send you an invite.

if you need to speak to a priest both Tonya (575216) and Sarah (577159) are available.



### **SOLACE**

**“Come close to Me and I will come close to you  
If you seek My comfort, I will aid you too**

#### **I CAN SAVE**

**I view you with tolerance and hold out My arms I will hold you tenderly,  
take My peace, My calm**

#### **BE BRAVE**

**If you feel life is falling apart - Remember, I hold you close, will give you  
new heart**

#### **BESTOW RELIEF**

**You may not avoid trouble or adversity - But in the midst of it beside you,  
You will find Me**

#### **STRENGTHEN YOUR BELIEF**

**Seek encouragement in My Word and from My Presence - For throughout  
this life your thirst I will quench....”**

**Thank You, Lord**

**From suffering and trial, we are not clear - But with You standing by our side,  
right here**

**Believe Your Word.**

**You remind us to prepare - By commitment,  
time and prayer**

**As we see life through**

**Your Spirit is restoring us as we progress - Towards You, Lord, and our  
ultimate happiness**

**When we come to You....**

**23.02.97.**

**(James 4:8)**

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**-Crudwell-**

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## Fancy giving yourself some sparkle?

**HOPING TO RE-OPEN  
IN JULY FOR  
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The Nail Cabin is a brand-new small business offering Gel nail treatments from my home in Follyfield, Hankerton.

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## Bonfires

Would residents kindly note the advice from Wiltshire Council, and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Team and avoid having bonfires. In an update on April 13<sup>th</sup> the council wrote. 'Please help our vulnerable residents with respiratory conditions to breathe more comfortably at home and avoid having bonfires.'

This is particularly pertinent during fine weather when windows are open and people also wish to enjoy being in their gardens.



## **Notes from Parish Council meeting Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Village Covid-19 Response**

Everyone involved with arranging the WhatsApp group and volunteers were thanked for this amazing effort to help people around the village. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The continual updates on the village website have been extremely useful for those who can access it. The council is aware of people who do not have access to the internet and buddy systems which have developed over the last weeks are proving effective.

The continual updates on the village website have been extremely useful for those who can access it, special thanks to Simon Kearsley for keeping everyone informed. Thanks also go to everyone who is helping with food shopping, distribution of bread and food boxes and prescription collections.

The council will update the pandemic part of the Emergency Plan in due course.

### **Solar Farm**

The plans for the solar farm were discussed. The plans are available on the Wiltshire website. Good points were raised by members of the public and councillors and answered by Adam Withers, a representative of the applicants, JMB Solar.

### **Other points**

The missing church signpost on Cloatley Road is to be replaced. The sign costs £111 delivered + VAT and will be fixed by the Parish Steward.

There is still a vacancy for a member of the Parish Council, expressions of interest to the Parish Clerk.

The traffic survey results (see below) were discussed.

Report from Susan Mockler

### **Traffic Survey Results**

#### **❖ Near Old Farm Close**

The results of the survey for the 7-day period from 23/02/2020 to 29/02/2020 are as follows:

- Speeds for a total of 1,791 vehicles in free-flowing traffic in both directions were recorded.
- The 85th percentile speed was 39.2mph. This is the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling and is used nationally as a criterion for Community Speed Watch interventions.
- The mean speed was 30.8mph.
- 0.34% of recorded vehicles (6 vehicles) were exceeding the posted speed limit (60mph). The mean speed of these vehicles was 61.5mph

#### **❖ North of Follyfield**

The results of the survey for the 7-day period from 24/02/2020 to 01/03/2020 are as follows:

- Speeds for a total of 2,074 vehicles in free-flowing traffic in both directions were recorded.
- The 85th percentile speed was 33.9mph. This is the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling and is used nationally as a criterion for Community Speed Watch interventions.
- The mean speed was 26.9mph.
- 0% of recorded vehicles were exceeding the posted speed limit.

Michael



## What's in a name?

Hankerton – have you ever wondered how Hankerton got its name?

The first references to Hankerton appear in the Saxon Charters of 680 and 901 as Hanekyntone. A person named Haneca is thought to have had a farmstead or 'ton' (Anglo-Saxon ton or tun meaning enclosure or homestead.) here. In 1065 Hanekynton is mentioned in the Codex Deformationes Saxonici but not specifically in the Domesday book when it is considered as part of Crudwell. In 1222 it is spelt as Hanekinton in the Charter from the Salisbury Register and again during the reign of Edward III as Hanekenton.

In 1367 the village name was spelt as Hankynton, in 1428 as Hanketon and then in 1491 as Hankerton in a document called the Inquisition Post-Mortem. Interesting to see that the spelling has remained the same for over 500 years!

In 1951 L. Manfield wrote a poem for the school magazine in Malmesbury:-

### **Hankerton**

Tucked away among the highways,  
Almost hidden in the by-ways,  
A tiny village lies,  
Just four miles as the crow flies,  
From Minety, Somerford and Lea.  
With several farms, and an ancient church,  
An old manor, where you may search  
For a room that's hidden there below –  
"Priest's hole" perhaps, for all we know:  
A village school, where children bring  
Lots of primroses in the spring:  
If one should long for lots of peace,  
This is the place for quiet and ease.



Hankerton History Group



We have a pair of blue tits nesting in a nest-box that has been beside the summer house for a few years, which never seemed to be used. We realised what was happening when, moving the box to paint the summer house, a bird flew out!

Since then, we moved the box to a safer site in a bush and have been watching the parents carrying in bugs to feed the young and removing the faecal sacs. We can watch the parents leave the nest and fly from tree to tree at the sides and bottom of the garden collecting food.

Terry & Susan



## **Telephone Scammers**

There's no doubt that Telephone Cold Callers were annoying. You'd be in the middle of making dinner and someone would phone wanting to talk to you about double glazing, PPI or loft insulation but at least they were just ordinary people, just doing their jobs. Now however, there's a new gang in town – Telephone Scammers. These people are criminals and are just after your bank account details and although most of you will immediately realise this when they call, it does worry me that many older, vulnerable and more trusting people are being taken in by their lies. We're all told to ignore them but how do you know who is scamming you? In the interest of keeping you all safe, here are just 3 of the scams that I get every single day.

1. Someone claiming to be from Microsoft – they will say that there's a problem with Windows on your computer and that they need to take it over to fix the software. Once there they will look through your files, your history etc and try to find bank account details, passwords, anything useful that they can use to take money from you. I always tell them that my Windows are fine, we have double-glazing and everything. Or you can just hang up.
2. Automated message, supposedly from Visa, to say that a sum of £600 has just been taken from your account from an overseas address. It's always £600 and they ask you to press 1 to speak to an advisor who presumably will wheedle your bank account details out of you in the guise of refunding you the money. Just hang up.
3. Another automated message, this time claiming to be Amazon Prime, calling to renew your monthly subscription at a cost of, well, I've had £39.99, £59.99 and £79.99 quoted to me, unless you press 1 to speak to an advisor. Since it actually costs £79 for the entire year I presume they think that you will be outraged at the increase in price and press 1 immediately where no doubt they will wheedle your bank account details out of you in the guise of refunding you the money. Just hang up.

If in doubt, there is a website - <https://who-called.co.uk> where you can put in the number that just called you and see if anyone else has reported it as a scam.

## **Please remember the following Top tips to protect yourself and others**

- Be extra careful if you receive any phone calls, texts or emails from anyone claiming to be a bank or other trusted organisation. A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password, card reader codes, passcodes, or to move money to another account. Personal information is yours. Don't give it away.
- Never click on a link received in an email or text that then takes you to a website requesting personal information or login details. Always go via a search engine or direct to the company website.
- Never allow remote access to your computer by any third party. Scammers will often ask you to download an app or will send you an email with a link such as Team Viewer.
- Watch out for poor grammar or spelling on emails/printed material/letters.
- Take 5. Stop and think about what you are being asked to do. If concerned, stop and talk to your family or a friend.

Stay safe out there everyone.

Mary and Susan





## Cloatley Meadows

I'm sure that I'm not alone in finding comfort in nature at this difficult time. Watching wildlife continue unperturbed has been a tonic and a delight.

In early March, an enthusiastic 'A-team' turned up for the first ever Cloatley volunteer task. Within a short time, they had planted 15 young barberry plants to reinforce the 15 shrubs which went in in 2018. The

little plants, which looked like short dead twigs on that March morning, are now growing well, with 11 of them already sending up bright green leaves.

If you've visited Hankerton Copse recently, you may have spotted some coppiced hazels surrounded by little brash fences to protect the stools (stumps) from deer browsing. This work was done by our Milestones project, which works to connect marginalised young people with the local, natural environment. Coppicing prolongs the life of the tree whilst creating sunny open spaces for bluebells, primroses, butterflies and bumblebees to thrive. We hope to reinstate a traditional coppice rotation within the copse.

I'm sure that Steve Davies will report his 'star find' of the flowering season, but I was also delighted to see delicate wood anemones springing up in the meadows. These plants, typically associated with coppiced woodlands as the name suggests, are also an indicator of old hay meadows. Last summer we encouraged our hay contractor to mow the swale within Leigh Mead, and we've been rewarded with a fantastic showing of marsh marigold, also known as king cup.

The cattle recently moved back to the pasture fields after a successful bTB test. They will extensively graze these fields before moving to the hay meadows in the autumn. There are 12 Aberdeen Angus steers, i.e. young castrated males. They are friendly and inquisitive and might follow you in the hope of a tasty snack, but generally they don't like to come too close and can be shooed away with a wave of your arms. In the interests of public safety and to protect wildlife, please keep your dog on a short lead at all times when visiting the reserve.



Ellie Jones

Reserves Manager, North Wiltshire



Thank you to everyone who participated in the VE Day Marathon plus around Follyfield on May 8<sup>th</sup>. All laps were completed with good humour and without mis-hap, despite one person attempting it by riding a bicycle backwards!

With thanks to everyone who sponsored them or made donations to the Malmesbury Area Covid -19 Emergency Hardship Fund. Over £300 has been raised – well done everyone!

Susan Mockler

*Reuben Landon  
attempts to do his laps on stilts!*



### **An appeal from HEALS of Malmesbury**

As schools are not open at the moment and lessons are on-line, there are some families who do not own computers or are not on-line. Schools have provided some computer support but not enough and some children are struggling to maintain their education. Along with the Malmesbury Area Covid-19 Hardship Fund, second-hand computers are being re-configured for use by these pupils. An appeal is now being made for any unwanted laptops, desktop or ipads. Any that can be switched on and have a power lead are of use. The machines are sanitised, all memory etc. wiped, reconfigured and then sent out.

Computers etc. can be taken in a bag to the Co-op on Gloucester Road.

Thank you.



## **Footpath Report**

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that a new Kissing Gate has been installed at the entrance to Cloatley Meadows. The gate is the result of joint planning and financing by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council and is particularly welcome

making access to the meadows easier by avoiding a muddy gateway in the winter.

Other improvements to the Hankerton Footpaths include renovation work to the Permissive Path which leads alongside The Gallops, past the copse and on to Bullocks' Horn. The owner of the wood has taken delivery of a large load of woodchips which have been used to cover the soggy, marshy footpath making walking easier during winter months.

In Hankerton Copse in the Cloatley Meadows and in the Bluebell Wood by The Gallops, ground has been cleared during the winter months encouraging beautiful carpets of Spring flowers. Spring flowers are also flourishing now round the newly upgraded dew pond on land cleared by Thomas Law adjacent to Eastcourt Junction.

In this time of Lockdown, Hankerton is beautifully situated allowing many villagers to explore the footpaths in quiet, safe isolation. Footpath Walk Maps are published on the village website and are also available from the Hankerton Walk Box in the church porch.

Enjoy rambling.

Parish Council Footpath Warden.





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