

# The Grapevine



Thank you for all the responses we had regarding the future of The Grapevine. We have come to the decision, with the support of the Parish Council, to publish it on the village website from now on ([hankertonvillage.com](http://hankertonvillage.com)). We will print off a few black and white copies with reduced content and they will be delivered as usual to the people who have requested them. There will also be a few spare copies in the Church porch and one on the Village Noticeboard by the bus shelter. By virtually eliminating the printed version, costs have been vastly reduced and the freedom to include more content in glorious colour vastly increased. Those of you who regularly contribute will be pleased to know that your articles will no longer have to be truncated due to lack of room so let's see plenty of interesting submissions to our Inbox ([grapevinesn16@aol.com](mailto:grapevinesn16@aol.com) or through the door of 21 Follyfield) and make the most of our almost limitless space!

Before we go we would like to say a huge thank you to Simon Kearsley who has been fetching bread for the village, twice a week for the first few months, in order to keep us all safe and fed. As the country (at time of writing anyway!) starts to return to 'normal' and orders had greatly reduced, Simon has decided to stop the service for now (checking with Hobbs first that if needed it could be re-instated at a later date). For many of our elderly and vulnerable residents it was a 'lifeline' (to quote one happy customer) so on behalf of the village, THANK YOU SIMON!



Thanks also to everyone else who continues to go above and beyond to keep the village safe, informed and fed. You are all STARS!

Two final thank yous - firstly to Mike Goodwin who has been Treasurer of The Grapevine since 2016 and managed to remain calm in the face of bank demands when changing signatories, and Susan's requests for cheques. He has been a valuable member of the team but is now retiring as the finances for producing the paper version pass to the Parish Council. Thank you for all your work, support and financial expertise Mike!

We'd also like to thank Sue Doncaster who has been delivering The Grapevine for many years, trudging through all kinds of weather to the further flung farms and dwellings of the village. You can put your feet up now Sue and enjoy a well-deserved cuppa!

Stay safe everyone.

Mary, Susan, Paul and Mike (The Grapevine Team)

Deadline for news for the **December** Grapevine: **November 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!

All articles, adverts to be sent to: [grapevinesn16@aol.com](mailto: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.

Thank you to the Parish Council for continuing to support the Grapevine.



## HANKERTON CHURCH

We at last had a service in Church on 6th September, a Harvest Festival, attended by 27 people, which was excellent in these trying times. The collection of £119 was donated to the Malmesbury Foodbank. Shortly before this first service since March, we had the church professionally cleaned and it is now looking terrific.

As the future arrangements change, it is best to look at the church noticeboard or the porch from time to time.

The current dates for services in our church or churchyard are:-

18th October:- Communion at 10am.

8th November:- Remembrance Day at 10.50 outside by the war grave.

15th November:- Morning Prayer at 10am.

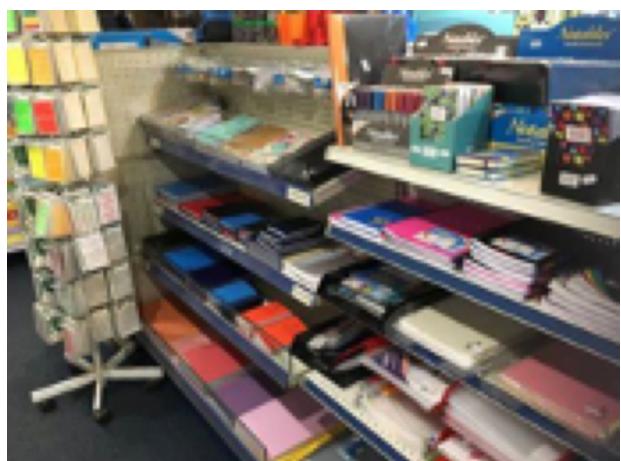
There will continue to be Zoom church services and details can be obtained from either of the churchwardens below. For more information, see also the website [www.braydonbrook.co.uk](http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk)

These arrangements are frequently reviewed and we look forward to a further easing of the current restrictions, including the resumption of Saturday morning coffee in the North Aisle, 10.30 till 12.00, when all are welcome for refreshments and chat.

Philip Carter, 01666 575465 and Valerie Durnford, 01666 577723

### THANKS!

Many thanks to Jane at A4 Stationers who have printed the Grapevine for several years now. Her patience and efficiency have been appreciated by the editors! We may not be using A4 to print the bulk of the Grapevine but will certainly be using the shop for art materials, paper, pens, labels and office supplies. This is an important time to support our local shops.





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### Wheatsheaf Inn - Crudwell

We are pleased to announce the reopening of the Wheatsheaf for food, drinks and takeaway service on Thursday 24th September 2020

We are confident that we can now operate with the safety and enjoyment of our customers in mind complying with the Covid guidelines.

Initially our menu will be smaller than usual and we will be operating table service only. **See our advert in The Grapevine for further details.**

Our opening hours have changed as well:

From 10.00am Wednesday to Sunday for morning coffees and lunches  
From 5.30pm Wednesday to Saturday for evening meals and pre ordered takeaways (takeaways: 5.30 - 7pm)  
Closed Sunday evenings, all day Mondays and Tuesdays at present.

Website: [wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk](http://wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk)  
Tel: 01666 577739

## HANKERTON HISTORY – DID YOU KNOW?

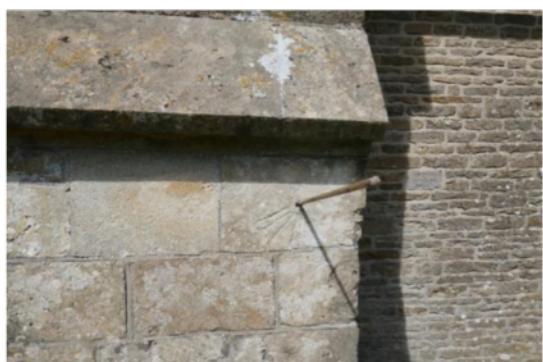
Hankerton History Group can't meet at present so we thought we should revisit some of our findings and share them via The Grapevine. Hopefully you will be able to spot these points of interest when walking round the village. First stop our wonderful village church.

I think we all know from the finger post that it dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century but did you know that that the one of the few visible remains from this date are the two Norman beasts that carry the hood-mould of the south doorway inside the porch. According to Historic England they are in the Scandinavian "Ringerike" style. No-one is really sure why such fantastic beast were carved, one theory is to fend off evil spirits.



Walk round to the west wall of the church and you can still make out some medieval graffiti. This was very common and is found on most churches from this period and even in Malmesbury Abbey. In the right light you can make out lots of different initials and the initial "B" under the window is particularly clear. Some churches have "witches marks" graffiti again to ward against evil spirits but we just have villager's initials.

Just south of the porch is the socket of 15<sup>th</sup> century mediaeval Cross set on a late 17<sup>th</sup> century tomb slab, both are made of limestone and the cross socket is Grade II listed. Crosses like this were used for preaching, for tax collection and were generally a focal point for the village. Life in medieval Hankerton would have centred around the church with children playing in the churchyard and most likely there would have been a maypole for celebrations.



If they weren't sure what the time was they could use the sun dial in the south east corner of the church. You can try it out yourself with a small stick as we did. It was around 3 pm when we took the picture so I am not sure how accurate it is, may be it works better in the morning.

## RAY OF HOPE

Father, You increase the fire of Faith and offer us a ray of hope – By Your Love, we know that we will be able to cope With the hard things that encroach upon our days



But Lord, we have to learn to do all things Your way  
We have to remember first to praise Your Holy Name.

To seek out Your rainbows, we must recognise the wonder of You again

We are here, Lord, tongue-tied and awe-struck  
Without You as our Guide; we'd soon be stuck  
And our ears won't hear You however hard we try  
Then we become lost, begin to stumble and cry:  
*“Lord, where have You gone? Why have You left us alone? – We can't do this, Lord, not without You, standing here on our own”*

We have to learn to go back to Your Word, read Your Book. – Just a little each day is a start and soon we'll know where to look

For we'll find within the pages, Your Spirit, Your Son and You. – And know that the Trinity is not just for us, it's for others too

The answers lie in Your Word, You have always told us so – It must grieve You that our sin makes us so slow

To recognise that You hold us in Your Love and by our hand – Gently waiting on us till light dawns and we finally understand

That nothing in our lives will ever run true – Unless we first seek forgiveness from You.

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## Nature Diary – October 2020.



Scarlet Tiger

We all like a butterfly, don't we, but what about a moth? Perhaps your first thought may be that they are a little bit boring to look at, but you would be mistaken. Moths are divided into two groups – Macro (or large) moths and Micro (or small) moths – and there are about 900 species of the former and 1550 of the latter. In the UK there are about 59 species of breeding butterfly, so the sheer number of moth species means that they can come in all

shapes, sizes and colours and patterns. Most moth species fly at night but there are still many day fliers that you are likely to come across.

What is the difference between a butterfly and a moth? Butterflies have clubbed antennae whereas moths do not (except for the Burnet moths), but thereafter, the antennae of moths take many forms, some being very extravagantly feathered in appearance. They are particularly important in the function of identifying pheromones (scents) released by others of their species, thereby helping them to find each other, especially at night. Our largest moth is the Emperor, and in one text it claims that a male can detect the scent of a female from 7 miles – not even Chanel No. 5 is that good!



Clouded Border

Both butterflies and moths go through the same stages in their life cycles – that is, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis/pupa and adult. These first three stages of their life cycles also show a huge variation in size, shape and colour, so you will need a good book or reference to get to identify all that you may see, but they can still be enjoyed without knowing their name.

OK, so they are nice to look at, but what else do they do? Well, the caterpillars of moths provide food for many insectivorous species higher up the food chain. We are all familiar with Blue Tits feeding their young on caterpillars, and most of these will be of moth species, and a single brood of Blue Tits can consume up to 10,000 caterpillars during their rearing. The adults in flight are eaten by birds during the day and by bats at night, and the pupae (those found low in the grass or in the earth) provide a food source for mice and shrews. Hence, moths are an important part of intricate food chains.



Lime Hawkmoth

We are aware of honey bees and bumble bees being pollinators of flowers, and much of that pollination being related to the production of our food, but moths are also very significant pollinators. Perhaps the most interesting moth to watch feeding on flowers, and hence pollinating them, is the Hummingbird Hawkmoth, which is only 1-2 inches long but hovers in front of the flower opening and sucks up the nectar using a long proboscis – it looks just as its name suggests. They can be seen feeding on tubular flowers, such as Honeysuckle or Nicotiana, into the early part of autumn.

I have included some photographs to show the beauty that can be seen in their form, some of which were taken by members of the Ravensroost Wood Volunteer Group. I have included the Mother Shipton which is said to show the cartoon outline of an old hag on the outer edge of each forewing. I hope that you are inspired to explore the world of moths a little bit more.

Steve Davies



Mother Shipton



Due to COVID restrictions this year and in order to keep everyone safe, the enterprising Chris Betts and Claudine Pynn baked and put together 70 Boxed Cream Teas to raise money for Macmillan. These were handed out from outside the Betts home on a glorious sunny, slightly blustery afternoon at the end of September. Thanks so much to Chris and Claudine for all their hard work and to everyone who came along and supported them – at time of writing it looks like they are going to raise even more than the £300 they raised last year! Well done ladies (and hubbies!)



**Lifestyle Health and Beauty** would like to remind you about our newest additions to the team.

**Naomi** is a hairdresser and has been hairdressing in the local area for over 10 years. Her services include cutting, styling, colouring, hair extensions and men's styling.

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As we slowly creak back into life to what seems to be called “the new normal” I just wanted to say hello again and that I hope you are all fit and well. We have been through such difficult times and my thoughts have been with you.

Moving forward, I have some news to share with you. To avoid incurring the wrath of the editors (marvellous people one and all) by making this too long, I will keep it short and in bullet points. Of course, just give me a call if you would like more information on this or anything else I may be able to help with.

- Beware the **scams**...again. With new legislation and furlough payments, there comes a host of new scams. This week alone I have been told that I have a tax rebate and a tax fraud case against me, also that a friend has lost his phone and a lady in Nigeria who would like to give me a share of \$50,000,000. My suggestion is always to be very cautious and any genuine callers will agree to put their message etc in writing – nothing is ever that desperately urgent. Don’t give away your address, genuine callers will already know that.
- Do you have **memory problems** or know someone who does? **Music** is a great stimulus for memories of times past and Playlist for Life has produced a great little booklet to have some fun with thinking of the old tunes and why we loved them.
- I have some leaflets which have been produced by Wiltshire Council on **staying safe** during these strange times. Its well worth a read.
- To **get this information** I plan to pop a supply to each village and leave them, wherever possible, in your churches or church porches. I will also leave some in the library in Malmesbury.
- As the **groups and clubs** start to re-open please let me know, I would love to pop along to say hello to you all again and catch up with the news.
- Lastly, the impact of the virus continues in less obvious ways. Many of us have **poor hearing** and we often combine other senses to communicate. We often use these strategies without even realising what we are doing! Sadly, face masks reduce our ability to “read” peoples faces and so Salisbury Hospital have offered some ideas on things we can do to help overcome barriers to communication through face coverings.

➤ **Speak slowly and clearly** – *Our brains need time to put all the clues together, especially in difficult environments*

➤ **Reduce noise and obtain the person’s attention** – *do what you can to remove noise sources or move the person into a quieter space if possible.*

➤ **Re-phrase sentences if not heard** – *Use different words, avoid repeating a phrase which has already proved difficult to hear*

➤ **Give time for the person to respond** – *they may still be working out what you’ve said*

➤ **Avoid shouting, over-emphasising, or exaggerating your words** – *this can be more harmful than helpful and can be misunderstood as aggressiveness.*

➤ **Face the person** – *don’t turn or walk away while finishing a sentence, this only adds to the attenuation offered by face coverings.*

As always, if you have a problem which I may be able to help with, give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. Alternatively email me [ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk). Be aware that I work part time and so will get back to you as soon as I can, but it may be a day or so.

Stay safe everyone..... Ellen



## Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds – Presidential Handover 2020

The end of June marks the end of the year for Rotary Clubs – and the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is no different. Hence, during July Peter Wyman from Hankerton completed his period as President of the Club and passed the chain of office on to Chris Tuite from Great Somerford. The picture shows Peter on the left and Chris on the right wearing the presidential chain.



Although he was born and grew up in the UK, Chris spent much of his working life in the United States. Chris joined Rotary soon after he returned to the UK and moved to Great Somerford. In addition to being the Rotary Club President Chris is still very active as a key person in some major carbon-offsetting projects in Kenya.

Clearly, as for all organisations, this year has been a strange one. For the final three months of Peter's time as President the country was in lockdown and the club meetings were suspended – and this is still the case as Chris starts his time as President. Hopefully though, more normal times will return and we will be able to resume our club activities.

In addition to our weekly Monday evening meetings being suspended the lockdown has resulted in many other of our activities being suspended. Our open Boules tournament planned for April this year had to be cancelled – perhaps next year? The Rotary inter-club skittles, boules and quiz competitions for this year were all similarly cancelled (some of them part-way through) – a real shame for us, as prior to everything coming to a halt in March, our club had won its way through to the regional final of the quiz competition. Our flagship annual fundraising event, the Horseless Trials Event (or HTE), planned for September this year is another casualty – this year's event has had to be cancelled, but we are already planning next year's event on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

We do hope to be able to run our annual Tetbury Fireworks event on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November and our, always very popular, Santa Sleigh around Lea, Minety and Malmesbury in December.

As always up to date information about the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds and its activities and events can be found on our web page (<https://www.rcsc.co.uk/>), on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RCSC1967/>) or by Emailing [info@rcsc.co.uk](mailto:info@rcsc.co.uk).



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**Sample Menu:**

Traditional favourites:	Pre order	Takeaway	Eat in
Pepperoni or Margherita approx. 12" Pizza*	£9.00		n/a
6oz Cheese burger with chips	£9.00		£12.00
Breaded Scampi and chips	£9.00		£13.50
Chicken and bacon Caesar salad gfo	£9.00		£14.00
Beer battered cod and chips gfo	£9.00		£13.00
Chicken Curry with rice gf	£9.00		£13.50
Beef lasagne with chips (vegetarian available v )	£9.00		£12.95
Grilled rump steak plain or Cajun spiced	n/a		£14.95

\*order before 3pm



**Light meals and main courses:**

Duck spring rolls	£6.50
Prawn cocktail	£7.50
Pan fried fishcake with salad	£6.50
Grilled salmon with pesto gf	£15.00
Pie of the day with chips or new potatoes	£15.00
Grilled Gammon steak with fried egg and pineapple gf	£15.00
Three bean spicy chilli on rice v gf	£12.50
Extras: Peppercorn sauce, chunky chips, poppadums	
Brown seeded baguettes (served with chips) Lunchtimes only	
-Cajun chicken	£7.50
-Brie, cranberry and walnut v	£7.50

**Desserts:**

Ginger sponge pudding	£5.75
Apple crumble	
Chocolate profiteroles	
Butterscotch icecream sundae	

**Kids Menu:**

Golden chicken nuggets	£7.00
Cheese burger	£9.00
Pie of the day	£7.95
Pasta with rustic tomato sauce	£5.95

**Kids Desserts:**

Chocolate and vanilla ice cream sundae	£3.00
Apple crumble	£4.50

**Sunday Lunch menu:**

All roasts are £15 and include desert

Roast topside of beef with Yorkshire pudding

Roast chicken with stuffing chipolata sausage

Vegetarian option available **v**

Served with roast potatoes and selection of fresh vegetables and gravy

**Brown seeded baguettes ( served with chips )**

-Cajun chicken	£7.50
-Brie, cranberry and walnut <b>v</b>	£7.50
-Roast beef with horseradish sauce	£7.50

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**Gfo**

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