

The Grapevine



A Hankerton Host of golden daffodils,
thanks to the green fingers of Peter Wyman

Spring always brings a sense of hope and renewal as the bulbs flower and buds burst into the fresh green of spring. This year we have even more reason to look on this time with hope - that the vaccinations continue, Covid 19 cases are reduced and that we can get together with our families and friends in a relaxed way.

It has been good to be able to greet people as they walk around the village - a necessary piece of personal contact to brighten each day.

We hope that you enjoy the ever-expanding Grapevine; so a big thank you to all who have contributed providing interesting and informative articles.

An Easter tradition from the north of England...or is it? A family tradition for the Mocklers on Easter morning is jarping - decorated, hard-boiled eggs are held with either the big end or little end at the top. Someone else takes their egg and smashes it onto the one held. This continues around the table until one person is left with an uncracked egg - or at least one end uncracked! We always assumed this originated in the north until we met someone from Armenia who told us of a strange tradition.....

Wishing everyone a sunny, people filled, happy Easter - if you can do nothing else - eat chocolate!
Eds.



Good News! Good News! Good News! Good News!

Charles Thomas Durnford

We'd like to congratulate Nick and Zenetta on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Charles Thomas Durnford who was born on 21st January weighing 7lbs 8oz. One of your Eds has had a socially distanced peek and he is ABSOLUTELY gorgeous! Many congratulations to all the Durnford family and we welcome baby Charles to Hankerton!

Deadline for news for the June Grapevine: **May 10th 2021**

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

Nature Diary – April 2021.



Probably before the hedges green up fully after winter, they become festooned with white as the Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) flowers (somewhere from March to May), usually before its own leaves unfurl. Later on, the whitening of the hedgerows is repeated when the flowers of

the Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) open in the month of May. For this reason, the hawthorn is also known as the May-tree, and it is the only British plant to be named after the month in which it blooms. In contrast to the Blackthorn, the leaves of the Hawthorn have also emerged at flowering.

It is commonly found as a major constituent of our hedgerows, but this has not always been so. It was included in the hedges that were planted after the parliamentary enclosures of the 18th and 19th centuries, when one reference suggests that 200,000 miles of thorn hedge were planted. Prior to this it was part of mixed species hedges, and as individual trees and clumps in the wider landscape. The thorny nature of both species makes them ideal for retaining livestock in their fields.



The flowers of the Hawthorn form in broad, dense, flattened clusters, and is described as having a “bitter-sweet” scent. It has been a long-held superstition that it is unlucky to bring the flowers indoors, as it may bring about a death. One constituent of the scent is a chemical called triethylamine, and this same chemical is one that is first released from living tissue when it starts to decay. Perhaps not the

sort of scented flowers you want in the house after all. But there may be another basis for the reluctance to bring it indoors. It was a plant that was brought indoors when flowering, by Catholics because of an association with the Virgin Mary, but during the Reformation and suppression of Catholicism, it was a tradition that brought great danger if observed – and even death.

The smallish leaves are deeply indented into 3 or 5 lobes. Apparently they were once eaten by children, supposedly as the first wild green stuff they were fed and have a country name of “Bread and Cheese”. Perhaps they taste better than sprouts! Although it flowers in May, there is a “sport” that also flowers at Christmas. This variety is supposed to have descended from a tree that grew from a staff that Joseph of Arimathea struck into the ground at Glastonbury, and its two flowerings are closely related to the two Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter.

The flowering of the Hawthorn used to have close associations with May Day, and before the switch to the Gregorian calendar in 1752, it would have been flowering then, whereas now it is more towards the middle of the month, (depending on weather conditions). It is also thought that the old adage, “*Cast ne'er a clout ere May is out*”, refers not to the month but to the emergence of the May blossom.



In the autumn the tree produces its fruits, the haws, which are bright red and provide a very important food source for over-wintering birds. Despite the reference above to triethylamine and death, I do find the scent pleasant when inhaled in the fresh air. Hawthorn is also a very attractive sight when in bloom, especially as a single tree, and provides food for birds at the hardest time of the year. Plentiful it may be, but common it is not!

Steve Davies.

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Hello Everyone

A Happy Easter to you all.

I hope by the time you read this, you'll either have Easter Eggs in the house somewhere, waiting to be enjoyed or that you are preparing your garden for the Easter Bunnies arrival!



Easter, it's about new life, it's about spring bursting into full bloom, and for those who believe in God, it's about Christ rising from the dead and offering us new life in him.

But why the Eggs and the Bunny?

Eggs, well that's easy, new life, Christ bursting from the tomb and entering into our lives. The Bunny, well, slightly harder to answer perhaps, but rabbits in many cultures are known as enthusiastic procreators, so the arrival of baby bunnies in the springtime became associated with birth and renewal.

It is all good news and at this moment, isn't that what we need? Good news, new life and being able to live life fully once again.

It is great that the children are back at school, it is great that the government have given us a roadmap out of this and it is great that the days are lengthening and beginning to get warmer.

I wonder, if you could have 'new life', what would that look like? Maybe this Easter we could all take a moment, look at our lives, see what they are full of and what is missing and perhaps give thanks for what we have and address those things which aren't giving us new life.

However you spend your Easter, may you be blessed by the God of love who is with us at all times.

Our churches will be open for worship on Easter Day. Why not come along? Find rest in these beautiful buildings which have been closed for too long and who knows what you might discover.

(I am hoping that the Easter Bunny will have visited a few of our graveyards, come & hunt for eggs, all ages welcomed! Check the website to find out where.)

Easter Blessings

Tonya

<http://www.braydonbrook.co.uk/>



FIRST LOVE

"We only have this life to love Him of our own free will" – So we should love Him totally and thus we'll be fulfilled
For God loves us, this we know is true and because of this He cares – He wants us to feel His Love and consequently be aware That God loves even those who hate Him and asks us to do the same – He seeks out those who have lost Him through uncertainty or pain

God must be our First Love; He must be our Number One.
Even when life is proving tough to learn His Will, it should be done
"If you love Me, you will follow Me through thick times and through thin – Care for others as you care for yourselves, teach them to try to be free from sin
For I love My Son, and My Son, He loves Me. - Those who do not believe in Him will struggle with adversity
My Son, He loves you just as I love Him. – He proved His Love for you by doing the hardest thing
He died on the cross of Calvary, His arms painfully spread wide

Offering you Life Eternal, forever with Me to abide
The love we share between us, is the perfect way, the best
His example you should follow, help others to dispel their bitterness

Love one another; demonstrate that love and show - That by doing this to folk in need, you'll set their hearts aglow
Tell them not to love worldly things more than they love Me.
The praise of men, the love of money, hold no divinity
Jesus loves you individually – Throughout your lives, unconditionally

All He asks in return – Is for your love, to lean on Him and learn".

Why is love so important? Because it's Heaven sent from our Lord.
- We thank You for Your Blessings, for through Your Love, we are restored

How slow we are to understand – That our lives are just as You planned

We need to praise You, Lord, with all our might - Help us move from our darkness into Your Light.

(St. Therese of Lisieux)
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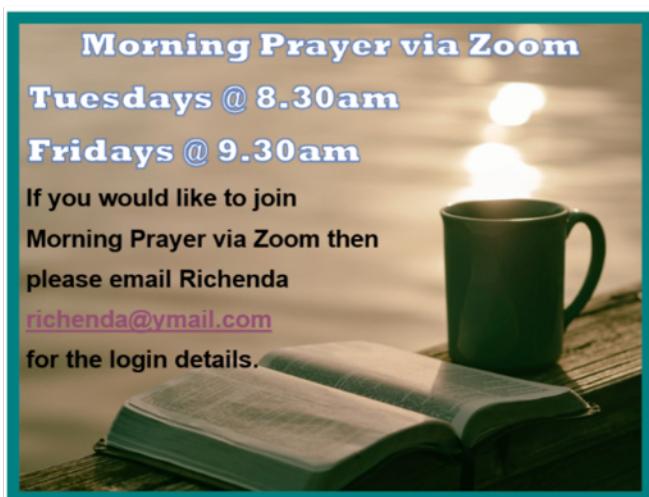
April Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

Date	Braydon Brook Benefice Service	Services on Zoom
Sunday 4th April Easter Day	Holy Communion 9.30am Ashley 9.30am Hankerton 9.30am Minety 11am Charlton 11am Crudwell 11am Oaksey	No Zoom service
11th April	Holy Communion 10am Charlton	Evening Prayer 6pm
18th April	Holy Communion 10am Crudwell	Friends and Family 10am
25th April	Holy Communion 10am Oaksey	Tea Time Service 4.30pm

Our churches are open for private prayer, please contact the Churchwardens for details.

We have Morning Prayer via Zoom at 8.30am on a Tuesday and 9.30am on a Friday. All are welcome.

Please visit our website www.braydonbrook.co.uk or email bbbardgb@gmail.com for updates and more details



Come and be a part of the Braydon Brook Benefice
Worship for Maundy Thursday



| 1st April, 6pm
Via Zoom

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Service for Good Friday



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Pamela Ofield

In the last edition of the Grapevine we featured a loving tribute to Pam from her family. Unfortunately, we omitted to include the website for the Stroke Association for anyone who wanted to make a donation in her memory. In case you still want to make a donation then here is the website: -

www.stroke.org.uk

The Stroke Association not only provide support to individuals and families, but also, on a broader basis, to professionals, including NHS staff.

Many thanks.

Coronavirus: a year on

Lockdown 3 has probably been the most difficult lockdown to cope with. The weather creates its own difficulties at this time of year without the added stress of enforced isolation whilst we wait for this crisis to pass or to be controlled. I hope that by the time you are reading this, we shall be well on the way to getting our more vulnerable friends and family vaccinated and we look forward to getting back to some sort of normality with the brighter and warmer days.

Everyone accepts that this last year has had a massive effect on all of us whether or not we contracted the virus. With gyms closed, some are appreciating the local walks and the landscape around us much more. On the other hand, not everyone is able to get out and may have lost some mobility as a result of this. Technology has been wonderful with so many more of us using Zoom, Teams, Skype and a load of other methods of keeping in touch with friends and family. Some phone companies capped call charges so that the cost of keeping in touch by phone didn't limit contact. But despite these positive things, I think we have all experienced anxiety for the future, loneliness and sense of being isolated. I took the following from the NHS website. It was written before these strange times and the advice needs to be used in line with current restrictions, but it may offer some ideas and help, particularly as we look forward to a reduction in the lockdown restrictions.

Things to try:

- try talking about your feelings to a friend, family member, health professional or counsellor. You could also contact Samaritans, call: 116 123 or email: jo@samaritans.org if you need someone to talk to
- consider joining a group or class that focuses on something you enjoy; you could ask to go along and just watch first if you're feeling nervous
- consider visiting places where you can just be around other people – for example, a park, the cinema or a cafe
- consider peer support, where people use their experiences to help each other.

If you have access to the internet:

- Find out more about peer support on the Mind website
- try the 6 ways to feel happier, which are simple lifestyle changes to help you feel more in control and able to cope
- find out how to raise your self-esteem
- listen to free mental wellbeing audio guides
- search and download relaxation and mindfulness apps or online community apps from the NHS apps library

But:

- do not try to do everything at once; set small targets that you can easily achieve
- do not focus on the things you cannot change – focus your time and energy into helping yourself feel better
- do not try to compare yourself to others. On social media you usually only see things people want to share
- do not try to tell yourself that you're alone – many people feel lonely at some point in their life and support is available
- do not try to use alcohol, cigarettes, gambling or drugs to relieve loneliness; these can all contribute to poor mental health

I hope this may offer some help and 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.

Remember, you are not alone, help is around, simply ask!

Ellen Blacker: 07557 922020

Health and Wellbeing Champion, Malmesbury Community Area

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Hello, my name is Avie David, I'm 14 years old and I live in Crudwell (my Auntie Ellen and her family live at 31 Follyfield in Hankerton). I was recently diagnosed with Scoliosis which is a curvature of the spine and I'm in a race against time to get life changing surgery in America.

My curve is already classed as severe and is increasing and rotating. If left, my rib cage will start to push against my heart and lungs and could cause me a lot of pain. My only option in the UK is to have my spine fused with screws and a metal rod, which would

severely affect my day-to-day movement and I would lose all flexibility in the lumbar (lower) spine. I will also likely need further fusions in the future due to the high likelihood that I will experience disc degenerative disease or arthritis in the areas above and below the fused area, which could end with me needing to be fused to my pelvis.

I don't want this to be my future. Luckily, I have been accepted by a Children's Hospital in America who offer a different surgery called Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT) which uses a tether instead of a metal rod. It is a far less invasive surgery and will allow me to have full flexibility in my spine. The NHS are currently doing a clinical trial on this surgery but by the time it might be available on the NHS it will be too late for me. We are now in a race to get this surgery in America to give me the brightest future possible. But we need your help!

My parents are starting to fundraise like mad and have a few local events happening that I hope you will consider supporting...

- **CRUDWELL EASTER TRAIL** – A lovely opportunity over the Easter weekend to have a wander around Crudwell village spotting eggs and gathering letters that make up an easter themed word. Trail maps will be on sale and include an Easter treat for each child and a chance to win a large Easter egg.
- **PRIORY PIZZA ON THE ROAD** – We have arranged for the Priory inn, Tetbury, to come and serve takeaway pizzas and Krispy Kreme donuts at Crudwell Village Hall car park on Good Friday, 2nd April. They will very kindly give us 10% of the profit they make on the night.
- **RAFFLE/ONLINE AUCTION** - We are arranging a raffle or online auction, so if anyone is able to donate anything, we would be so incredibly grateful. Please contact us at thedadfive@gmail.com
- **SPONSORSHIP** – My Dad is doing a sponsored “I've got your back” 30/30 challenge where for 30 days he will carry 30kg in the form of a weighted backpack. He will be able to put the backpack down at the end of each day and walk away, but Avie cannot walk away from her condition. He will be doing this at work where he is a secondary school teacher but you might also spot him around Crudwell! Then in October, my Uncle Gaz from Follyfield in Hankerton is taking part in the Atlantic Coast Challenge where he is going to run 3 coastal trail marathons in 3 days!! Serious heroes to me!

For my full story and to help me get to America, please visit my page at <https://gofund.me/df9f4477>

I also have a facebook page which will have all of the details of upcoming fundraising events and how you can support me. <https://www.facebook.com/Fixing-Avies-Wonky-Spine-109688177863991>

I hope you will consider me and my wonky back a worthwhile cause! xx

Parish Council Elections

- Local elections are due on Thu 6 May – and these include elections for the Parish Council.
- All current Cllrs stand down and a new 4-year Parish Council will be elected.
- At least three of the current Cllrs are standing down, some of the current Cllrs will stand again but it is also **an opportunity for anyone else to put themselves forward for election.**
- Anyone who is interested can contact the Parish Clerk (see the PC webpage) to find out more about it and **how to nominate themselves.**
- Nominations for the elections close at 4pm on Thu 8 Apr. **So by the time this Grapevine is issued there is still time, though anyone interested will need to move swiftly.**
- The newly-elected PC will take office on Mon 10 May and will hold its first meeting on Mon 17 May (see below).

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU! MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR.

Next Parish Council meeting.

- The PC will meet on Mon 17 May at 7.30pm again by Zoom.
- This will be the first meeting of the new 4-year PC. The first decision will be to elect a Chairman for the year.
- Hankerton Parish Council has seven places. Three of the current parish councillors have stated that they are not standing again. If you are interested in standing for information about the parish council go to its page on the Hankerton website: <https://hankertonvillage.com/>. This also has the names and contact details of the parish clerk and the current parish councillors if you would like more information.

Annual Village/Parish Meeting (APM)

- We usually have an APM in May.
- That wasn't possible in 2020 due to the covid restrictions.
- The PC has decided **to hold an Annual Village/Parish Meeting in July**, at which residents can hear about what the PC has been doing for the past 2 years, and any other subject that residents want to be discussed can be.
- This is of course dependent on continued progress on the lifting of the covid restrictions.
- More about this in the June/July issue of the Grapevine..



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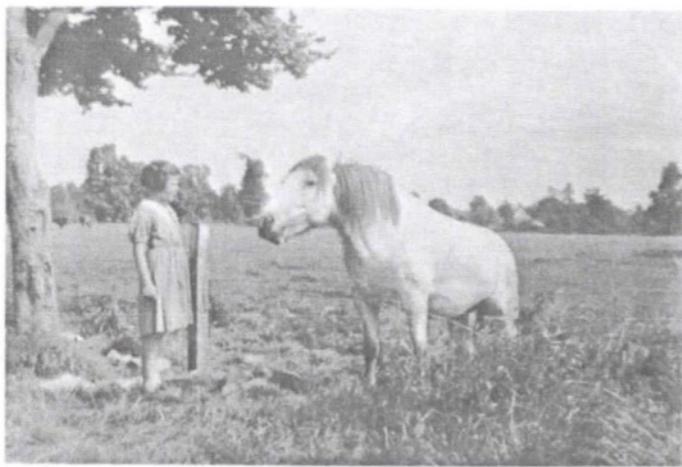
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HANKERTON HISTORY – DID YOU KNOW? #4

Hankerton History Group has also investigated some of the less venerable parts of the village, every area has a story to tell and this is the story of Follyfield.

Here is the field to be known as Follyfield numbered 154 on the 1841 Tythe Map. You can still follow the curve alongside the path to Chapel Farm. The inventory of the map tells us that the field was owned by the Earl of Suffolk as you might imagine. It was farmed by William Scriven who farmed a number of village fields. These were a mixture of arable and pasture, our field was pasture and was known as Curtis's. We don't know who Curtis was.



The field seems to have remained the same through into the 20th century. We are lucky enough to have the picture on the left taken from Hillwell looking into Follyfield. The land is still pasture, judging from the girl's dress this looks like the 1950s.

In September 1959 the Earl of Suffolk sold the land to Frances George Webb and Margaret Ratcliffe Webb, they in turn sold it to Simmons and Son Ltd on 31st January 1966. The construction of Follyfield as we know it then began.

When construction was underway archaeological excavations were carried out by what would become UWE. Medieval building foundations were found in one plot and a Romano British coin with other fragments in another. Both finds are recorded in the Monuments Register. As gardens were dug Medieval pottery known as Minetyware was also found.

The houses in Follyfield were built one at a time and not in numerical order. Luckily all numbers were allocated before building otherwise Amazon delivery drivers would be even more confused than they are now. Even today some numbers are missing as plots were combined. The picture dates from 1975 and it is amazing how bare everything looks compared with today. Back when the first houses were built there were mature elm trees in the hedgerows around Follyfield but these were felled in 1973 due to Dutch Elm Disease. A reminder that issues such as Ash Dieback are not new.



Hopefully an interesting example of how even a small group of 1970s houses can have an interesting story to tell.

With Spring in the air and some optimism about the end of lockdown all of us are longing to see our family and friends again. Malmesbury u3a has given us friendship and support over the past long months with zoom talks and coffee mornings and all of us are looking forward to starting up again. If you are retired or semi retired and enjoy meeting people while learning something new then Malmesbury and District u3a has around 40 different interest groups to tempt you. We continue to have the following talks on line for our 400 members to enjoy. Note the dates in your diary.

If you are not a member you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 01666 823568, become a member and enjoy the general talks. Then explore all the opportunities and get involved as soon as the present covid restrictions allow. In normal times u3a meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10 - 11.45 for tea/coffee a chat and to listen to a monthly speaker. The interest groups are wide ranging such as learning a language, arts and crafts, science, music appreciation, dancing, walking, cycling, theatre visits, book groups, play readings and many more. You can find more information on our website www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

April 8th. Malmesbury in the news from the 1830s by Susan Mockler

April 22nd. The Work of the Marie Curie Charity by Riona Houghton

May 13th A programme of songs and their accompanying stories

Steve and Carol Robson Audience participation (even on zoom) is **almost** mandatory

May 27th From wildlife photography to saving the cheetah! Alison Mees

June 10th Climate Change and Planet Earth - David Head

June 24th Fields of Battle - Lands of Peace - Mike Shiel

Hankerton Art Group (HAG)

Lockdown 3 had given us more time for painting when it hasn't been too dark and gloomy. Our latest work is on the HAG page of the village website.

<https://hankertongroups.wordpress.com/hankerton-art-group/>



Showing respect for wildlife.

A group of international scientists recently compiled a league table of the countries of the world, ranking them by the degree of depletion of the natural history of that country. With the least depleted at number 1, the UK was ranked 185 or thereabouts. This reflects incredibly badly on us, as there are only around 194 countries in the world!

So, what has happened? England is the second most densely populated country in Europe (after the Netherlands), and the depletion of our natural history is due in the largest part to the many negative influences of humankind. Whether this is due to habitat loss or fragmentation, pollution, over-exploitation, hunting or disturbance. There is not much of our country that is not under the influence of people, either having been built on or used for agriculture.

Nature reserves are areas where the beleaguered wildlife can find refuge and solitude – *usually*. However, even on a nature reserve disturbance by humans is too often caused by some of their best friends – dogs. Anyone who has walked a dog will be aware of how much more ground they cover when running around, traversing backwards and forwards following their noses and maybe giving voice as they do it. For ground-nesting birds, hares and deer this sort of behaviour could be very damaging. Birds may be driven off their nest by a dog, possibly for long enough that the eggs chill and don't develop. Leverets (young hares) are left alone in grassland by their mother (litters are produced from as early as February) and so are unprotected, as are young deer, which if not killed or injured by the dog, may suffer starvation because the mother is put off returning to the calf by the presence of the dogs' scent.

A responsible dog owner would keep a dog on a lead in a field with livestock, and hopefully would do the same where there are standing crops. It's just a matter of respect for other peoples' property, in this case the farmer. So why is it that when walking on Cloatley Meadows, so many dog owners ignore the instructions of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and allow their dogs to run off the lead?

Even on a lead, a dog will enjoy a walk across Cloatley Meadows, still being able to sense the sounds, sights and smells all around it. If you feel your dog needs more vigorous exercise, such as chasing after a ball or running with another dog, take it to a public space where such play will not affect livestock, crops or wildlife.

So please continue to walk on Cloatley Meadows with your dog, enjoy the beauty of the reserve, its flora and fauna, but please, please do keep your dog on a lead, and help our greatly depleted wildlife.

Many thanks in anticipation of your cooperation, and consideration towards the wildlife.



Steve Davies.

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Terrible Spring Jokes!

Nothing says 'It's Spring!' like the arrival of the baby lambs at the Durnford's farm – we couldn't resist including this lovely photo of them playing together and it inspired us to include some terrible lamb-related jokes. Sorry everybody!

Q: What do you call a lamb covered in chocolate?

A: A Candy Baaaaa.

Q: How many lambs does it take to knit a sweater?

A: Don't be silly - lambs can't knit!

Q: Where did the lamb get a haircut?

A: The baa-baa shop! (After lock-down of course)

Q: What do you call a lamb that is always quiet?

A: A shhhhheep!



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