

The Grapevine



Thank you to all our contributors for providing such entertaining and informative articles this month. Please keep them coming in, we have received very positive feedback from readers! There are also some events to look out for, thank you to the organisers.

It was so good to see some sunshine...shame it was too hot to spend time outside! Extreme weather this year has been remarkable and people suffering from drought, floods and fires put our few hot days into perspective.

It is always a pleasure to see people out walking (with or without dogs!) and to be able to catch up on news, and who knows, perhaps the Saturday morning coffees can be resumed safely if there are enough volunteers. So much still depends on the spread of Covid but it was a relief shopping locally to find that most people are continuing to wear masks, though sad to see shops in Malmesbury high street closing.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable summer,
Mary and Susan

Saturday 25 September 2021

As we continue with the uncertainty of COVID restrictions the 2021 Macmillan Fund raiser will be a rerun of last year, the Boxed Cream Tea.

Raising money for Macmillan in 2021 will be:

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

An individual boxed Cream Tea consisting of a scone with cream and jam and a portion of cake at the cost of £5.

Teas will need to be booked in advance to help with catering by telephoning Chris on 577123 by **WEDNESDAY 22nd September**. You can collect your boxed teas from the front garden at Chris's home **16 Follyfield on the Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.**

Please bring the correct monies. Again, this year there will be no raffle or bring and buy, extra money donations would be very welcome for this worthwhile charity.

Thank you for your support **Chris Betts 577123**

Deadline for news for the **October Grapevine: September 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

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.

Nature Diary – August 2021.

Is there anyone that did not go Blackberry picking with their parents at a young age? Perhaps it is written somewhere that is an essential part of good parenting? Maybe it was felt that children should understand the risks, (sharp prickles on the bramble itself and the stings of nettles often found growing close to or among the brambles), associated with providing delicious puddings such as blackberry crumble or tart. But probably, no better reason needed than spending a few productive hours as a family in the fresh air and autumn sunshine, with a very tangible and worthwhile outcome.

The plant itself is called a Bramble, and produces its fruit, the Blackberry, in late summer and into autumn, but come October the eating quality of the fruit declines, often associated with the first frosts. The Bramble is a member of the Rose family, and there are many different micro-species (some references state 2000!), each having slightly differing leaf shape, habit, flower and fruit, which partly explains why not all blackberries taste the same. Obviously other factors such as soil type and weather patterns will also have some influence.

The Blackberry fruit is an important food source for many wild animals, from insects to birds to mammals, but before the fruit ripens, (turning from green in colour to red and then the black of fully ripe), the Bramble flowers feed many species of insects. Stand next to a bramble patch in warm sunshine and watch the coming and goings of a variety of bees, butterflies and flies. A bramble patch is a busy place in August.



Brambles can be found in a wide range of habitat, from coastal-dunes, to hedgerows and woodland, to the tops of hills, each adapted to the challenges posed by the local conditions. No doubt most of the gardeners reading this will have encountered brambles growing in their own gardens when they weren't even planted there. Well, the blackberry being a very attractive food for birds means that the seeds are dispersed far and wide in their droppings, having passed through their guts completely undamaged.

A Bramble patch is viewed with often opposing opinion by differing people. Some may see it as a mess and smothering other vegetation, but in the natural regeneration of habitat, it is part of that progression from short vegetation (grasses) through to woodland, and young trees will push through the brambles to reach the light, and at the same time enjoy the protection of the "prickly neighbour" from deer that may graze a young tree or seriously damage it by thrashing it with its antlers.



The scrambling shoots of the Bramble have the same deterrent effect on deer as on Blackberry-pickers. Eventually, in the mature wood, the reduced amount of light falling to the woodland floor will lead to a reduction in the amount of Bramble able to grow.

Apparently, the long arching stems of the Bramble were once known as “lawyers”, because of the

trouble you have escaping if you happen to fall into their clutches! (My apologies to any lawyers reading this article, and the previous sentence doesn’t necessarily represent the views of the author!).

Another benefit of a dense Bramble patch is the shelter that it can provide to small mammals and nesting birds, and no doubt a variety of insect life as well.

So, maybe I will see you out Blackberry picking, but please remember to follow the Country Code when on other people’s land and be respectful to other people’s property. Having written this article, I can’t wait for the first Blackberry Tart and Custard of the season now. (Us too! – Eds 😊)

Steve Davies.

A4 Stationers – Closing Soon – 25% discount while stocks last!

Sadly, Jane, who runs A4 Stationers, has decided to retire and the shop will close on Saturday 25th September. They will be running their stock down so get in quick before it’s all gone!

A4 Stationers are located near the top of the High Street in Malmesbury and stock a comprehensive range of art supplies and stationery. They also provide the following services:

Photocopying

Printing

Laminating

Document Binding

Bespoke rubber stamp ordering

Cine and VHS to DVD transfers.

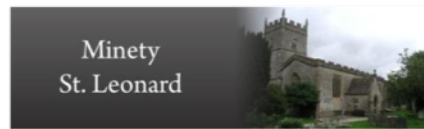
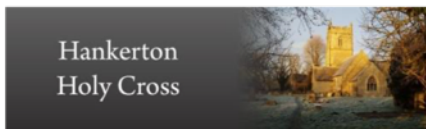
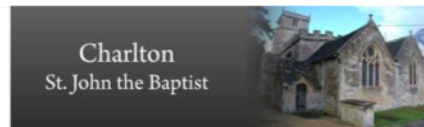
These services will all continue until 25th September.

We at The Grapevine are sad to see Jane go but would like to wish her a long and happy retirement from all her customers in Hankerton.



Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

All are welcome to attend any of the services taking place across the Benefice



Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom 
1st August	10am Holy Communion @ Oaksey	10am Morning Prayer
8th August	10am Holy Communion @ Ashley	
15th August	10am Holy Communion @ Hankerton 10am Friends & Family Pet Service @ Crudwell	6pm Evening Prayer
22nd August	10am Holy Communion @ Charlton	
29th August	10am Holy Communion @ Minety	

Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

Please visit our website www.braydonbrook.co.uk and **Braydon Brook Churches Facebook Page** to find out more.

September 2021

	Ashley	Charlton	Crudwell	Hankerton	Minety	Oaksey	Zoom
5 th	Evening Prayer 6pm		9.30am Friends & Family Service	Holy Communion 9.30am		11am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
12 th	Benefice Communion 10am at Ashley						X
19 th		9.30am Harvest Festival		3pm Harvest Festival Songs of Praise	11am Holy Communion		6pm Evening Prayer
26 th	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Morning Praise	11am Matins	X

Come & be a part of the Friends & Family Pet Service

When? Sunday 15th August

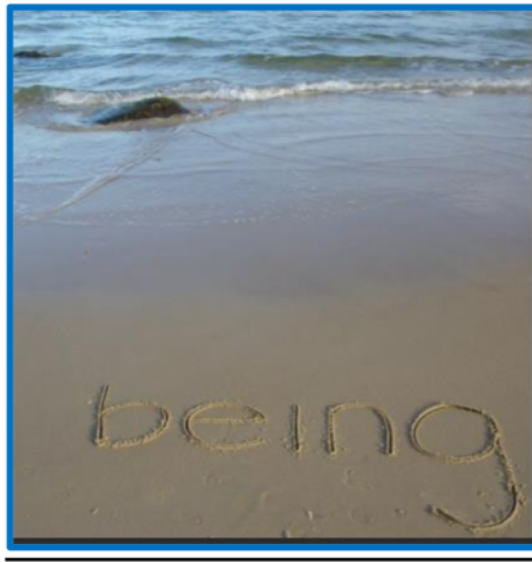
Time? 10am

Venue? Crudwell Church



Come & be a part of this short, light hearted service, where we'll be giving thanks to God for the animals who share our lives.

No pet? No problem, bring along your favourite cuddly toy. Dog biscuits, cat biscuits and any sort of treat that your pet might enjoy is a must for this service!



JUST BEING

We are sitting quietly, Lord, and learning to be still

Here as we pray, waiting to know Your Will.

We love You, Lord; our joy in You does overflow

As we wait on You, please guide us how to grow

We know You are behind, before and always all around

Forever guiding, You keep our feet firmly on the ground

You have given us a purpose, Lord; so we no longer need to hide

Behind blowing our own trumpets, over-confidence or pride

Sometimes when in deep trouble, we feel we have faded from Your sight

But You are near at hand, to turn us from our darkness to Your Light.

We may seem to forget You when times are difficult and fraught

But You always remind us, Lord, to remember what You taught

It's all there in black and white if we would only read Your Word.

As we pray to realise that You are just waiting to be heard

We thank You, Lord, for our creation, we treasure this when feeling blue

For as You breathed life into us, You gave us worth and value

But we must stop thinking just of ourselves and look toward Your Face

For You are our new beginning, the centre of all Grace.

We ask You, Lord, to help and heal us from the outcome of our sins

And we bless You, Lord, for the Gift of Life and the Wonder of Just Being.



Treat yourself to pretty nails for the Summer!

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Gel polish – Hands – Feet – Manicure – Pedicure – Nail Art



To book an appointment, please call or text Emma
Watts on 07595 618662 or 01666 577905.
12 Follyfield, Hankerton

(Due to current restrictions, payment by card or bank
transfer is preferred)



@the_nailcabin



@thenailcabincotswolds

Blackberry and Lemon Fool – Serves 2

If Steve's Nature Diary has prompted you to go blackberry picking this summer then here's one super simple way to use up those delicious berries!

Ingredients

200gms Blackberries (plus extra for decoration)

3 tablespoons of Icing Sugar

Zest and juice of half a lemon

250ml Double Cream

Method

Tip the blackberries into a pan with 2 tbsp of the icing sugar plus the lemon zest and juice. Simmer until syrupy, then leave to cool. Chill in fridge for 3 hours.

Whip the double cream with 1 tbsp of icing sugar, then swirl through most of the blackberry sauce.

Serve in glasses with extra sauce and fresh blackberries on top. Enjoy!



It's A Dog's Life...

I had a bad week a few weeks ago.

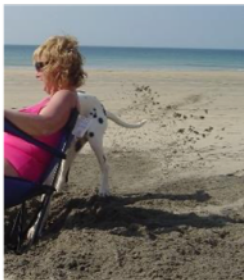
As a dog owner you get used to dogs being depicted in a negative way by the media and people who don't own dogs and you sigh inwardly as you realise that some people still believe that the media is actually telling you "facts" rather than searching for "hits" and "likes" (*"Never let the truth get in the way of a good story – Mark Twain"*) but in a week where I'd heard that as well as the usual stories, dogs were now being accused of causing global warming (obviously nothing to do with their human owners !) I thought that perhaps the time had come for an alternate view. I have two Dalmatians so all the images will be Dalmatians I'm afraid, but the points apply to all our canine friends.



So what are the **positive** aspects of dog ownership?

First up – **Laughter**. Lowers blood pressure, boosts T-Cells (which fight infection), triggers endorphin release (natural painkiller) and lowers levels of stress hormones. I once calculated (it wasn't a busy day!) that a day with the dogs gave me at least 50 extra laughs. I've given some examples of these things in the story boxes but it can be something as simple as one raised eyebrow as you reach for that extra biscuit....

Can you Dig It ?



A lovely afternoon on the beach. Jill sat chatting to the rest of the family, meanwhile Max has wandered up behind her in sight of the rest of us but invisible to Jill. Then he starts digging underneath her chair until she suddenly falls backwards into the hole in slow motion! Why Max ???

Next up – **Socialising and Community**. In the first few years of living in Hankerton I knew very few people. I did the British nodding thing obviously! but that was about it. Then I got a dog –

what a difference! Suddenly I knew lots of people. Admittedly I knew them as “Fido’s Mum” or “Rover’s Dad” (yes, I know the terms “Mum” and “Dad” will be scorned by non-dog owners but that IS the nature of the relationship) rather than their real name but that’s just partly my useless memory for names ! and, of course, you don’t need a village website if you’re a dog owner, you just use the dog owner’s bush telegraph for all your information !

Keeping Footpaths Open – The reason there are so many footpaths available to everyone is primarily because of dog walkers. Most dog walkers have to be out (you’re told in no uncertain terms if not!) once or twice EVERY day. Rain or shine, boiling or freezing! You don’t HAVE to have a dog obviously, but I’d guess that 90%+ of the “traffic” on footpaths is down to people with dogs.

Of course, that leads on nicely to **Exercise** – it isn’t really optional when you have a dog! and it’s a fantastic way of maintaining cardiac health and mobility. It depends partly on available time and weather but I estimate that we walk around 15-30 miles a week, every week with the dogs. They of course do 30-60 miles! forward, back, forward, back, forward back!

Omm.....Omm....



Early one morning in Carbis Bay I took Max out for his regular beach walk. In the middle of the beach right in front of the hotel (for all to see I assumed!), was a chap doing this. The ever-friendly Max dashed off to see him, tail wagging, face smiling. He stopped, looked up, waited patiently.... nothing... Then he looked back at me as if saying “why’s this chap so rude?”, then having decided he might be a

lamp post, did the obvious and cocked his leg ! Not quite the cool, sophisticated look you were after, I thought! “Come on Max, let’s go home for breakfast.... “

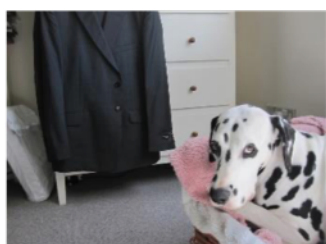
Dogs and Children – Where do I start? It's SO good for children! They learn about caring for other creatures, they learn about new family members arriving, they learn to be confident around animals which protects them in the wider world, they see simplified behaviour patterns and learn about their own behaviours and finally, they gain a friend and bodyguard!



House Security – It's obvious really, any policeman will tell you (or any burglar!), but generally speaking it makes more sense to break into a house without dogs than one with dogs. It's not about the dogs fighting with intruders, it's just those sensitive ears and loud barks!

Daisy and Paul Smith...

Important meeting next week! Busy, busy, busy! Buy lovely Paul Smith suit, dash home, hang on end of bed, "No sorry Daisy, no time for a walk right now", dash back out.



Return home an hour later to find the suit still hung up but a pile of cuff buttons and inner lining (inside pockets) on the floor in front of the suit and Daisy with THAT expression! Luckily I just had to laugh!

Got it "invisibly mended"! could just buy a new



but in the end asked Paul Smith if I jacket. Told them the story, they

laughed a lot, asked me to send them the jacket, sent it off to Portugal, added new sleeves and lining and sent it back with a Paul Smith dog bowl for Daisy! All free of charge!



bowl

So why do we do it? Well, I think it's a natural part of human makeup. We treat dogs like a member of the family because they ARE a member of the family and they give us a lot back in return for simple food and shelter. I think most humans *need* to care for somebody / something and dogs often meet that need.

So please, bear some of these things in mind when next you see that "dogs are the root of all evil" story.... and thanks for reading this far!

Simon Kearsley



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Support your local shop: Did you know if every household spent just £5.00 per week in the shop the future of the shop would be guaranteed. The Minety Shop is a "not for profit" organisation but needs to cover its running costs.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help in the shop or on the committee.

**For more information call
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A DATE FOR YOUR 2022 DIARY!!!!

Residents of Hankerton are invited to join together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

The return of the favourite Follyfield Street Party!

SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022 2-5pm

Look out for further details in the New Year!



Volunteers wanted!

We're looking for volunteers to help clean the church. It would only be for about 1 hour, twice a year! In fact if we get enough volunteers it could be even less!

So come on people the church is the centre of our community whether you use it to pray or just socially! We need your help! We'll put you in pairs so you have someone to chat to!

If you can spare a couple of hours a year then contact Lindy on **577938/07706110877** or e-mail at lmhendy@gmail.com

Many thanks!

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) – Cloatley Meadows, June volunteering

Each month, on the second Tuesday, a group of volunteers meet at the Cloatley Meadows car park to assist the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in looking after the meadows. In recent months we have been coppicing in Hankerton Copse and doing running repairs on gates and fences. This month five volunteers, including three from Hankerton, under the guidance of Rosie (WWT) spent the time field walking. We were looking for and removing the Common Ragwort (*Senecio jacobnea*).



(Photo courtesy RHS)

The Common Ragwort is found throughout the Britain in grassland, verges, waste land and pastures.

It is a tall erect plant up to 90cm (3ft) bearing large flat-topped clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers from July to October. It has finely divided leaves with a basal rosette of deeply-cut, toothed leaves.

The plant is usually a biennial, living only two years and flowering in its second year.

Its flowers are attractive to a wide range of insects including butterflies and moths. The distinctive yellow and black striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth are often seen feeding on the foliage. They absorb alkaloids from the plant and become distasteful to predators, a fact advertised by the black and yellow warning colours. The red and black, day-flying adult moth is also distasteful to many potential predators.

Ragwort is rarely a problem in gardens. However the plant is poisonous and cattle and horses are particularly susceptible to poisoning. Their seeds are spread by wind and a single plant is capable of producing 50 – 60,000 seeds. Removal needs to be done before flowering has completed and is more easily achieved when the plant is immature (seedling or rosette) or after heavy rainfall when the ground is soft.

We were armed with 'Ragout forks' to help easily remove the immature plants and roots. Over the day we removed around two dozen of the rosettes or small plants. The ground was still reasonably soft, which aided removal.

The living plant is unpalatable to livestock, but when cut and dried (as in hay) they do not avoid it. So, when the meadows are cut for hay later in the summer we hope that our work has helped made the feed safer for the cattle to eat. The ragwort has been left in the meadows that aren't cut for hay – for the caterpillars.



Steve with a ragwort plant



Patients Participation Group

Prescription Ordering Direct

From June, Malmesbury Primary Care Centre (MPCC) moved to Prescription Ordering Direct (POD). This is to ensure that patients receive the correct quantity of medication in a timely manner. Wiltshire POD is currently based at Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group in Devizes and is staffed by trained and experienced prescription coordinators and pharmacists. With individual patient consent, POD will have access to all repeat prescription records and to a patient's GP. This will be private and confidential, and personal information is held securely on the surgery clinical information system.

Once a patient calls POD, their prescription will be raised and authorised by a GP at the surgery in line with normal processing timeframes. It's estimated that repeat prescriptions can be collected from the nominated pharmacy as normal after 5 working days.

The presence of a pharmacist on site is considered to improve the efficiency and management of patient prescriptions meaning that some queries can be dealt with immediately rather than being passed to a doctor. The POD team also discuss with patients which medications they are using to avoid over ordering, which is a big issue for patients and the NHS alike.

Further information can be found on the following web page:

<https://www.bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/hospital-care/prescription-ordering-direct-pod>

National GP Patient Survey Results

The latest National GP Patient Survey results have been published for MPCC and are as follows:

- 96% of patients who responded said they find the reception team helpful
- 99% felt their needs were met during their last appointment
- 96% say the healthcare professional they saw was good at treating them with care and concern
- 92% describe their overall experience of the surgery as good

An area for MPCC to consider is how they support patients with long term conditions and they have just started contacting these patients to either invite them for an appointment or to complete an online questionnaire for specialist nurses to review and respond to.

The full results can be seen here with comparisons to local and national averages:

<https://gp-patient.co.uk/PatientExperiences?practicecode=J83041>

Annual General Meeting

To be held on Monday 9 August 2021 at 7pm at MPCC Priory Way Malmesbury SN16 OFB. All patients of MPCC are welcome to attend.

For further information please contact the secretary Margaret Perrin on 01666 577960 or email mperrin@btinternet.com



**The Annual General Meeting of
The Patients Participation Group
Will be held at the**

**Malmesbury Primary Care Centre
Priory Way. Malmesbury
Wiltshire. SN16 0FB**

At 7.00 pm on Monday 9th August 2021

**All Patients of the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre
Surgery are welcome to attend**

For further information contact Margaret Perrin (secretary)

Tel: 01666577960 or e-mail mperrin@btinternet.com



Lifestyle Summer Offers!

During Summer, every Thursday we are offering a Full Body Spray Tan for £20 and legs for £10.

We also have 2 beneficial facials:

- 1) Stress Relief Facial (30 minutes): A facial that targets deep hydration of the skin, while listening to a hypnotic voice which calms your mind. 30 minute Stress Relief Facial for £25. You will also have the opportunity to take home with you the spoken sleep meditation mp3 for £5.
- 2) Guinot Facial (45 minutes) to target pigmentation, signs of ageing and dull complexion. Was £70 now only £45.

We are also offering a 30 minute Indian Head Massage to experience relaxation, mood elevation, energy flow and headache relief. You will be amazed at the difference this makes. Was £41 now only £28.

We are looking forward to pampering you!

**Call Lifestyle 01666 577636 or email us at
info@lifestylehealthandbeauty.co.uk**



Hello

It is a long time since I wrote anything for the magazines as the last year has been such a strange time. As I write this, the sun is shining (and on a Bank Holiday too), its finally stopped raining and we are looking forward, with hope, to the return of some form of normality.

For everyone, the last year has been difficult and we have lived through times which we could never have guessed at. There has been much sorrow but bright lights of hope too. Our communities worked together to help each other out with shopping, medicine collections and general help as and when. For many, new friendships have been formed and we are richer for this.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, many of our social groups will be reopening and I look forward to visiting and saying hello to you all again to hear your news.

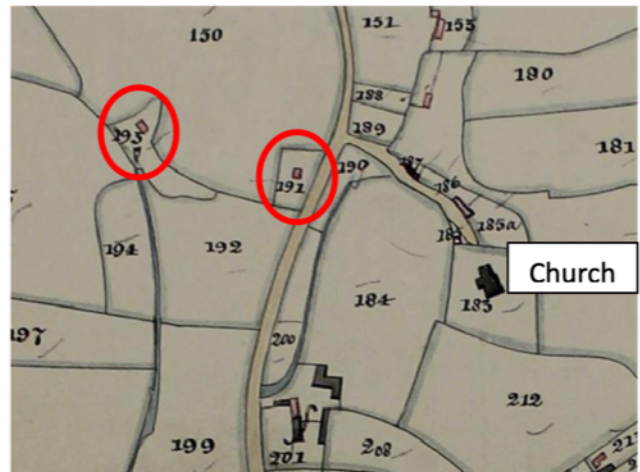
The events of this pandemic will be around us for a long time yet and if you find that you are struggling to cope, whether it be with a practical issue or feeling “low” or anxious, give me a call so that we can see what can be done. I don’t have all the answers, but I have some and can try to find out more. Also, I am always happy to listen.

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

HANKERTON HISTORY – DID YOU KNOW? #6

In the past Hankerton was much more self-sufficient than it is today. You may not know that it used to have its own laundry in the cottage now known as “Pear Tree Cottage”. It is one of the oldest cottages in the village and can be clearly seen as plot 191 on the 1841 tithe map. It is described as a Cottage and Garden and was occupied by a Sarah Panter. The numbering system of Hankerton changed several times over the years and the census tended to number houses sort of sequentially. The cottage for a while was known as 28, Hankerton.



It belonged to the Charlton Park estate and was home to the Woodward family from 1851 to 1979. In the early 1900s Mark Woodward, a carpenter lived there, he was commissioned to build the barrel roof over the altar in Hankerton Church. His wife, Mary started the laundry business having been doing laundry since she was 10 years old. Her three daughters joined her in the business.



Their customers sent the laundry, delivered by servants, mostly by horse and cart. It was 4d for big linen sheets, 2d for stiff collars and 4d for gentlemen's evening shirts and riding breeches. They washed and ironed all week. There is a well in the front garden so they would have had an abundant supply of fresh water.

One daughter Eleanor (known as Nellie) stayed in the village and worked the laundry after her mother died. She married Frank Winwood and continued to

live in the cottage until her death in 1979. She is still remembered by some villagers.

Although Hankerton has never had a pub there is a tradition that it had what was called a 'Jug and Bottle' where ale was sold. This has long been linked to the area of the Old Laundry and up until the 1970s there was a footpath running up the side of the garden with a stile onto the lane. No trace has ever been found but an educated guess might link it to the building numbered 193 on the tithe map which stood in a small wood. You never know we might still find evidence during further research.

The Earl sold the cottage in 1980 and it has been extended and renovated. It was given the name Pear Tree Cottage because of the huge old Pear Tree in the garden.



Malmesbury and District U3A

Many of our outdoor activities have started again, and some other groups have been meeting in people's gardens. But we can't help but feel anxious that the final release is under threat as the government grapples with the new data. We simply continue to support each other as we have through the past long months with friendship, zoom talks and coffee mornings. All of us are looking forward to seeing each other, and hugging. 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. See them all on our website.

We hope to have a garden party in September at Charlton Village Hall and we hope to have face to face and zoom talks from September. Details are below.

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: 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. Here are details of future talks.

September 23rd.

REDD in the Green Hills of Africa-Chris Tuite

Chris is a conservation and wilderness advisor for The United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD). The talk focuses on a project in Southern Kenya that is using carbon financing to reduce carbon emissions caused by deforestation. The project has proved to be a remarkable success, with over \$10 million in sales of carbon credits to support its work and a whole new approach to funding conservation. As finding ways to address climate and environmental damage is a vital issue for the future of human life and the planet, this promises to be a highly significant talk for us all.

October 28th.

Malmesbury Foodbank-Dick Gray

Malmesbury and District foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks across the UK, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in local communities. They are there to support people in crisis situations. U3a committee member Dick Gray is a Trustee of our local Foodbank and will be talking about how it came into being, what is it and how it operates.

November 25th

The Discomforts of Bath-Dickon Povey

Dickon is a city and Jane Austen tour guide in Bath. During the talk, Dickon will provide us with a light hearted look at the less pleasant side of fashionable 18th Century Bath...stories of Chair-men, chamber pots, death and disaster. We will hear about who visited Bath, why they did and what they did there. This is an amusing and enlightening collection of rumours, reports and anecdotes, and Dickon promises it is not for the faint hearted!

Malmesbury **CARNIVAL** & Festival 2021

Important message from Carnival HQ

Excitement tinged with apprehension could sum up one's response to the most recent government announcements about the removal of all the legal restrictions previously imposed because of the pandemic.

However, these pronouncements do mean that the full programme of events as planned by the Carnival Committee can go ahead throughout August and the very beginning of September.

Our website and media platforms carry details of all the varied activities and events that our community can enjoy over the summer and a full programme will be provided in July's edition of The Jackdaw.

Our Committee continues to put the safety and peace of mind of everyone involved with Carnival at the forefront of its planning and will continue to liaise with Wiltshire Council and the Town Council to ensure that any guidance provided at local or national level informs our decision making. We have already decided that ticket sales for indoor events will be reduced in number (dependent on the nature of the event and venue) to minimise unnecessary contact wherever possible.

So, we invite you to peruse our full programme of events on the website, including the usual favourites: Open Gardens, Petticoat Lane, Music in the Cloisters and, of course, the Carnival Procession.



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