

# The Grapevine



**Wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas!**

Looking back on this year brings both happy and sad memories to mind - times we could meet up with family and friends and times of loss which have affected us all. We mourn the loss of several people who contributed so much to village life, they will be missed but fondly remembered.



Living in a village community has many advantages which have become even more apparent over the past year. Thank you to everyone who has helped friends, kept in touch and generally been kind and thoughtful. May it continue into 2022.

Thanks too, to the organisers of village events this year - all done with enthusiasm and enjoyed by many.

Let us look forward to 2022 and plan to meet up with family and friends as often as possible and enjoy a Christmas that will provide many happy memories.

**We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2022.**

**Eds: Mary and Susan**



## **Advent Sale and Coffee Morning in the North Aisle**

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2021     10.30 – Noon

Please join us for our Sale where there will also be a raffle.

All donations for the Sale including cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received on the morning of the sale. Thank you!

Deadline for news for the **February** Grapevine: **January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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

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A walk beside a water body on a cold but still winter's day is always pleasurable. A little bit of mist above the water, a weak winter sun trying to warm you up, and maybe the flash of a kingfisher flying by, the "plop" of a water vole jumping into the water having been disturbed by your approach, or an otter swimming in the water. A sight that you are more likely to see, is that of a tall and stately, grey and white bird with trailing crest of feathers behind the head, at the water's edge – this is the Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*).

The heron is a common bird across the country, both inland and on coasts. Its abundance has varied through history though. Currently with legal protection and greater environmental awareness its fortunes are on the up, although it can understandably upset the feelings of those who rear fish commercially, run a fishery, or keep ornamental fish in garden ponds. At one time the heron was a highly prized quarry of falconers, and during the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries this meant members of the nobility and royalty, so in self-interest they enacted laws to prevent the lower classes taking the birds or their eggs, which protected their numbers to some extent.

Fish make up most of the diet of the heron, and they are very patient stalkers of their prey, often standing very still in the shallows waiting for a fish to swim past. The strike when it happens is lightning quick, and the quarry quickly swallowed whole. However, they are also content eating small mammals such as voles and mice, larger mammals like water voles and brown rats, and even small birds such as Little Grebes and the young of moorhen and mallard.

Whilst stalking or ambushing prey is the usual hunting technique, herons can also swim, dive like a duck, and have been seen plunge-diving after food! A heron was also seen a quarter of a mile out to sea, feeding alongside gulls, before taking off and flying away without much difficulty.

Heron's breed quite early in the year, with the first eggs appearing as early as February. Four to five eggs are laid in a very large nest built of sticks and branches in trees, about 25 metres above ground, but nests have also been found on cliff faces and even on the ground. The young are fed for 20 to 30 days in the nest before they become adventurous and move out on to the tree's branches. Most of the time herons nest communally in what is known as a heronry. Sometimes this may be in a single large tree (largest documented number was 25 in one tree), or more commonly in a group of trees. In the 1840's a heronry in Sussex comprised 400 nests and is one of the largest recorded. These heronries fall in and out of favour with the birds over time, and sometimes cease to be used.

In flight they are slow and slightly laboured, with a flexed neck, broad wings and

trailing legs. There is something slightly prehistoric about their flight to me, reminding me of the Pterodactyl dinosaurs, and this is reinforced when they call out, which is very loud and harsh, and described in one bird book as "a testy *Fraank!*" – just who is the Frank they are trying to find?



I mentioned that they can annoyingly predate ornamental fish in garden ponds, and various methods are used to deter them. Lines of string or wire have been stretched above the water (herons have been seen feeling for these and stepping over them), a single wire around the edge so they cannot walk into the water (they hop over) and sometimes a plastic heron is stood next to the pond to act as a deterrent believing that they feed alone (to other herons its presence acts as an advertisement that there is food available!). So my sympathy to those fish-keepers that have provided a heron with its breakfast, but they seem to be intelligent enough to find a way around most deterrents.

There are other birds of the heron/egret family in this country, but none that are similar in size and colour, so you are not likely to confuse your identification when you see one. The others can perhaps be the subject of a future Nature Diary.

Steve Davies

**John William Byford Lewin 29/02/1929 - 11/10/2021**

**Memories from Carolyn, Elizabeth and Juliet**



John was born in Essex, the eldest of four boys. He grew up in Kent and saw the Second World War as a Boy Scout helping in the war effort by cutting and delivering wood as well as building air raid shelters. In addition, he helped his grandfather with two allotments providing food for the family whilst his father was away at war. Living in Kent he experienced many air raids but was never evacuated.

His schooling finished when he was 14 and he went to work at Robinsons plant nursery. This cemented his passion for gardening which carried on throughout his life.

John did his national service with the RAF, one of his greatest memories during this time was being involved in the Berlin airlift as a radar operator, often assisting the Americans with landing the planes.

John met his wife Patricia at the Orpington Athletics Club. Both were keen runners. John was particularly good at cross country running and represented his club at the English championships. John carried on with his love of sport playing cricket for Burma Castrol and

badminton locally with Patricia. John and Patricia enjoyed ballroom dancing and were a stylish couple on the dance floor.

John and Patricia married in 1957 and in the following years Carolyn, Elizabeth and Juliet were born.

In 1972 John and the family moved to Wiltshire as Burmah Castrol, the company John worked for, had relocated its headquarters to Swindon. It was the first London company to move out of the city. The family moved into their home on Follyfield.

At the time the estate was a building site - about 10 houses were completed with a couple more in progress, the rest was a field. Mr Symonds, the contractor, was only building about three houses a year so it took many years for Follyfield to be completed.

After leaving a lovely established garden in Kent, John and Patricia set about creating a garden from a pile of clay. During this time, they were to discover hundreds of pieces of pottery from the medieval period. These were carefully kept and often admired by people in the village.

John was a real family man, always giving time to his children. He was a frequent taxi service taking the girls to horse riding and sports competitions, towing the horse trailer to equestrian events with the family horse. John always had a passion for horse racing despite only sitting on a horse once on a family holiday pony trekking in the Lake District. The trekking centre had a special racehorse called Forest King originally bought to lead the treks around the fells and forests. This horse went on to win 16 races and was fifth at the Grand National in 1977, the winner being Red Rum. Horse racing was one passion that would take John away from the garden to watch televised races

He was knowledgeable on plants and wildlife. A bird or butterfly book was always close at hand to identify the species he didn't recognise so he would know it the next time. John would always be up early gardening before work providing fruit and vegetables for the family around the year. He was a member of the Malmesbury Gardening Club and enjoyed participating in local shows and often winning a cup as a result of his successes. If a plant needed identifying or any other horticultural questions, he was the man to ask.

John enjoyed being part of the History Group in Hankerton, listening to talks held in the church and often going on visits to the archive museum in search of long-lost information on the village or metal detecting - though never finding the Hankerton hoard. He was popular with the local young people when they needed to write their Hankerton history projects at the local secondary school as his knowledge of Hankerton history was second to none. He also enjoyed many social events in the village whether it was coffee mornings, talks or street celebrations. A kind gentle man, he was always had a story to tell. He touched the hearts of many and will leave a lasting memory to all of those who knew him.



## **Wheatsheaf Inn – Crudwell**

### **Christmas 2021**

*(Available from 1st December to 24th December 2021)*

#### **Starters:**

*Smoked salmon and prawn cocktail with granary bread and butter (gfo)*

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*Chicken liver pate, seeded toast with caramelised onion chutney*

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*Creamy garlic mushrooms on a potato rosti (v)(gf)*

#### **Mains:**

*Roast turkey with rosemary and cranberry stuffing rich gravy and chipolata (gfo)*

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*Braised beef with red burgundy wine sauce (gf)*

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*Pan fried fillet of seabass with lime on shrimp risotto (df)(gf)*

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*Sweet potato and squash, chestnut, brie and cranberry parcel with fruity vegetable jus (v)*

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





**Desserts:**

*Lemon cheesecake with mulled berries with ice cream*

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*Christmas pudding with brandy sauce (v)(gfo)*

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*Sticky toffee chocolate pudding with custard*

2 Courses £17.50

3 Courses £21

Reservations and pre orders only

V – vegetarian

Gf – gluten free

Gfo – gluten free option – please ask

***The Christmas menu is available lunchtime and evenings from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 inclusive. Available Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at lunchtimes and evenings. Also Sunday lunchtimes***

***All Christmas menu items must be pre-ordered 7 days prior to your booking.  
Please fully complete the booking form found on our website:-***

**[www.wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk](http://www.wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk)**

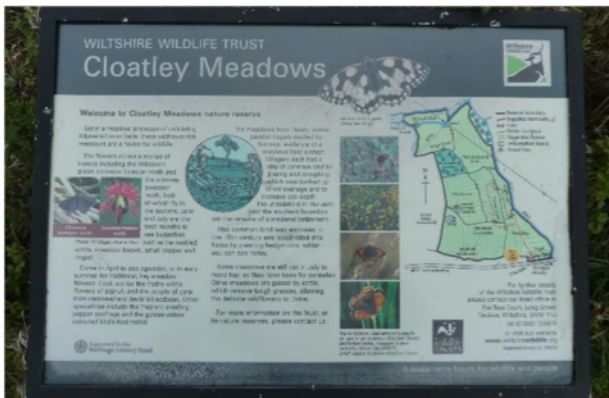
**Call 01666 577739 for more details**



## HANKERTON HISTORY – DID YOU KNOW? #8

As we hear the tractors in the fields and see the harvest being gathered in it is easy to appreciate that farming is still important to Hankerton, but do you know what it was like in the past?

Between the 13th and 16th centuries there were 20 and 25 tenants working on the land mainly owned by Malmesbury Abbey. Hankerton's open fields were to the west of the village and its common pastures to the north of the church and on the clay south-east of the church. Villagers would work a strip of common land for grazing and ploughing. This was banked up to aid drainage and increase soil depth and is known as "ridge and furrow". We are very lucky in Hankerton to have so much ridge and furrow still clearly visible, having survived later ploughing. The information board at Cloatley Meadows shows you exactly where to find it.



It is often best seen when the sun is low or from the air as shown in the aerial photograph of the field behind Cooper's Garage.

In the 1871 census an amazing number of 13 farmers were listed. These differed in size, one of the largest was Hankerton Field Farm, worked by Richard Lea, which covered 301 acres and employed 7 men, 4 boys and 3 women. This is compared with the 8 acres farmed by James Wait which was probably more of a small holding. There would have been a mix of grassland and arable land but arable farming gradually declined with an increase in the 20th century of dairy farms, beef cattle, sheep and pigs being kept in the parish.

The photograph shows Issac Wood at Brook Farm. It was taken in the 1940s, his magnificent horses show that horsepower was still very important for Hankerton farming in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Finds of parts of the ploughs and horse shoes used in the fields have been regularly discovered by our metal detector.



Farming continues as the major land use in the village although the number of active farms is much reduced. As you walk round the village it is interesting to note how many of the farmhouses are now private dwellings and how many former barns have also been converted.



## Dragonfly Café & Nature Centre

Lower Moor Nature Reserve  
Oaksey, SN16 9TW



Enjoy freshly baked scones and cakes whilst watching dragonflies  
over Cottage Lake

Find us at: <https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/dragonfly-cafe>

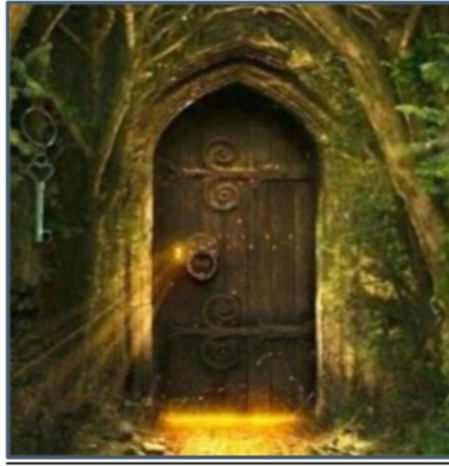
Situated on the Lower Moor nature reserve overlooking Cottage Lake is the newly built but already becoming firmly established Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre. Since 2007 the reserve has been home to a plethora of wildlife from insects to otters and offers the opportunity to get lost in the nature we endeavor to protect. Open all year round, the Dragonfly Café and Nature Centre is the perfect spot to sight otters, herons and (of course) the many species of dragonfly, ideal for professional and amateur wildlife photographers and passionate nature enthusiasts. The Dragonfly and Nature Centre caters for those with a sweet or savoury tooth presenting delicious homemade scones baked fresh every morning, fresh homemade soups and a variety of heavenly cakes including vegan and gluten free options. With excellent locally roasted coffee and hot chocolate to warm you in winter as well as refreshing apple juice made from apples in Lower Moor orchard to cool you in summer, the Dragonfly can start your journey around the reserve or end it with a well-deserved treat.

### Caption Competition!



Spotted on a recent walk through Hankerton – a small prize for the best caption sent to [grapevinesn16@aol.com](mailto:grapevinesn16@aol.com) by Dec 12<sup>th</sup> or popped through the door of 21 Follyfield (don't forget to add your name and address).





### **A SECRET PLACE**

Come; find a secret place to pray - Close the door on the chaos of the day

Shut down distractions from your mind, be still - Think about Our Lord, seek out His Will.

Tell Him your troubles, it's never too late - Close your eyes, bend your head and wait

The nature of man is to fret, fume and plan and then if nothing rings true – Blame God for the mishaps or when things go well, tell Him to bless these plans too

But we should ask Him what His Will is first - For without Him things could turn out far worse

Think on His Son, and how He lived, the way that we should aspire - Give your days to God and try to act the way that He desires

Sometimes we have to live life with pain, trouble and strife for God does not take these away But we hold the belief that through thick and through thin, He is with us, beside us, each day

Those who mistrust, lose heart and despair - Their lives filled with confusion not care

*“What’s the point of our birth?” - “Why do we live on this earth?”*

They don’t know their wrongs from their rights - But then they don’t have God in their sight

Dear Lord, in our room, we don’t see the gloom that beset those who do not believe - Help us to show those, who are not in the know, of the joys that they would perceive  
If they had the knowledge that we do - The purpose we have through knowing You.

Bless You, Lord, for Your counsel and sense as Our Guide. - It’s breath-taking to have You with whom to confide

For through Your Son’s Birth – We know that Your Peace came to earth

Now we know where to turn for we’re in Your Light - As long as we’re honest with You, we’re all right

And we just want to say, right here where we pray - Thank You, Lord, for this Wonderful Day.

(Psalm 16:5-9)

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## A Message from the Parish Council

Wiltshire Council in partnership with Natural England have produced a new Community Environmental Toolkit to allow communities such as Hankerton to take the lead in defining and restoring biodiversity in their community. Designed for use by community groups, local landowners, Parish and Town Councils, schools and youth groups it provides a structure for how local communities can better understand what they already have in terms of biodiverse habitats as well as how to plan for developing greater biodiversity and nature-based carbon sequestration in the future. The Toolkit also signposts to many other organisations which can assist communities in delivering their aims and objectives. The Parish council is looking for volunteers who might be interested in leading the implementation of this toolkit for Hankerton and helping develop our own community environmental plan. For further information please visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/3854/Community-Environmental-Toolkit> or contact Michael Bromley Gardner - [mrbg1@outlook.com](mailto:mrbg1@outlook.com)



Photo courtesy of Pete Wyman



**MOULDER  
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- **LOG BURNERS**
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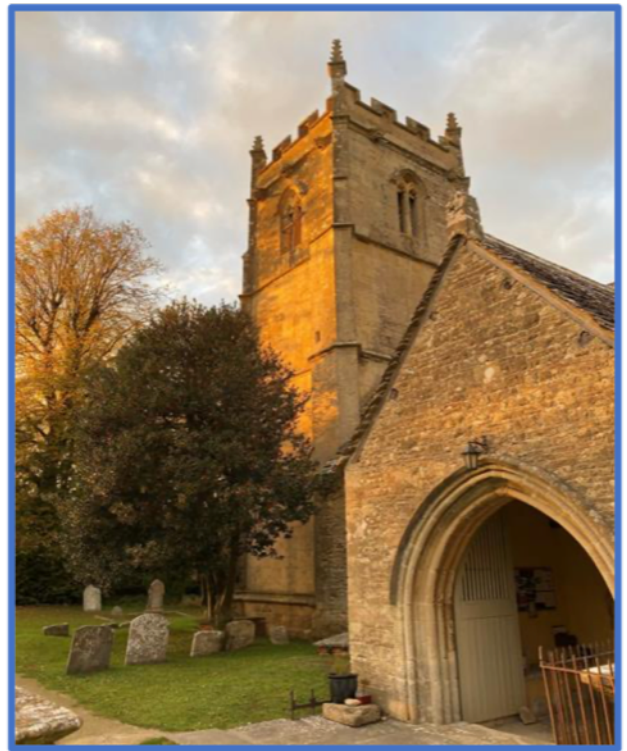
**SAMPLES AVAILABLE**  
**FREE DELIVERY IN HANKERTON**

**CONTACT JANE 07796 273743**

The PCC would like to add their thanks to that expressed by the North Aisle Committee in the last Grapevine. Where would we be without volunteers!

Newcomers to our village might be forgiven for thinking that our invaluable North Aisle Community facilities have been a permanent fixture in our church.

However, this resource was only made possible by the hard work over many years by village members who tirelessly raised funds and obtained planning and diocesan permissions to remove pews, build and equip our kitchen and toilet facilities.



The North Aisle Committee was formed and this has continued to organise numerous funding events which support the upkeep of this area, the renewal of equipment and a contribution towards the heating of the church.

One of the founders of this organisation was Christine Betts who since its inception has been one of its leading lights. However, she has now decided to hand over the baton to someone else and it is with regret that the PCC has received her resignation.

The PCC would like to offer Christine its heartfelt thanks for all her hard work over the years and acknowledge that her enthusiasm and sheer dogged determination to make this resource a success has enabled Hankerton and its community to enjoy this valuable resource on so many occasions.

Hankerton PCC



# minety community shop

Minety Village Hall Minety SN16 9QH  
Tel: 01666 860013 [www.minetyshop.co.uk](http://www.minetyshop.co.uk)  
Weekdays: 8am - 6pm Weekends: 9am - 1pm

## *New Into Your Shop:*

Fresh Meat from Hiscocks our local butcher with special orders on request

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Off Licence ● Convenience Goods ● Confectionery  
Fresh Produce & Frozen Produce  
including a range of local & Minety Made products  
● Newspapers & Magazines to order ●

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  
Steve: 07802 3538325 or  
Catherine: 07786522455  
or email: [minetyshop@gmail.com](mailto:minetyshop@gmail.com)**

# Ash Dieback by Elizabeth Threlfall

## The issue:

Like me, you have probably been scrutinising local ash trees over the year for signs of disease. As the leaves fall it will be more difficult to spot (although if many of the buds do not look like the usual fat 'witches fingernails' on smooth bark this is an indication that all is not well).

Sadly, Ash Dieback is already widespread in Wiltshire and poses serious safety, environmental and financial risks for all landowners. Planning to manage the situation is a job which will have to be done soon.

Anyone with a tree on their land has a legal responsibility to ensure that any risk posed by the tree is limited, and obviously the risks are higher if they are next to a busy road, public pathway or community grounds. Once infected, trees can decline quickly, often dying within two growing seasons. The trees rapidly lose timber strength and integrity and are prone to structural failure, with branches and trees falling and the risk of death or injury to persons and damage to property.

The cost of surveying, monitoring and removing unsafe Ash trees is likely to be significant for landowners, with Wiltshire Council facing a cost for removing Ash trees on Council owned land of upwards of £10 million over the next ten years.

## The outlook:

However, although 90% of woodland Ash trees are expected to die over the next 5 to 10 years, there is some hope that a small percentage of trees might be tolerant of the fungus. By retaining trees with no or limited signs of ash dieback, owners might allow precious Ash dieback-tolerant trees to live and reproduce. Isolated trees, trees growing in open areas or those in hedges appear to be far less affected than those in a woodland environment and it may be worth trying to keep the area around their trunks clear of leaf litter.

Furthermore, dying and dead ash trees have huge ecological value, especially more mature trees, so if they can be managed following current risk guidance, it is desirable to keep them in the landscape, even if pollarded back.

## Action required:

It is strongly recommended that all landowners, including Town and Parish Councils, act soon to put in place a plan to identify, monitor and remove or manage infected Ash trees on their land - according to the risks they pose.

## Looking forward:

The loss of so many ash trees will alter our landscape and it is hoped that landowners will be looking to replace them with at least as many new trees such as aspen, alder, field maple, sycamore, birch, rowan, oak and disease-resistant elm. To mark the moment, the newly planted trees could be registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee next year.

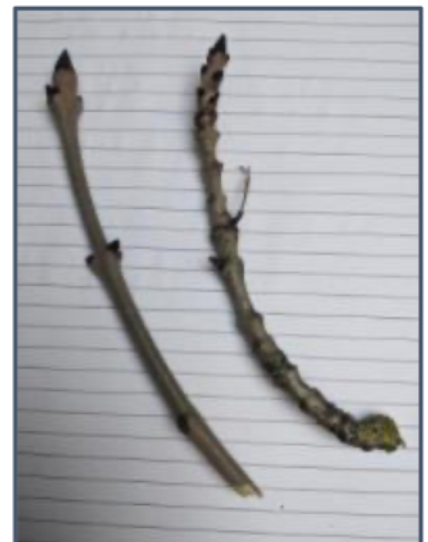
For specific advice, do contact an experienced tree consultant and for more information, follow the links below:

Wiltshire Council, [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-trees-forests](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-trees-forests) The Tree Council, [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk)

Woodland Trust, [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) Forest Research, [www.forestryresearch.gov.uk](http://www.forestryresearch.gov.uk)

The Arboricultural Association [www.trees.org.uk](http://www.trees.org.uk) The Forestry Commission [www.forestrycommission.blog.gov.uk](http://www.forestrycommission.blog.gov.uk)

The Queen's Green Canopy [queensgreencanopy.org](http://queensgreencanopy.org)



The healthy twig on the left is smooth and flexible and quite different to the brittle one on the right.

# RECYCLE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR CHARITY



With Christmas mail about to enter your letterbox.....**a reminder**.....  
There is a charity collection box in the Church Porch for used postage stamps  
in aid of the National Eye Research Centre

Please trim off any excess paper leaving about 1cm around the stamps

If you have a large collection, please deliver to:

Nick Warren  
Cherrybrook Cottage  
Oxleaze Lane  
Hankerton  
01666 577363

***Saving the stamps on your mail costs nothing to benefit others***

See what they do: <https://www.nercuk.org/used-stamps-for-charity>

## **Surgery News**

From Monday 4 October the 12 doctors at the surgery are completing 4 extra consultations each day, 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, although this is a temporary measure for the time being.

At present there are several job vacancies being advertised - a GP, 2 Clinical Pharmacists, a Pharmacy technician, a First Contact Physiotherapist and an Advance Nurse Practitioner.

The surgery has also recently recruited a receptionist, an apprentice and two Kick Start Receptionists (Trainees), and are interviewing for more reception staff.

Some members of staff have received anonymous hate mail from the public. This has included doctors and the practice management team. On a daily basis, the reception staff are dealing with abusive patients on the phone and in the surgery, in addition to dealing with patients who are refusing to wear masks. Patients are asked to be courteous to staff at all times.

Following the recent Patient Survey, 3 working groups have been set up. They will be looking at the telephone system, apps, access, availability of appointments and the online system. They will publish a report when compiled at the end of November.

## **Flu/Covid sessions**

The surgery hope to have all the care homes vaccinated by 1 November 2021. Dates for Covid sessions at the surgery are on 30 October, 27 November and 11 December.

Patients can also book an online appointment if they choose at one of the local vaccination centres if 180 days have passed since their last covid vaccination.

## **Other Issues**

A new Health Monitor was provided by the League of Friends and is situated in the downstairs waiting room. Anyone can use it at any time and when it is fully set up the information provided will be automatically recorded on your medical records. Until then, patients will have to take the printout it provides to reception and they will record it for you.

Ear syringing is only carried out at the surgery if it proves to be a serious medical issue. If you need this procedure, some Opticians will carry out it but will charge a fee for the service.

## Information and advice: severe respiratory illness in babies and children

Across the region is seeing an increase in severe respiratory illness in children as restrictions ease and people mix more, with cases higher than usual for this time of year and further increases expected over the winter months.

Symptoms of severe respiratory infection in children include high temperature of 37.8 degrees or above (fever), a dry persistent cough, difficulty feeding, rapid or noisy breathing (wheezing).

Most cases of respiratory illness are not serious and clear up within 2 to 3 weeks, but parents should contact their GP or call NHS 111 if:

- Their child struggles to breathe
- Their child has taken less than half their usual amount during the last two or three feeds, or they have had a dry nappy/not been to the toilet for 12 hours or more
- The child has a persistent high temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above
- Some children under two, especially those born prematurely or with a heart condition, can suffer more serious consequences from these common respiratory infections.

[Further information and advice can be found on the CCG website](#)

### There's still time to donate!

The Food Bank appreciates all donations, but for their Christmas Hampers they need biscuits for cheese, family size boxes of biscuits, popcorn, marshmallows, nuts & crisps, tins of salmon, chutney, shortbread and chocolates for children

I shall be having a crate near my porch, 16 Follyfield until **Saturday 4 December** for donations. I will then deliver them to the food Bank, in time for them to make up the hampers.

COVID Restrictions have brought many changes as to how the Food bank operates and distributes food. See their website:

[www.malmesburydistrictfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.malmesburydistrictfoodbank.org.uk) <https://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

You can also put cheque donations in there if you should wish and I will forward them on to the charity. Please make cheques payable to: **Malmesbury District Food Bank**, or see the web site and follow the links to donate online.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris Betts Tel: 577123



# Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

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

Date		Services in Church	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December		9.30am, <b>Friends &amp; Family Dressing of the Christmas Tree @ Crudwell</b>	
		9.30am <b>Holy Communion @ Hankerton</b>	
		11am, <b>Holy Communion @ Charlton</b>	
		11am, <b>Matins @ Oaksey</b>	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		2-5pm, <b>Angels and Donkey Installation @ Crudwell</b>	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		9.30am, <b>Holy Communion @ Ashley</b>	
		11am, <b>Dressing of the Christmas Tree @ Charlton</b>	
		11am, <b>Nativity @ Oaksey</b>	
		5pm, <b>Carol Service @ Hankerton</b>	
		5pm, <b>Carol Service@ Minety</b>	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		3.20pm <b>Camels, Coffee and The Crib Service @ Crudwell</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		5pm, <b>Carol Service@ Oaksey</b>	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		9.30am, <b>Morning Worship @ Ashley</b>	
		11am, <b>Crib Service @ Hankerton</b>	
		11am, <b>Holy Communion @ Minety</b>	
		3pm, <b>Carol Service @ Crudwell</b>	
		5pm, <b>Carol Service @ Charlton</b>	
Christmas Eve		3pm, <b>Crib Service @ Minety</b>	
		5pm, <b>Carol Service @ Ashley</b>	
		11.15pm, <b>Midnight Mass @ Crudwell</b>	
Christmas Day		9.30am, <b>Shortened Holy Communion @ Ashley</b>	
		9.30am, <b>Friends and Family Service@ Crudwell</b>	
		9.30am, <b>Shortened Holy Communion @ Hankerton</b>	
		9.30am, <b>Friends and Family Service @ Minety</b>	
		10am, <b>Shortened Holy Communion @ Charlton</b>	
		11am, <b>Shortened Holy Communion @ Oaksey</b>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2022		10am, <b>Benefice Holy Communion Service @ Hankerton</b>	
Monday	10am	Every week	Bible Study
	6-6.30pm	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Stillness & Peace
Tuesday	8.30am	Every Tuesday	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.30am	8 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee & Quiz
Thursday	9.45am	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	BCP Communion Service
	9.45am	16 <sup>th</sup> December	BCP Communion Service
Friday	9.30am	Every week	Morning Prayer

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## *Warm Cinnamon Buttered Rum*



Just the thing to warm you up after a festive dog-walk over the Christmas period – this fabulously decadent tipple will soon have you thawed out.

(Note - dog not essential - works just as well after a festive 'walk')

### Ingredients

25g butter

2 tbsp golden caster sugar

2 small cinnamon sticks

200ml spiced rum

### Method

#### STEP 1

Gently heat the butter, golden caster sugar and cinnamon sticks in a saucepan until the butter has melted and the sugar has dissolved.

#### STEP 2

Stir in the spiced rum, then pour into four small heatproof glasses to serve.

Recipe says it serves 4 but could just as easily serve 2 or even 1, depending on whether you've got anything else to do that day)





# Stillness and Peace

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

6pm – 6.30pm


Crudwell Church

30 minutes of quiet, in a candle lit church

No service, no hymns, no sermon,

just peace

A time to be...



## *Carol Service*

*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December*

5pm, Hankerton Church

# You are invited to the Crib Service

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 11am**

**Hankerton Church**

**Why not come dressed in a nativity costume!**



*Join us on*  
**Christmas Day**  
*for a short service of*  
**Communion**

*9.30am, Ashley*  
*10am, Charlton*  
*9.30am, Hankerton*  
*11am, Oaksey*



**Come and be part of the  
Coffee & Quiz  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
10.30am**

Email [bbbbandgb@gmail.com](mailto:bbbbandgb@gmail.com) for the Zoom login details.

A photograph showing four white ceramic coffee cups arranged in a row on a dark wooden surface. The background is filled with a layer of dark brown coffee beans. From left to right, the cups contain: a latte with a dusting of brown powder, a half-and-half coffee, a bright yellow coffee, and a latte with a white leaf-shaped foam design.

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