

The Grapevine



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“Grief is the Price we pay for Love”

Deadline for news for the **December** Grapevine: **November 10th 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

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 – October 2022.

The nights are drawing in, but perhaps this gives us a last chance to spend some time outside in the evening before it gets too cold, watching for feeding bats and admiring their mastery of the air. (They usually begin foraging about 20 minutes after darkness falls and dry, still evenings are best suited for watching). Once the first frosts arrive to kill off the insects, the bats will enter hibernation as there will be no more food for them to hunt.

The most common species of bat that we are likely to see is the Pipistrelle, and one of the smallest. Until the 1990's it was thought that there was only one species of Pipistrelle in the UK, and then it was discovered that not only was there the Common Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*) but also the Soprano Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*). To further complicate matters, there is also a third species present here, the Nathusius' Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus nathusii*). However, without very close examination of the individual (illegal without a licence to do so), or the use of a sophisticated bat detector (which distinguishes them by the differing frequencies of their emitted sounds), it is very difficult to tell the species apart, but they are all very small bats, and not knowing which exact species you are looking at doesn't detract from enjoying their aerobatics.

So how small are they? Pipistrelles weigh 3 - 8 g, and the length of the head and body is between 35 and 45 mm. They can easily fit inside a matchbox!



Soprano Pipistrelle



By October the breeding season will just have come to an end, and although the females will have mated with a male, fertilisation of the egg is delayed such that the young are born in the following June or July. Females form maternity colonies, and each gives birth to a single pup. The pup is fed solely on its mother's milk, and is able to fly at 4 weeks old, and able to forage for themselves at 6 weeks.

These summer maternity roosts are most commonly around the outside of buildings behind hanging tiles, soffit and barge boards, between roofing felt and tiles, or in wall cavities. They can also be found in tree hollows and bat boxes. In winter Pipistrelle bats tend to roost singly in crevices or buildings.

Bats are the only mammals capable of powered flight (flying squirrels can only glide) and are members of the taxonomic Order *Chiroptera*, which means "hand-winged". The forewings possess greatly elongated finger bones, which provide a framework across which is stretched a thin membrane of skin to form the wing - so the Order name very appropriately describes them. They used to be thought of as being half bird and half mouse, and because of their fluttering flight were historically known as "Flittermice".



We will all have heard of the phrase "blind as a bat", and they do have relatively poor eyesight, but this does not interfere with their ability to navigate and hunt brilliantly in the dark. They instead rely on echolocation and emit high pitched squeaks which last for 1/500th of a second, at a rate that varies from 10 per second when the animal is at rest and up to 200 per second when hunting. By

interpreting the rebounding sounds the bat builds up a very accurate image of its environment, and the location of its prey – a system so good, that it is almost impossible for a bat to accidentally fly into a person, let alone get tangled in their hair.

Pipistrelles feed on small flies, midges and mosquitoes, and a single bat may eat up to 3000 in a single night! I have talked about the decline in insect populations in a previous Nature Diary (February 2020) and this decline has inevitably had an effect on population numbers of our bats, together with loss of roosting sites, fragmentation of suitable habitat by development, and light pollution affecting their behaviour and that of their prey. At the moment the Common Pipistrelle is increasing in numbers, so perhaps the tide has turned, and we will be able to enjoy their acrobatic flight, just a few metres above our heads, for many years to come.

Steve Davies

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Tractor Run 2022!!!

A very successful Tractor Run was recently held in the area, starting at Charlton Village Hall and culminating in a couple of laps of Follyfield! Over 30 tractors joined in and over £1,000 was raised for the local Air Ambulance. Many thanks to organisers Phil Wood and our very own John Blizzard.



Photos courtesy of Jon Christensen



Wessex Week

19 - 29 OCTOBER 2022

**Wednesday
19th October**

Tony McAleavy: 'Witchcraft in Wessex' (1650 -1700)

The Old Bell Hotel - 7.30pm - £10

2 course dinner and talk: 6pm (Must be booked in advance. Online booking only.) - £30

**Friday
21st October**

Tony McAleavy: 'Witchcraft in Wessex' (1650 -1700)

Rausing Building - Talk, tea and cake - 3pm - £10

**Saturday
22nd October**

Marc Morris: 'Anglo-Saxons: Myth and Reality'

Malmesbury Abbey - 7pm - £15

**Sunday
23rd October**

Campbell Ritchie guided walk: Malmesbury Myths, Magic and Legends
10am (meet outside the Town Hall) £6 (adult) £3 (under 16)

Warden and Freeman Office Archives, Bird's Eye Map & Maces:
10.30am - 4.00pm - Free

Wessex Choral Evensong: Malmesbury Abbey - 6.30pm

**Wednesday
26th October**

Richard Robbins and Trevor Hicks (Capital Burgesses):
The Story of the Warden and Freemen of Malmesbury
(From Alfred the Great to the 21st Century)

The Old Bell Hotel - 7pm - £5

**Friday
28th October**

Lesley Saunders: 'Dreams, Riddles, Charms, Visions'

Workshop exploring the poetry of the Middle Ages

Rausing Building - 2.30pm - 4.30pm - £10 (Limited numbers. Online booking only)

Lesley Saunders, John O'Brien, Tony Burke: 'Wessex Words'

A celebration of prose and poetry inspired by Wessex

(history and mythology) Rausing Building - 7.30pm - £10

**Saturday
29th October**

Ryan Lavelle: 'Cnut the Great: The Last West Saxon King?

Malmesbury Abbey - 7pm - £15

Full details of each event and tickets on the website

www.wessex-week.org

Tickets also available from the Malmesbury Tourist Information Office.
(cash or cheque only for this option: please check opening times)



Minety Art Club Exhibition

Minety Art Club plan to hold an exhibition of work by its members on the weekend of **15th and 16th October 2022 between 10am - 5pm (covid rules permitting)**. In the village hall SN16 9QH

There will also be half a dozen budding artist paintings from Minety Primary School on display.

In addition to the exhibition of work there will be members there to show visitors some of the "**tricks of the trade**" and give visitors the opportunity to have a go.

Children will be particularly welcome to try watercolour painting.

There will also be refreshments of tea, coffee and cakes available throughout both days.

Entrance is free.

Articles and authors

As always the opinions expressed in articles in the Grapevine are those of the authors.

We are always happy to correct any factual information and therefore note that the article on the Amenity Area requires the following correction.

There was no feasibility study which found that the area was too small to be a play area and no final decision was made about the use of the area. A play area remains a viable option for the amenity area. A corrected article is now available on the Hankerton History Group section of the Hankerton website.

Eds

MOWER FOR SALE



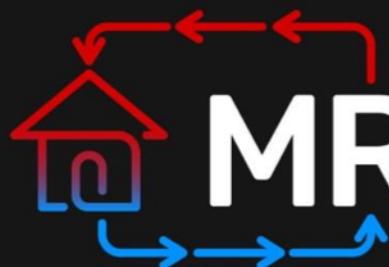
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Patients Participation Group

Surgery Update

There are 13 doctors at the surgery and 3 trainee GPs to meet the present demand for appointments.

Doctors will continue to triage patients.

Fatima Birkett the Surgeries care coordinator is now working full time.

Dr Koram has taken on the diabetes clinic after Dr Neale retired.

From October the surgery will be open on Saturday mornings.

Pharmacists

The primary care network now employs 11 clinical pharmacists of which 4 are on site at Malmesbury surgery full time, patients can contact the pharmacists through reception to discuss problems/medication. The aim of the pharmacists is to support the GP's and make sure that patient's medication is managed in the best possible way and make changes if required. This saves the GP's valuable time. The pharmacists will hold medical reviews with patients either face to face or by telephone and they can also prescribe medication should it be required.

Flu/Covid

Everyone over 50, and those at risk under the age of 50, are going to be invited for a flu jab. The surgery has ordered the flu vaccine and delivery is expected in or around the beginning of September.

The surgery is hoping they can also offer the Covid vaccine at the same time as the flu jab, but it will depend on availability of the covid vaccine.

Next meetings are on 3 October 2022 and 5 December 2022. If anyone would like to raise a question or provide feedback about the service they've received from the MPCC I'll be very happy to take this forward for you. If you could let me have the details, my telephone number is 07856202115.

Shayne Smith

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BEHOLDER'S EYE

Sometimes, when in the Abbey, I do see -The
congregation that's surrounding me
As I gaze into the faces of the throng -We listen
to a sermon or a song
Or I stare intently at the wall – Which is facing
me so tall
It's the one behind the altar - And my eyes they
do not falter
For I see pictures in the stone - That some
former mason's hewn
It is up to your conception - To discover his
perception
I can see plain folks who've waited - Round the
Speaker with breath baited

To hear the wondrous Word of which He speaks
Of the blessings and the woes – And the mercies
to our foes

That began their life on that small mountain
peak

Sometimes, I see the earth and people reaching
for rebirth

As they look up to the firmament on high - For
the coloured stones divide t'wixt earth and sky
Some sought to decorate the wall, by a window
or a tapestry perchance - But to cover it at all
would be such a shame for those of us who seek
a deeper meaning at a glance

The stones are roughly hewn and old - But they
could be made of gold

For the Spirit was within the mason's hands
When he fashioned such a wall - For the benefit
of all

I'm glad it will be left just as he planned
So sweet, Lord, hear my thankful prayer - For
folk who thought to leave it there
Unchanged, as it is beautiful and plain - Let
other congregations gain

Your mysteries that lie within its stone
As it gives us time to ponder - And in the silence
wonder

At the plainness and the beauty of Your Son.

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Up and Coming Events that may interest You!

Minety Art Exhibition 15th/16th Oct 10am – 5pm (See separate article)

Sherston Apple Day – Sunday 9th October 10am -3pm, demonstrations of juicing, apple pressing, apple-themed games, local produce and crafts for sale.

Movies in Malmesbury – Details at www.malmesbury.gov.uk/malmesbury-cinema

Malmesbury and District u3a -open day 1st October starting at 10.30am in the Town Hall. Come along and find a group that interests you – over 40 to choose from!

Abbey House Gardens Open day – the last one this year! 8th October 10am – 4pm Tickets £5 in advance, £7 on the day. Proceeds to local groups via Malmesbury Carnival.

www.abeyhousemanor.com



Athelstan Museum

15th October 7pm - Windfalls and Wildings – a musical evening with Paul Darby.

16th November 7pm - A talk by Author Ben Kane entitled , ‘Lionheart, Rebel Leader Brother King’

7th December – A talk about the Malmesbury railway by Mike Fenton - a talk and book launch of ‘A Malmesbury Railway Companion’.

All tickets from the Museum or from the museum website: www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Renew Malmesbury Various courses www.renewmalmesbury.com

Chair based Zumba – Thursdays 2pm - 2.45pm Riverside Community Centre, Malmesbury



Contact Becky Browning 07837 930986

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Remembrance Sunday in the Braydon Brook Benefice

Sunday 13th November 2022

10am Holy Communion for Remembrance @ Charlton &
then at the War Memorial

10.45am Remembrance Friends & Family @ Crudwell

10am Holy Communion & 10.45am Remembrance @
Hankerton

10.45am Remembrance @ The War Memorial followed
by Remembrance Service in Minety

10.45am Remembrance Service @ Oaksey



Parish Newsletter



This is a sad time to be writing. The Queen has just passed away, and we are surrounded by the sense of her loss. For so long she has been a symbol of all that made us 'Great Britain' and Royalist or not, you would be hard pushed to find anyone who didn't at least respect her dedication to her role. King Charles is a man with very big shoes to fill.

But time moves on. We move forward into a world with a new King of England, and the dawning understanding that things will never be quite the same again.

We didn't only lose a monarch, we also lost the head of the Church – a woman who had never been afraid to express her strong faith.

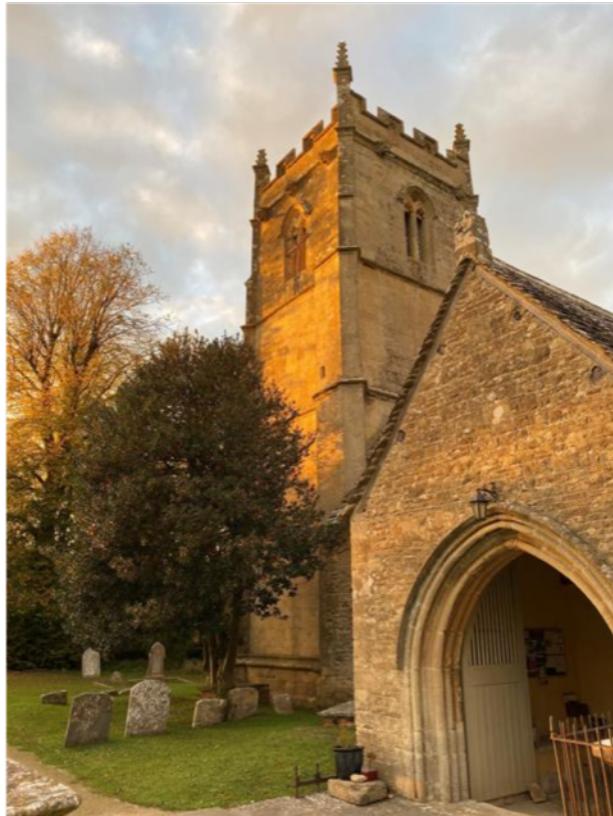
Our churches are going through similar change. Covid drove people out of our church buildings and into a world of zoom services and livestreams. The Victorian view of everyone being expected to attend church on a Sunday morning is long gone. Churches no longer have their own vicar, a choir, an organist... even our more recently passed congregations would be surprised at how church looks now. The weight of that past can be a burden – a guilty feeling of 'that's how things should be'. The feeling that we should be working towards the return of the church's Victorian status - of being a regimented part of people's lives - and that the only way to do that is to cling to whatever is left and try to resurrect that past from the pieces.

But the past be past, we are not beholden to it, or imprisoned by it. The church is not a museum. It's not sedentary or stagnant. It is a living, breathing community. In trying to protect 'the way we've always done it' or the way things used to be, in building a bubble around it so the things inside it don't change and are protected, we cut off its air supply, and suffocate it, making new life impossible. In time, we destroy the thing we've worked so hard to protect.

We must grow. We must meet people where they are in life, we must go to them, not expect them to find us, and above all when they do come to us we must show them all the love and compassion Jesus has lavished on us. No-one comes to know God through church. People come to know God because they find Him there in the people and the worship. The past continues to trickle through our fingers and no amount of wanting and hoping can bring it back. But we are in command of the future and we can embrace it, we can show all we meet that God's church is alive with His love, full of people forgiven by His grace, and free to grow in His power.

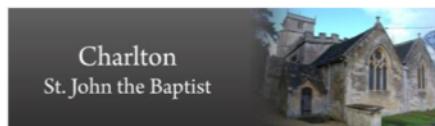
Rachel Swatton – Licensed Lay Minister

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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
2 nd October	9.30am Harvest Friends and Family Service @ Crudwell 9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton 11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey 6pm, Harvest Service @ Ashley	
9 th October	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Ashley	
16 th October	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton 11am, Holy Communion @ Minety 11am, Harvest Service @ Oaksey 3pm, Tea Time Service (Songs of Praise) @ Hankerton	6pm Evening Prayer
23 rd October	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Morning Praise @ Minety 11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
30 th October	10am, Benefice Holy Communion for All Saints @ Crudwell From 5pm All Souls Stillness and Peace @ Crudwell	

Mid-Week Services and Events

Monday	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	12 th October	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
Thursday	Not on this month	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

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



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



Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 6 th November	10am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Charlton with Bishop Lee	
Sunday 13 th November Remembrance Sunday	10am Holy Communion for Remembrance @ Charlton & then at the War Memorial 10.45am Remembrance Friends & Family @ Crudwell 10am Holy Communion 10.45am Remembrance @ Hankerton 10.45am Remembrance @ The War Memorial followed by Remembrance Service in Minety 10.45am Remembrance Service @ Oaksey	
Sunday 20 th November	11am Holy Communion & Baptism @ Minety 11am Matins @ Oaksey 3pm Tea Time Service (Songs of Praise) @ Hankerton 6pm Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 27 th November	9.30am Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Holy Communion @ Crudwell 11am Morning Praise @ Minety	

Monday	10am (alternate weeks)	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Thursday	2 nd Thursday 9.45am, 10 th Nov @ Minety	BCP Communion Service
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

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Reporting issues to Wiltshire Council (and Footpaths)

Thank you to Councillor Elizabeth Threlfall for informing the village about the following at the Parish Council meeting on September 5th 2022.

Did you know that you can report many local issues directly to Wiltshire Council, either online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ my wilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/my-wilts-online-reporting) or by downloading the MyWilts App on your smartphone and logging in from there.

MyWilts is an online tool enabling you to book services and report issues to Wiltshire Council simply quickly and easily. The services available include reporting road and street issues, fraud and trading standards in the Wiltshire Council area.

Issues can be logged on anonymously if you prefer; once you have reported an issue you will be given a reference number and will be able to track progress online.

When reporting you can provide the location of the issue, a description of the issue and even add a photograph if you have one.

Here are some of the examples you can report although the list is not exhaustive:-

- 1) Roads, pavements and footpaths - this can be the materials on the roads, pavement and kerb issues, potholes etc.
- 2) Public rights of way- blocked inaccessible issues with stiles, crops or the surface itself
- 3) Road drains or manhole's blocked or broken
- 4) Rubbish, recycling, fly tipping.
- 5) Trees, hedges and grass: if an item is on private land but causing an issue with a public footpath you can raise with Wiltshire Council who will make contact with the property owner and ask them to undertake the relevant maintenance.

This site guides you through the type of information Wiltshire Council needs in order to address any issues you may have identified and can provide a map so that the area can be pinpointed.

This is particularly relevant as a member of the village raised the issue of the state of some of our footpaths at the recent Parish Council meeting on September 5th 2022. They mentioned that the majority of our footpaths were in such a state that some were impassable over the summer and they were concerned that, as a village with an excellent network of footpaths, they should remain open and available for all to enjoy.

The following quotes are from “**Farming near footpaths -- the law for arable farmers.**”

What do farmers/landowners have to do?

Farmers or landowners are required to keep rights of way open and usable; this includes providing and maintaining stiles and gates and making sure they are safe and easy to use.

Cut vegetation that could obstruct the route (at least 3m is required for bridleways and 1.5m for footpaths unless they are crossing a field. (1m crossing a field)

Paths that run on the field edge must not be cultivated and cross-field paths must be reinstated correctly after field operation.

Landowners must meet all their legal obligations regarding maintenance of public rights of way to claim Basic Payment Scheme payments under cross-compliance

If you spot any blocked or overgrown paths please take a photo and send to Wiltshire Council by either of the ways mentioned above.

The logo for Wiltshire Council, featuring the word "Wiltshire" in a large, white, sans-serif font above the word "Council" in a slightly smaller, white, sans-serif font. A thin, white, wavy line graphic is positioned below the text.

Let's Support Kate in this very Worthwhile Cause!

Hi there. I am going to be raising money for this wonderful charity in October – Cancer Research UK.

I'm going to be doing 100 skips a day. A few people have signed up on the list but I would love to get some more to support a beautiful charity. I will also have a form at home if people prefer to pay cash instead of online. Please pop it round to me in an envelope. I will keep you updated on my progress along the way.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kates-skipping-challenge-giving-page-40>

Many Thanks from Kate Nurden 1, Hillwell, Hankerton

Parish Council News

This month's Parish Council meeting took place before the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts are with the members of the Royal family and all those across the Country and the Commonwealth who mourn her loss.



There was another really strong turnout for our meeting in September and thanks to those who were able to come along. This month we received a presentation from Conrad Energy who were discussing their plans for a battery energy storage site in neighbouring Minety parish. As always, the PC is keen to reflect the wider views, but from those present, a number of concerns and objections were raised primarily about safety. So if you have any particularly strong views either way to this battery storage development (PL/2022/04524) please let the PC know or contact Wiltshire County Council direct. As well as the usual items, a resident raised a question about footpaths and how to best keep them clear for the use of all residents and the PC also thanked all those involved in improving the road surface by the Church, which looks great. Following this success discussion moved on to possible solutions to improve the surface behind Hillwell –so watch this space!

Following the recent article in the Grapevine regarding the Amenity area, the Cllr's wished to point out that there had been no feasibility study which found that the area was too small to be a play area, and to clarify that a play area was still a viable option for the amenity area. The Grapevine has kindly agreed to correct this.

The PC also debated the installation of a flagpole by the memorial Bus Stop so that we can mark National events in the future – costs are being gathered and a decision will be made at our next meeting. Finally, the PC is also keen to further the number of wildflower areas across the village following the pilot this summer – so hopefully more of these beautiful flowers will be popping up next year.

The next PC meeting will be on 7th November and we look forward to seeing as many that can make it then.

NORTH AISLE COMMUNITY AREA

FOR HIRE!!!

Since there is no Village Hall in Hankerton, the North Aisle is the ideal alternative. There is a small kitchen area and toilet (with disabled access) and plenty of room for a range of activities. Current users include the Parish Council and the Hankerton History group who use it for meetings, the weekly coffee mornings every Saturday (all welcome), seasonal lunches (Lent and Harvest) and evening events.

It's also been used for many fund raisers over the years such as the very successful Great Royal British Bake-off:-



And not forgetting the Curry Night:-



And of course, the very popular Mexican Night:-



(Yes, the tequila was flowing!)

You might not know however, that you can also use the North Aisle for private functions, receptions, keep-fit etc.

The North Aisle is your 'Village Hall'. Please use it!

Contact:- Philip Carter 01666 575465

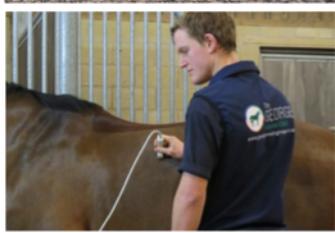
We currently have a vacancy on the North Aisle Committee – we meet a couple of times a year in the church to discuss funding and to brainstorm fund-raising activities. If you can spare a few hours and would like to join this small but friendly team then contact Philip Carter (575465) or Mary O'Brien (577394).



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