

The Grapevine



By April 1st, when this edition is published we hope to be experiencing warmer days when we can get out and enjoy the burgeoning countryside, early flowers and late bulbs, especially in gardens and through the wildlife area.

The care taken of our little bit of countryside by people in the village is as heart-warming as the littering and fly tipping is heart-breaking. Thanks to everyone for looking after the village and cleaning up after the transient litterers.

The coronation of King Charles III is a national event that will be celebrated here with a village picnic- the plans are taking shape so come along and join in: the food

will be good (it's your own!), the entertainment fun and all conducted in the usual welcoming Hankerton way!

Just a note, thank you to Reuben and Tom who have become involved in the Saturday morning coffee mornings, we can recommend their coffee!

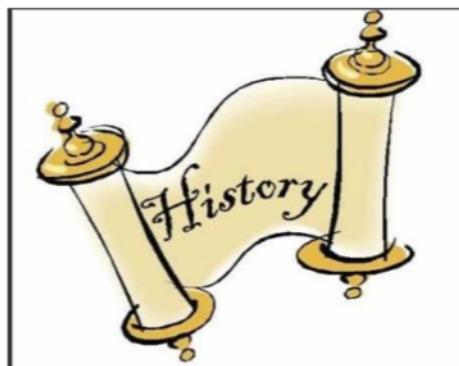
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Hankerton History Group

New to the village? Interested in the history of Hankerton?

Look out for posters for the next history group meeting when Anne and Susan will be giving a presentation about the village.

Contact Susan 577526 for details about the group.



Deadline for news for the **June** Grapevine: **May 10th 2023**

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 – April 2023.

Not seen often but a real treat when it is seen, albeit usually fleetingly, the Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) is one of five species of owls in the UK (if one doesn't include the Snowy Owl which occasionally is seen in northern parts). It is also found over much of the planet, resident on all continents except Antarctica.

It is not a large owl, being about 30 cms in length, and is very pale or white underneath with warm pale brown plumage above that is flecked with grey. The heart shaped facial disc is unique to this species in the UK and does seem to play a part in the owl's ability to locate prey. When in-flight the legs tend to hang down from the body, in contrast to the other species, so is a useful identification clue to look out for should you see an owl in flight, although the overall impression when you see a Barn Owl is how pale/white it looks.

They mainly hunt at night, searching for predominantly small mammals (mice, voles, young rats, even small rabbits), and rely on their hearing to achieve this. They have asymmetrically placed ears, hidden under their facial plumage, and this allows them to locate their prey in the vegetation very accurately, and it has been shown that while the ear placement gives them very good directional information, the facial disc helps the bird to determine distance to the prey. Combining the two allows them to drop onto the prey very effectively.

Another evolutionary peculiarity is that the feathers have unique small projections on the front and back of the flight feathers that help to reduce turbulence in the air passing over the wings, allowing for very silent flight. This is obviously important if you are trying to listen for your prey's movements in the grass – you don't want to hear a lot of flapping behind your head. When hunting, the Barn Owl will fly slowly along not far above the vegetation and when it locates something will hover briefly before dropping in for the kill or moving on. This searching technique is called "quartering". I once saw a Barn Owl in the headlights of my car, while it was hovering ready to pounce, and the position of the wings were such that they gave the impression of being vertically placed behind the bird, with its legs dangling downwards. I couldn't help thinking that the Barn Owl with its colouring and the wing position when hovering was perhaps the inspiration for whoever first came up with a description or image of an angel.



They also hunt at dusk and dawn, and if the weather conditions (rain and strong winds) have stopped them hunting for a night or two, they may hunt during the day as well.

Barn Owls breed during the warmer months of the year, and will nest in tree hollows, old farm buildings and sometimes church towers. The female will lay each egg a

couple of days apart, but incubation will start immediately, so that the young in the nest will all be of different ages and sizes. They have very pointed faces when covered in down and certainly don't have the good looks of the parents. Depending on the availability of prey species, the pair of owls may have two or three clutches in a breeding season. It is also worth noting that Barn Owl pairs tend to be faithful to

each other from season to season.

They have suffered persecution at the hands of man in the past, possibly related to their call which is described as a drawn out, blood-curdling shriek. This call explains their other name of "screech owl". Hopefully persecution is a thing of the past, but they do still face pressures from human influence, such as loss of suitable nesting places (old barns being done up, new barns not having designs that allow them access, cutting down old dead trees), and pesticide use to control rodents (which gets into the bird when it eats a poisoned rodent). Their numbers do vary with the natural cycle of their prey species from year to year, but at the moment the UK population does seem to be on an upward curve, so increasing our chances of seeing them when we are out and about.

Steve Davies.



Charlton & Hankerton



@ Charlton Village Hall

Saturday 1st April 2023

7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)

Advance Tickets Only.

£14.00

includes supper and a pud

Cash bar available

**From: Jane 01666 311097 Helen 07778 529421
John 01666 575498**

Come as a team (max. 8) or join a team on the night.

Proceeds to Charlton Recreation Centre projects (reg. Charity No. 279819)



The Hankerton Annual village litter pick will take place on Saturday 1st April at 10am.

Please meet at the turning circle outside the Church to collect some bin bags and litter picking equipment. All are welcome. This is a great opportunity to help keep the village tidy and enjoy the outdoors too! Hoping the rain will stay away!

Look forward to seeing you there. Any questions please email robintjolle@aol.com

Malmesbury Community Wardrobe

This has been a huge on-going success with new items being added every week.

Free, donated, clean, warm clothing for adults and children available on Tuesday mornings 9am – 11.30am at the Riverside Community Centre in Malmesbury (next to the big Co-op). To donate clothing please take it bagged-up to the Gloucester Road Co-op or the Town Hall.





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Local Tracklements Condiments ideal for that special occasion

Local Beers & Mates Cider

Plus all of our usual products:

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.

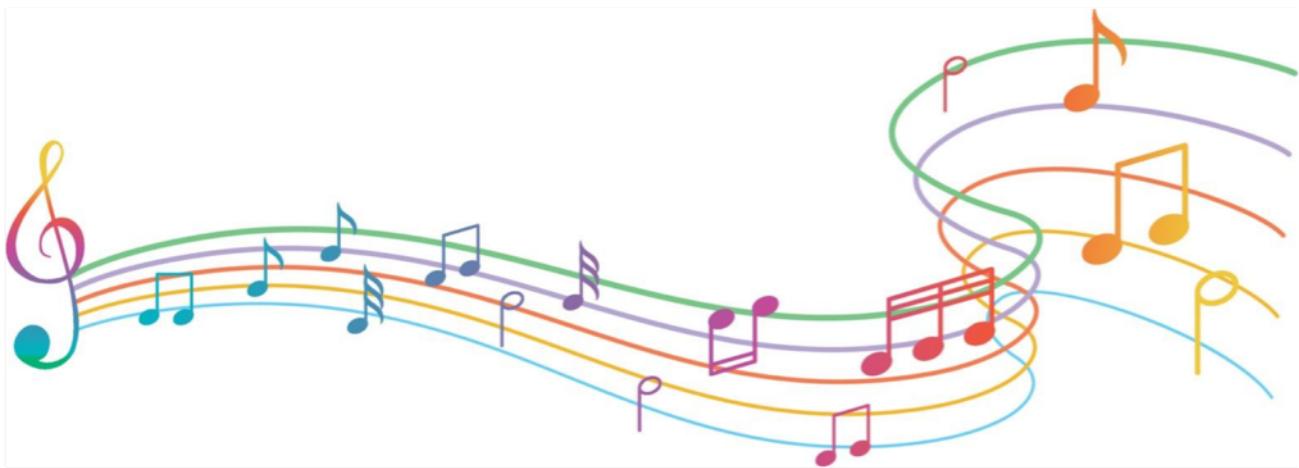
For more information call
Steve: 07802 3538325 or
Catherine: 07786522455
or email: minetyshop@gmail.com

Benefice Choir



Since the successful launch of the Braydon Brook Choir who sang at Christmas Carol services in 2021 and 2022 we are looking for additional singers to join us for benefice services, weddings and special services.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at bbbardgb@gmail.com your contact details and interest will then be passed on to Neil Medland.



Patients Participation Group



Surgery News

The new telephone system has been up and running since 1st March 2023. The new system is called Surgery Connect, a cloud-based system designed to make patients' lives easier and get them the medical attention and advice they need as effectively as possible. Surgery Connect has been chosen as the telephony solution by more than 2,400 general practices in England and Wales, serving 11.2 million patients. The system offers benefits for the reception team, GPs, and most importantly patients. A focus group of patients reviewed the system in September 2022, and felt it addressed the issues with the previous system and offered the following benefits:

- No More Engaged Tone - The cloud-based telephony system is designed to make patients' lives easier and allows an unlimited queue.
- Patient Call-back - Holds a patients' place in the queue if they don't want to hold on. This means that patients receive a call back instead of waiting on the line, saving time and money.
- Configured to direct your call - Giving access to dedicated resources, such as a cancellation line without having to queue with other patients who may want an appointment.
- Automated SMS reminders - Make life more convenient and reduce missed appointments.
- Flexible - Allows home working if staff need to isolate.
- Integration - With the patient record means when a patient speaks to a member of the team, their information is to hand, eliminating frustrating delays. Read more about the patient benefits here: [Surgery Connect Patient Benefits \(x-on.co.uk\)](http://Surgery Connect Patient Benefits (x-on.co.uk))

Survey:

A survey which was carried in out January showed that 96% of patients were happy with the MPCC. The only major issue which was raised was the telephone system which patients felt needed upgrading, and this has now been addressed.

Staff:

All follow up letters received from the hospital usually go to the GPs, but new staff will be trained to filter out letters that don't need to be seen by a GP and those that do, thereby reducing administration time for the GPs. Abuse of staff is an ongoing problem and staff are receiving additional training to help deal with any issue.

If anyone would like to raise a question or provide feedback about the service they've received from MPCC, I'll be very happy to take this forward. If you could let me have the details, my telephone number is 07856202115.

The next Patient Participation Group meetings are on 4 April and 6 June 2023.

Shayne Smith

Malmesbury and District u3a

Retired or semi-retired? Looking for new interests and friendships? Many of the interest groups have now resumed their activities. With over 500 members and 40 interest groups including history, walking, gardening, dancing, book groups and wine tasting, there's plenty to do.

Monthly meetings take place in Malmesbury Town Hall every 4th Thursday of the month, (10-12).

Thursday April 27th. is a presentation by Peter Gill on Surviving the Great War, the songs, humour and words that kept the boys going.

Non-members welcome. Donation for coffee.

Check out the website for all up-to-date information. <http://www.Malmesburyu3a>

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Sunday (roasts only) £13.00: 12.30pm to 1.00pm

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Menu choices:

Teriyaki chicken with rice or chips (£11.25)

Moroccan vegetable Tagine with rice (£10)

Crispy breaded scampi with chips or salad (£11)

6oz Cheeseburger and bacon with chips (£10.25)

Cajun Chicken Caesar salad (£10.50)

Pan fried lambs liver on mash with onion gravy (£11.50)

Beer battered cod and chips (£11.25)

Chicken Madras Curry with rice and naan bread (£11)

Beef lasagna or vegetable Lasagna with chips (£11)

Lentil and carrot burger, salsa and chunky chips (£10)

Desserts (*to be heated at home)

From £4.00

Ginger sponge with custard*

Fruit Crumble with custard*

Butterscotch ice-cream sundae



Every Friday - Eat in or Takeaway:

Pepperoni sourdough pizza - Pepperoni, pancetta and mascarpone

Margherita sourdough pizza - Tomato, mozzarella and Sicilian oregano

£10 each or 2 for £15



Cash or card payments

Local Deliveries by arrangement

See www.wheatsheafcrudwell.co.uk for updates



Coronation "Big Lunch"

Sunday 7th May at 1pm

Hankerton Churchyard

Please come and celebrate the
CORONATION of KING CHARLES III

All villagers, friends and family welcome

Bring your own food, drink and glasses!

Royal Fancy dress is optional.

Royal Toast

Royal Quiz



Royal Cake and Art competitions, Coronation theme

Children's Crown Race

Come and join us for a spectacular day!

**There will be some marquees, church tables and chairs but
please bring your own, where possible.**





Malmesbury Garden Centre is a locally run business supplying all your garden requirements. We are still open and have some gorgeous flowers and vegetable plants in, lots of seeds and gardening tools. The staff are very friendly and willing to help you with all your needs. The Cafe food is scrumptious too!

We are open:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 10.00am – 4.00pm



Vacancy!

The Malmesbury Garden Centre Café are looking for a part time kitchen assistant to start asap!

The job role will include:-

- Taking food orders and making hot beverages
- Helping the chef by taking orders out to customers and clearing tables afterwards
- Helping the chef by making salads, sandwiches & panini's
- Washing up

We are looking for someone who can work in a fast-paced environment and is happy to cover all aspects of cafe life.

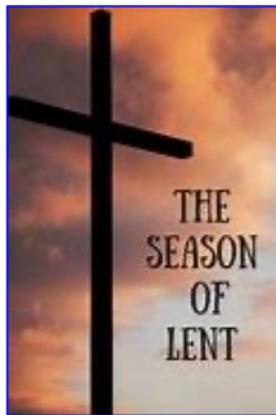
Food and drink are supplied free on shift.

The role is part time with shifts / times to be discussed .

National minimum wage to be paid fortnightly.

Please pop in for a chat and drop a CV in or send a CV over to our Facebook page.

Thank you!



In our Church's year we are in the season of Lent. Forty days of journeying, forty days of reviewing our lives and seeing what matters to us.

Across the world, people and creation are struggling, with climate change, wars and government unrest. We seem to move from one problem to the next and that can make us depressed.

On the Wellbeing course I am attending we are told that our mental state and physical bodies are linked. To help us in our lives here are some things that can help and are said to be good for us. They are also biblically based and easy to do.

Through Lent each night before you sleep think of one or more things you can be thankful for, that has happened that day. Write it down. It has been shown that people who are grateful are less stressed. If you go to sleep in a positive frame of mind you will also sleep better.

Each week make space to do something you enjoy.

We all have value and are loved by God. Good Friday shows us this as Jesus paid for our freedom by his death. In the Law that God gave to the Israelites it says that for every sin we do, we pay a penalty and the penalty is a life. Jesus freely gave His life for us because He felt we were worth it. So who ever we are, the colour of our skin, our sex, whether we are rich or poor, young or old, disabled or not; we all matter to God.

Loving Lord, you created all of us in your image, help us to know that we are valued by you and help each of us to value others. Help us Lord to feel your love around and to spread that love to others. Amen

Revd. Sarah Wyman



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Coronation “Big Lunch”

Sunday 7th May at 1pm

Royal Cake Baking Competition

We do like our cakes in this village so why not enter into the spirit of the day and join in with our Royal Cake Baking Competition!

Simply make a cake (or cakes!) with a Royal Theme and bring it/them along to the church during the picnic.

3 Categories:-

Under 12's

12 – 18 years old

Adults

A prize for the best effort in each category

Judging at 3pm

For further details (if needed, it's pretty self-explanatory!) see Mary O'Brien 577394



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
2nd April Palm Sunday	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton 10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell 11am, Family Service for Palm Sunday with baptism @ Oaksey 6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
9th April Easter Sunday	9.30am, Holy Communion for Easter Sunday @ Ashley 9.30am, Holy Communion for Easter Sunday @ Charlton 9.30am, Holy Communion for Easter Sunday @ Hankerton 11am, Holy Communion for Easter Sunday @ Crudwell 11am, Holy Communion for Easter Sunday @ Minety 11am, Holy Communion for Easter Sunday @ Oaksey	
16th April	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Hankerton	
23rd April	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Morning Praise @ Minety 11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
30th April	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Minety	

Mid-Week Services and Events



Monday	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
	Monday 3rd April (Holy Week)	9.45am	Morning Prayer @ Hankerton
Tuesday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	12th April (2nd Wednesday)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
	5th April	6 – 6.30pm	Stillness & Peace @ Ashley
Thursday	6th April (Maundy Thursday)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	7th April (Good Friday)	10am	Children's Activity @ Oaksey

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

Journey to the cross

In the afternoon on

Maundy Thursday, 6th April

& Good Friday, 7th April

@ Minety Church



Spend 10 minutes or spend an hour – it's your personal journey through the Easter story.

A chance to take time out of your busy life to experience what Easter really means, through images, the written word, and sensory interaction as you move around beautiful St Leonards church.

Braydon Brook Benefice



Join us as we go on a journey from
Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday

Sunday 2 nd April	9.30am 10am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion for Palm Sunday Friends & Family Palm Sunday Family Service for Palm Sunday with Baptism Evening Prayer	Hankerton Crudwell Oaksey Ashley
Monday 3 rd April	9.45am	Morning Prayer	Hankerton
Tuesday 4 th April	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	Zoom
Wednesday 5 th April	6pm	Stillness & Peace for Holy Week	Ashley
Thursday 6 th April	9.45am	Maundy Thursday – BCP Holy Communion	Minety
Friday 7 th April	10am 2pm	Good Friday - Children's Activity Service for Good Friday	Oaksey Charlton
Sunday 9 th April	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am 11am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday Holy Communion for Easter Sunday	Ashley Charlton Hankerton Crudwell Minety Oaksey

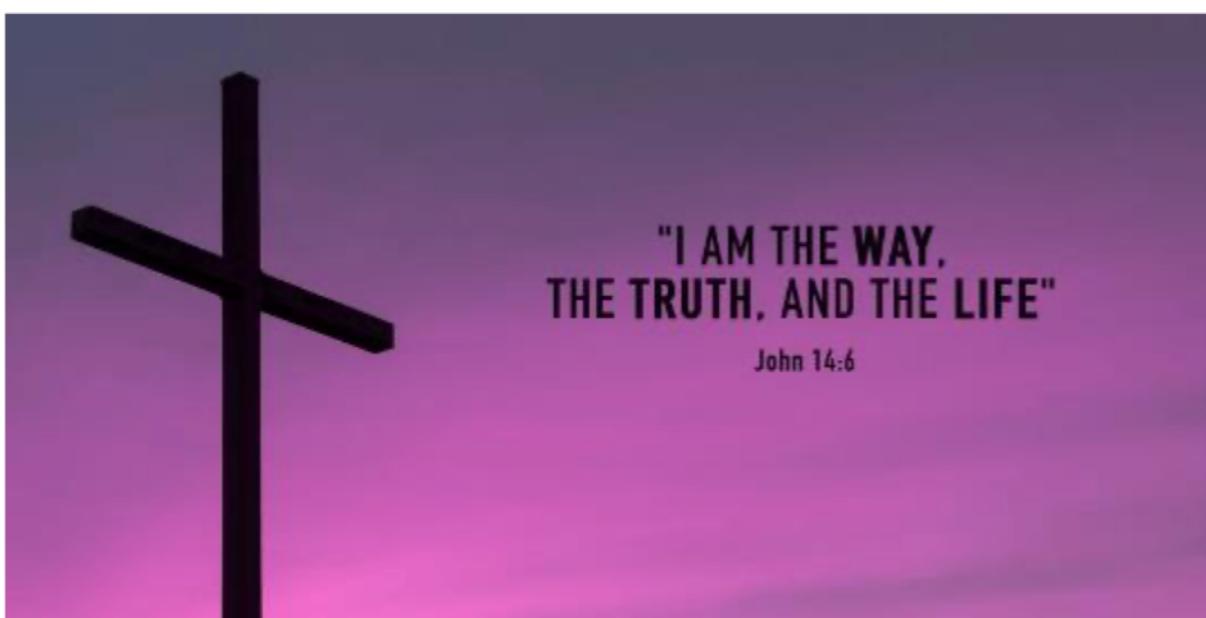
March has been an exciting month for our benefice - after a long period of vacancy we finally advertised for a new vicar, and hope to interview next month!

Many good things have come out of the vacancy, including a chance for our benefice churches to work closer together, a chance to try new patterns of worship and a chance for those who might normally stay in the background to step forward and become more involved. We have had a chance to look back and to reflect on what has gone before, and to look forward with vision to the future - to what we hope our churches will look like and to the type of person we hope to find to lead us there. There have been many hours of hard work by many people to keep our churches running smoothly, in good order, and providing a variety of worship to suit our diverse communities. We are fortunate to have lay ministers and an L.O.M. from a range of backgrounds and with very different styles, meaning there really is something to suit everyone amongst our churches. We've also been very privileged to be supported by clergy from other areas or from our deanery, who have also bought their own styles of worship and their own fresh points of view. Children from our schools have also taken part in and lead our worship, making for a wonderfully diverse program of services throughout the vacancy, and I'm sure I'm not alone in wanting to thank each and every person who's been involved during this time for everything they've done.

Of course it's not all good, or we wouldn't need a vicar! The workload increases for everyone, changes are difficult and slow without the authority of a priest, plans for the future often have to be put on hold, and worship patterns are affected by people's inability to be in two places at once!

But now once again, we begin to look to the future, we are able to see hope on the horizon. As I write this, the last of the snow is melting – by the time you read it, spring will truly have sprung! What better time to look forward to all that is to come - to reach into the future with hope and longing.

What better time to begin a journey of faith? We hope and pray this year will be a time of great joy and great growth within our churches, and we'd really, really love you to join us for the next stage of our adventure. Our churches are here for all our communities, and everyone is welcome, wherever you are on your journey. We wait with bated breath for person who will oversee our churches' futures, and ask for your prayers as the decision is made, but above all, we hope and pray you will come with us on this exciting journey.



Teatime Talks 2023
Julia and Hans Rausing Building



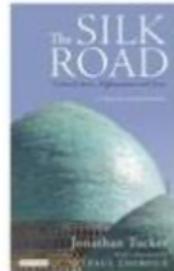
19th April	Mike Lewis	Graffiti through the ages
17th May	Janet Casselden, Gill Bright & Alison Lewis	Malmesbury Lace
21st June	Fiona James	Turner and the Sea
19th July	Susan Mockler & Anne Goodyer	Changes in Malmesbury High Street

Tea is served from 2.30pm and the talk starts at 3pm

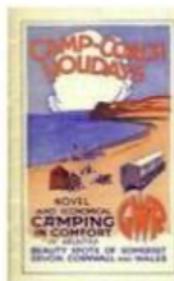
Tickets £6.50 (includes refreshments)
From Athelstan Museum shop and the Museum website

Evening Talks 2023

21 st April	The Silk Road Jonathan Tucker 7pm (doors open 6.30 pm) Tickets £12 (includes a glass of wine)
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14 th June	1930s Camping Coach Holidays on the Great Western Railway Mike Fenton 7pm (doors open 6.30 pm) Tickets £12 (includes a soft drink)
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Tickets from Athelstan Museum shop and the Museum website



THE JOY OF JESUS

Lord, grant us Your compassion as we amble down Your streets
Don't let us pass the heavy laden, help us aid the folk we meet

 Listen with attentive ears to all they have to say

 Of the hardships they experience, help us see things their way
 If we put ourselves in their shoes, we can feel their sadness too
 And should ask Your Holy Spirit to bring solutions into view

 For as we stop to listen, we can then witness to You, Lord,
 Of the way that You can aid us if we all would read Your Word...

 For God is working through us from the minute that we're born
 to the time when we will meet Him face to face

 And if throughout our lives, we witness to His Son,
 we will feel the joy of Jesus in each place

 For we know that Our Lord died for us to forgive us all our sins
 As we accept Him in our hearts, His Spirit's working from within

 If you sense you're going nowhere and your life is full of gloom
 Just look out for others you can help and Christ will see you bloom

 Let God act throughout your lives, He'll help you flourish by His Grace
 Remember, you're His child so relax, feel His embrace

 Don't ever be disheartened, God loves you, this you know
 He has a job for you to do, so let Him help you grow

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Sunday 14 th May	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Oaksey	
Sunday 21 st May	9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am, Holy Communion @ Baptism @ Minety 11am, Matins @ Oaksey 3pm, Tea Time Service (Songs of Praise) @ Hankerton	6pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 28 th May	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Morning Praise @ Minety 11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	

Mid-Week Services and Events



Monday	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	10 th May (2 nd Wednesday)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
Thursday	11 th May (2 nd Thursday)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
	18 th May (Ascension Day)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Hankerton
Friday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

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**Request the pleasure of your company as they
celebration the Coronation of King Charles III**

On Sunday 7th May 2023

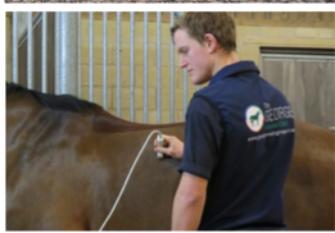
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10am	Friends & Family Coronation Celebration	Crudwell
11am	Holy Communion Service for the Coronation	Charlton
11am	Coronation Celebration Service	Minety
11am	Family Commemoration Service	Oaksey
6pm	A Service for the Coronation	Ashley



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