

The Grapevine



Photo courtesy of Robin Tjolle

No matter how you feel about the Monarchy, it does bring (most of) the nation together for these big Royal events, besides, it's a good excuse to get with family, friends and neighbours and eat cake! Hankerton has been festooned with bunting and Union Jacks to celebrate the crowning of King Charles III, culminating in a Church Service and a fabulous picnic in the churchyard on May 7th (see write-up in this Grapevine). The church always looks lovely thanks to the hard work of the volunteer church cleaners but it was looking wonderfully regal for the Coronation, thanks to this spectacular floral arrangement from Chris Jarvis!

At the time of writing the weather has taken a turn for the better (at last!) so here's hoping we have many more occasions over the summer to get together with family and friends (and neighbours!) and just celebrate life!

Have a wonderful summer! – Eds.

Charlton and Hankerton Quiz Night

Ninety people were at the Charlton and Hankerton Quiz Night on 1 April. Held in Charlton Village Hall, the event raised £1490, which will be split between the hall and Dorothy House hospice.

Charlton & Hankerton



Deadline for news for the **August** Grapevine: **July 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

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I like to try and write about an aspect of our local natural history that is likely to be seen around the time of the article being published. At the time of writing the rain is lashing down, temperatures have been slow to rise, and sunshine is certainly being rationed. So, whether my subject will delay its post winter appearance I do not know, but we should see them around.

Ladybirds are beetles belonging to the taxonomic Family *Coccinellidae*, and are no doubt one of our favourite invertebrates. The Family contains 42

British species, but only 24 are regarded as true Ladybirds (also known as Ladybugs in the US). There cannot be many people who are unfamiliar with the typical, red-bodied beetle with black spots, as seen in countless children's stories and picture books, but they do come in other colours as well. There are ladybirds coloured yellow with black spots, brown with cream spots, and in some the spots have coalesced into splodges. There is variation in the number of spots by species, so that we have species with a red background and 2, 7 and 24 spots. Accurate identification of a ladybird species can be difficult, when one considers that the 2-spot Ladybird comes in many forms. There is one with a red background and 2 black spots (that's easy to identify, usually), a red background with 2 black triangles, black with 6 red marks (of which only two are spots) and black with 4 red marks (again only two are spots).

The colour and patterns are seen on the hard forewings of the beetle (the elytra) which give the Ladybird its characteristic round shape, and protect the gauzy hind wings which are used for flight.

The gaudy colours serve a protective purpose in advertising that Ladybirds are not good eating for birds. If handled roughly, or attacked by an inexperienced bird, they will exude blood from pores on their legs (called reflex bleeding) and this blood contains substances that taste horrible and have a strong smell. If it doesn't save this Ladybird from fatal damage by the bird, it will deter that bird from ever trying another one in future.

All British Ladybirds spend the winter as adults, often coming together in groups tucked away in sheltered spots in trees, rocks, and in our homes or sheds/outhouses. They emerge in April and, after mating, the female lays her eggs on vegetation close to populations of aphids, on which the larvae will feed. The larval Ladybird looks quite different from the adult, with a segmented body, six visible legs and dark blue/grey colouration often with very brightly coloured spots or



marks. After moulting a few times during their 3 week life, they pupate and the adult emerges 6 days later. They also are voracious feeders on aphids, so both larvae

and adults are truly friends of the gardener. So, if you are having a problem with aphids on some garden plants, think twice before spraying some toxic insecticide which will also in all likelihood kill all the Ladybirds (and other insects), and wait for the cavalry to arrive (in this case, larval and adult Ladybirds and their friends the Hoverflies). Brightly coloured insects look so nice on the plants in the garden, whereas insecticides don't do us much good either.

It used to be considered lucky to have a

Ladybird alight on your clothing, and we probably all recited the rhyme about going home because its house was on fire when we tried to encourage it to fly off. People have always liked Ladybirds and it was considered as sacrilege to kill one deliberately, and if you accidentally trod on one and crushed it, there was a protocol to follow to stave off bad luck.

A recent addition to the British list of Ladybirds is the Harlequin Ladybird (Asian originally) which is slightly bigger than the rest, but very variable in colour and markings (sometimes red with two black spots!). Unfortunately, it has a penchant for eating our native species of Ladybirds and has been very successful in establishing itself here, to such an extent that it is not going to disappear, which is bad news for our natives as it is thought to be having quite a negative effect on their numbers. The advice is not to kill what you may think is a Harlequin Ladybird(s) to help our native species, because correct identification is difficult and you may be killing a British Ladybird. We have to accept that they are here, and hope our native species adapt to living with their presence.

So, I hope that the weather improves so that we can enjoy our gardens, and the aphids can flourish (not too well) so there is plenty for our well-loved Ladybirds to eat.



Steve Davies



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
- Willing to work as a team player

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 .

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Thank you!



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Coronation 'Big Lunch' – Sunday May 7th 2023



Photo courtesy of Paul O'Brien

The sun shone, the food was fab and the bubbly was flowing. After the truly miserable weather of the previous day when the actual Coronation had taken place, we really didn't hold out high hopes for our Hankerton picnic, but volunteers came together to put up tents and gazebos during a gloomy morning, hoping they would keep the rain off at least – little did we know that they would be needed to keep the sun off instead!



It seemed like the entire village turned out to celebrate our new King with some fabulous picnics (and even a BBQ in one case!) – even the King himself turned up, happy to be photographed with our local constabulary ...



With thanks to Malmesbury Police for the use of this photo!

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves and taking part in the competitions. We have such talented children in our village – the under 12's section of the Cake Making Competition was particularly strong and it was a really difficult decision to choose a winner but eventually the prize went to Lottie Landon's crown cake with close runners up by Elijah and Jonah Whiting with their Union Jack decorated cakes.

The 12-18 year old section was won by an ingeniously (and last minute) decorated cake from Tom Lydiate and the Adult section was won by a lovely cherry cake from Peter Blizzard.

Similarly, the Art Competition was difficult to judge with such excellent contributions from Tamsin Carter, Isabelle Lawrence, Reuben and Lottie Landon and Jessica and Jake Wright, covering Royal topics from a King Charles Spaniel, King Charles himself, Royal Crowns and of course, Union Jacks. Well done to all of you! We expect to see your artwork hanging in the Tate Gallery one day!



Finally, we held the Egg and Spoon Race, oops, I mean the Kneeler and Crown Race, where children had to run along a course and back, balancing a golden crown on a church kneeler without dropping it – not as easy as it looked! The triumphant winners were all awarded with a commemorative medal to remember the day with. To round everything off there was the Great Royal Quiz - I'm not sure if anyone knows who actually won that – it was hard !! I mean, come on – the name of the Queen's first corgi? (Apparently not Fido) Henry VIII's waistline measurement???? (Apparently not 18 inches) . The weight of the Golden Coronation Coach?? (Apparently they expected a more precise answer than 'A Lot')

All in all, it was another Hankerton triumph and special thanks must go out to the North Aisle Committee for organising the event, the Hankerton Art Group for running the children's Art competition and to all the volunteers who helped on the day. Also, special thanks to the weather without whose help it would not have been quite so enjoyable!



All photos courtesy of Robin Tjolle and Peter Wyman unless otherwise stated.



Next to the Big Co-Op in Malmesbury is the Riverside Community Centre – you may have wondered what goes on in there so I'm here to tell you – a bit of everything!

There are all types of classes from Boogie Beats for toddlers, Music for the Mind (for people suffering from Alzheimer's), Seated Zumba (for people with mobility problems), Tai Chi, Probus (club for retired businessmen), Ju Jitsu for children and adults, Yoga, Sewing, Revolution Performing Arts and lots more.

You can also book rooms for meetings (lots of companies use it for off-site meetings), to run your own event or to hire for parties, Christening teas, talks etc. Something for everyone as we say!

For more details take a look at the website:-

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Something for everyone</p>  <p>Maltesbury Textile Artists 9.45am to 12.45pm Riverbank Conference Rm</p> <p>Alzheimer's Support Music For the Mind Usually fortnightly 1.30pm to 3pm Main Hall</p> <p>Maltesbury Dance 3.45pm to 4.30pm Main Hall</p> <p>Maltesbury Crafty Sew & Sews 7pm to 9pm Upper Hall (Usually every 3rd Monday monthly)</p>	<p>Boogie Beats 9.30am to 10.30am Main Hall</p> <p>Community Wardrobe 9.30am to 11.30am Arts and Crafts Rm</p> <p>English Language for Ukrainian Refugees 12.30pm to 3pm Conference Room</p> <p>Please contact the provider directly for information about activities at the Centre. Please note that there are also non-public sessions, meetings and events at the Centre which are not shown here.</p> <p>Draco Dojo 5.15pm to 6.45pm Main Hall</p> <p>Kate Brideyman Personal Training 7pm to 8pm Main Hall</p>	<p>Laraine Trains Pilates Fusion 9.20am to 10.20am Main Hall</p> <p>Joe May's Tai Chi 1.30pm to 2.30pm Main Hall</p> <p>Maltesbury Tutoring (KS1 to KS3 + foundation GCSE inc 11+) 3.15pm to 6.15pm Swan Room</p> <p>Revolution Performing Arts 5.30pm to 8.00pm Main Hall</p> <p>Maltesbury Crafty Sew & Sews 7pm to 9pm Upper Hall (Usually every 3rd Wednesday monthly)</p>	<p>Kate Brideyman Sweaty Mama 11.30am to 12.30pm Main Hall</p> <p>English Language Lessons 1pm to 3pm Conference Room</p> <p>Zumba Gold -Seated Exercise with Becky Browning 2pm to 2.45pm Main Hall</p> <p>Maltesbury Tutoring (KS1 to KS3 + foundation GCSE inc 11+) 3.15pm to 6.15pm Swan Room</p> <p>Yoga With Cathi Wilson 6.30pm to 8.00pm Upper Hall</p> <p>Rachel Kent's Massage, Reflexology & Foot Care Clinic Session times vary Swan Room</p>	<p>Harrbees 9.30am to 1.30pm Main Hall</p> <p>Probus 10am to 12pm (2nd & 4th monthly) Upper Hall</p> <p>Draco Dojo 5pm to 6.30pm Main Hall</p>

<https://www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk>

or speak to Mary O'Brien (577394)





PUT GOD FIRST

Put yourself last and place God first - Wait on the Lord, He'll slake your thirst
Trust in the promises He made to you - Leave things to Him, see what He will do
For He is always there - Accept His Love, His care
His arms ever-loving enfold us - If we would only believe, He would hold us
We must think of others not just ourselves - The richness of God is concern not
wealth
Leave self behind, live in Our Lord. - Wait on Him for He is Good.
Have Faith, His Covenant is sound - Therein lies Love, inexplicably bound
We know Christ will return, we must prepare and wait - It could be tomorrow or at
a later date
So, we should care without a fuss - For folk on earth who wait like us
Whether in church or without - We need to talk and to reach out
To witness of Jesus Christ, the King. - Without whom we would be nothing
There is so much to read and learn - To follow Him our main concern
We must praise God for all He's done - Acknowledge He's the only One.
Rejoice when His Will is done – And thank Him when His Kingdom come.

25.10.96.

Thoughts for June

As I write this we as a nation have just had a wonderful Coronation weekend, with many getting together to share in laughter and friendship. We also had an interview for a candidate to become our new incumbent; the outcome will probably be known when you read this.

It set me thinking as to how we often have to wait for things to happen for example the results from the exams that many of our youngsters will be taking this month whether in school, college or university. They all shape their futures and yet we have a long wait until the result is known.

So how do you wait?

In the church we have two major periods of waiting, Lent and Advent, and they are used to prepare us about what is going to happen next.

By reading the Bible especially the book of Acts you find how the early church reacted to waiting. They expected Jesus to return at any time bringing justice and peace with his kingdom beginning on earth. They lived their lives as though it was their last. Often it was because of the persecution against believers that persisted in the world at that time.

Persecution still occurs today. Across the world people are being persecuted because of their belief in a wonderful God. It is amazing reading about the lives of the modern day martyrs and very humbling. What they have is the assurance that Jesus loves them and is with them, alongside them giving them strength when they need it. They hang onto the promises that Jesus said and that is what each of us can find helpful in our daily living.

This promise is one St. Paul wrote and I find very encouraging.

Romans Chapter 8, verses 38,39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

Lamentations Chapter 3.verses 22,23

May you know the love of God and feel him helping you every day.

Revd. Sarah Wyman



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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

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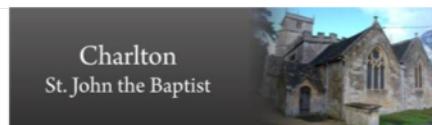
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Services across the Braydon Brook Benefice

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



Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 4 th June	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton 10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell 11am, Holy Communion & Baptism @ Oaksey 6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 11 th June	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
Sunday 18 th June	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton 11am, Holy Communion @ Minety 11am, Matins @ Oaksey 3pm, Tea Time Service (Songs of Praise) @ Hankerton	6pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 25 th June	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Morning Praise @ Minety 11am, Family Service & Baptism @ Crudwell	

Mid-Week Services and Events

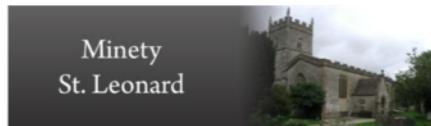
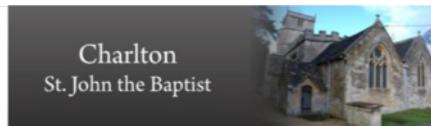
Monday	Every other week	10am	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	14 th June (2 nd Wednesday)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
Thursday	8 th June (2 nd Thursday)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

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Date	Services in Church	Services on Zoom
Sunday 2 nd July	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Hankerton 10am, Friends & Family @ Crudwell 11am, Holy Communion @ Oaksey 6pm, Evening Prayer @ Ashley	
Sunday 9 th July	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Ashley	
Sunday 16 th July	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Charlton 11am, Holy Communion @ Minety 11am, Matins @ Oaksey 3pm, Tea Time Service (Songs of Praise) @ Hankerton	6pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 23 rd July	9.30am, Holy Communion @ Ashley 9.30am, Morning Praise @ Charlton 11am Morning Praise @ Minety 11am, Holy Communion @ Crudwell	
Sunday 30 th July	11am, Benefice Holy Communion @ Charlton	

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Tuesday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
Wednesday	12 th July (2 nd Wednesday)	10.30am	Coffee & Chat @ Crudwell
Thursday	13 th July (2 nd Thursday)	9.45am	BCP Communion Service @ Minety
Friday	Weekly	9am	Morning Prayer via Zoom

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Parish Council News Meeting 22nd May 2023

We held our APCM in May and welcomed a good turn out of residents. Robin Tjolle, who has been our wonderful chairman for the last three years has retired and the vice chair Jacqui Erskine Crum was duly elected. Thank you Robin for all you have done for the village during your tenure especially during the pandemic.. Two new members were co-opted onto the PC, Dennis DeSouza and David Bosley and we thank them and welcome them to the team.

For a full account of the minutes please go to <https://hankertonpc.wordpress.com/> . There was a full agenda and these are some key points.

Speeding through the village is an issue we discussed and in considering what actions to take have decided on offering the residents the opportunity to take part in a survey. This will be put out both through the Grapevine and through doors for those who do not have access to a computer. Please do take part as the results of the survey will inform any actions to be taken by the PC.

Dog waste is an issue we all feel strongly about and we really urge all dog owners to PICK UP THE POO.... (and not leave the used bags in the grass). Less poo will make walking and the environment a much more pleasant experience.

The PC are considering offering residents the opportunity to take part in a half day First Aid training and we are currently looking at costs. It would be very useful to know if any of you would be interested in this or are already trained in First Aid, please let us know through the PC website.

The Best Kept Village Competition has started, and we often come second! Perhaps we can win this year, a big thank you goes out to our litter pickers. Let's keep on picking..

The verge of wildflowers is looking beautiful and the Coronation Party was a huge success. Thank you to Kate Nurden and her team for great community spirit and organisation.

As you have probably noticed we have a flagpole by the bus stop proudly flying the Union flag, more flags coming soon!



Talks for June & July

1930's Camp Coach Holidays on Great Western Railway

Weds 14 June - 7pm in Rausing Building

Tickets £12 available now!

In the 1930s the four major railway companies took a large number of life-expired railway carriages out of traffic and converted them into holiday accommodation. These were sent to rural stations all over the system and hired out to the public during the summer season.

This illustrated talk lasts ninety minutes and focuses on the Great Western's scheme during 1934-40, using original archive material, memories of those who took part and photographs contributed from family holiday albums, a step back into the atmosphere of England at a time when the very concept of a family vacation was a relatively new idea.

Turner & the Sea

Weds 21 June - TeaTime Talk 2.30 in Rausing Building

Tickets £6.50 available now - to include tea & cake

J M W Turner believed that landscapes could convey a full range of artistic, historical and emotional meanings and nowhere is that more true than in his seascapes. He had a lifelong fascination for the sea and a deep understanding of its moodiness, its violence and its serenity.

In this talk Fiona James looks at how Turner used paint, light and colour to express the mystery and moods of the sea. He also used the sea as a way of expressing the power of nature over man and he was capable of using the sea to rail against tyranny or to express his interest in modern technology.

Changes in Malmesbury High Street

Weds 19 July - TeaTime Talk - 2.30 in Rausing Building

Tickets £6.50 available now to include tea & cake

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The village was saddened to hear about the recent passing of Craig McCallum. He has been a big part of village life and a previous Editor of the Grapevine. Our thoughts are with Lorraine, Lucy, Amy and all the family at this very sad time.

Annual Village Meeting - Monday 15th May

The Annual Village Meeting was recently held in the Church and was well attended.



The (then) Parish Council Chairman Robin Tjolle presented a report on the past year and gave us a look ahead to the coming year. Villagers were also able to give their own opinions on local matters.





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