



Dates for the Diary

- 1st Dec – Christmas Fair
- 6th Dec – RWB Moviola
- 10th Dec – Bushton Bookworms
- 13th Dec – WI Meeting
- 13th Dec – Calligraphy in Clyffe
- 21st Dec – Winter Solstice
- 25th Dec – Christmas
- 28th Dec – Village Walk
- 10th Jan – Calligraphy in Clyffe
- 29th Jan – Bushton Bookworms

From the Newsletter Editors:

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank our readers for their contributions and support throughout the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

In order to get into the spirit of Christmas why don't you go along to the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall Saturday 1st December between 2-4pm.



A quick reminder: We (The Editors) are taking a break in January but will return at the start of February. Please check the website (link below) for any community updates during this period.



DEFIBRILLATOR – A reminder to all that a defibrillator is installed at the Village Hall, Bushton. Code for defibrillator is C159X. If you would like to borrow the CD that explains how it works please email Peter Gantlett at gantlett2@aol.com.

What's on in the Community



We are just recovering from November's Big Breakfast – a very busy and jolly morning. Over seventy breakfasts were cooked and served in the village hall: as ever, huge thanks to all the WI members who took part and to everyone else who came, making this event so successful.

At our November meeting, we were treated to several of the comic songs of Victoria Wood: our speaker also talked entertainingly about her life in comedy and on stage. Members had also enjoyed a short holiday in the north-west, full of visits to interesting places and run by the WI, a male voice choir concert and skittles matches. We look forward to a county Christmas concert in Melksham, always a lovely occasion, and a visit to Lydiard House its Christmas finery.

At our December meeting on Thursday 13th, we shall entertain ourselves with indoor curling and seasonal food and drinks. We then look forward to a new year, beginning with a special dinner on Saturday 12th January when guests are invited to join us. Looking back, we have welcomed three new members this year: you could be one of our new members next year! We offer a free "taster" evening, so do come along if you think you could be interested in joining us.

Meetings begin at 7.15pm on the third Thursday of each month and are usually in the Village Hall in Bushton. Please call or e-mail Sally Fox, 01249 891442 or sally_fox@btinternet.com if you would like to find out more.



RWB Rotary Community Cinema

THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2018

THE BOOKSHOP



Drama 113 mins Certificate PG

6th Form Building of Royal Wootton Bassett Academy. Film starts at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00pm

Tickets £5. Cash only
rwbrotarycinema.uk

Clyffe Pypard & Bushton

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER 2-4pm

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

★ Entrance £1 ★

What's on in the Community



Bushton Bookworms

If you like a thriller with a somewhat complex storyline then try reading 'The Dark and Twisted Tide' by Sharon Bolton - the Bookclub members had varying opinions but what did come though at our discussion, was that this was not the first book in a series written by the author so occasionally references were made that were a bit of a mystery. Nevertheless, for some of us it was quite a page turner!

Here are the next books that have been chosen for reading:

- Monday 10th December: Bel Canto by Ann Pratchett
- Tuesday 29th January: A man called Ove by Frederick Backman

Both meetings are at 3:30pm. Please do phone Barbara Davis 01793 739017 for venue details. New members would be welcome even if you only wish to discuss one of the chosen books.

VILLAGE ACTIVITY - ALL VERY WELCOME

What are you doing on **28th December?**

Will you have had enough of rich food and be in need of some fresh air?



How about a walk starting from the Village Hall at 12 noon? OR just come to the Village Hall for some home- made soup and bread and cheese lunch at 1pm. Cost £7 – any profit to Village Hall funds.



Well behaved dogs welcome on the walk.

The walk will use local footpaths which no doubt will be muddy, come dressed for the weather and if it is really awful then just come for lunch!

To help with catering and to know who might be walking please could you let either Jill Maris on 07817431556 jill.maris@btinternet or Barbara Davis 01793 739017 rjbdavis@btinternet.com know by **Boxing Day please.**

We are not issuing tickets – if you say you are coming then we shall expect you!

What's on in the Community

Ellen Blacker, Health & Wellbeing Champion - Malmesbury, Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Areas



Sitting in my office it is really chilly today. Frost season is upon us and on goes the heating. More people than you think struggle with the cost of heating. For those of us in the rural villages, we rely on electricity or oil, both of which are expensive and oil purchases mean careful budgeting to afford the cost of filling the tank! Although cheaper, gas is expensive too. It's wonderful that at this time of year Wiltshire Community Foundation run their Surviving Winter Grants which collects funds from those who would like to donate and ensure that the money is distributed to those in need. See the information in the magazine and please do contact me for more information.

To be eligible for a grant someone must;

- be considered to live in fuel poverty (spend more than 10% of their annual household
- income on fuel to keep their home warm and in a satisfactory condition)
- be in receipt of eligible means-tested benefits

And fall into one of the categories below;

- be pensionable age and affected by fuel poverty
- be of working age with a disability or a long-term health condition which affects their ability to keep warm
- be in receipt of Better 2gether childcare funding for their 2-year old.

Please get in touch if I can help with any of the above. As ever, I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ellen Blacker

Health and Wellbeing Champion

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Calligraphy in Clyffe

The Calligraphy Group will come to the end of this "term" on December 13th. We will be starting up again on January 10th. We usually meet twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 in the Village Hall.

All ages and abilities are represented within the group. We would be very pleased to welcome anyone else who is interested and would like to join us at the start of this new "term". Each member just pays their share of the hire of the hall and towards the general running costs.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information or to come for a "taster" session, please get in touch with Jan (01249 890726/jan_hargrave@yahoo.co.uk)

What's on in the Community

SWINDON & DISTRICT SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST 2018

This facility, which by law, is only for the delivery of Christmas Cards, is again being provided this year as in previous years. The cost of the special stamp is still 30p (now self-adhesive). They can be purchased in Royal Wootton Bassett from Bevirs, Solicitors, High Street; Haines & Smith, Opticians, High Street; News Plus, Gainsborough Avenue; Radway's the Cobblers, The Arcade, High Street & Rootz, Hairdressers, Woodshaw. The last date for posting mail into the Scout Post is TUESDAY 11th DEC at 4:00pm and all items must be posted in the special green post boxes which can be found at Sainsbury's, Borough Fields, Haines & Smith, Radway's, News Plus & Rootz. Please DO NOT USE Scout Post stamps on cards posted through Royal Mail post boxes. They are not valid and the receiver will have to pay a surcharge.

The area covered for delivery of Scout Post is:

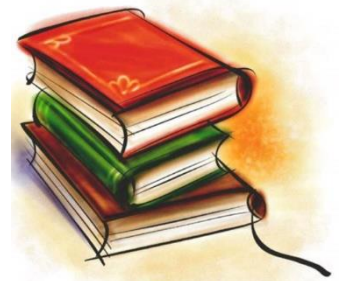
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In addition, stamps are available from Clive Green, 5 Eastwood Avenue, Royal Wootton Bassett. Tel No. 01793 854200 clivegreen@waitrose.com

Home Library Service

The home library service is for Wiltshire residents who want to continue reading or listening to books and audio items but are unable to visit the library and have no-one to collect items on their behalf. If a friend or relative can visit the library on your behalf, please ask us about becoming an assisted reader. The home library service is there for people of any age who are:

- blind or partially sighted
- disabled in some way
- suffering a long-term illness
- recovering from an operation and in need of short term help
- elderly and frail
- unable to carry library books
- carers who cannot easily leave home
- experiencing mental health problems.



How does the service work? A member of library staff will talk to you about what you like to read. They will then visit you at home with a library volunteer and bring you some books. Every few weeks, the library volunteer will call at a time to suit you and exchange your books.

You can borrow every kind of book, in standard or large print and also audio books on CD. Choose from crime, romance, family stories or historical novels. Or, if you prefer, biographies, hobby and craft books, war stories and local history titles. There are no fines or charges for this service and you can request items too. What do I do now?

If you would like the home library service please contact us. You can: Contact your local library or telephone the Access and Volunteer Manager on 01225 713706 Email: libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Insulating the loft area – 10:30am 1st and 2nd December

If you have an hour or two spare on either Saturday or Sunday morning please do just turn up to help with this project – wear appropriate clothing please!

New Shed

Many thanks to those who kindly helped with loading the items from the committee room into the new shed – next job will be decorating the committee room!

101 Club Draw

Month	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
October	Sharon Fowler	Roderick Whiteman	Lady Inchcape
November	Christine Henderson	Neville Thompson	Jill Maris
December	Sharon Fowler	Dorothy Wilkins	Ellen Rogers

Money will be delivered to you soon!

It never fails to amaze how the same person can win twice but it has now happened a few times. For those who are not aware, all the names are given numbers on circles of wood and the numbers are drawn in rotation at the committee meetings.

In January we will once again be collecting the £15 from those of you who wish to continue or from anyone who would like to join the 101Club. If you would like to organise that your money be paid directly into the Village Hall account then we have the appropriate form for your use – please ask me to send it to you – thank you – it would save some footslogging!

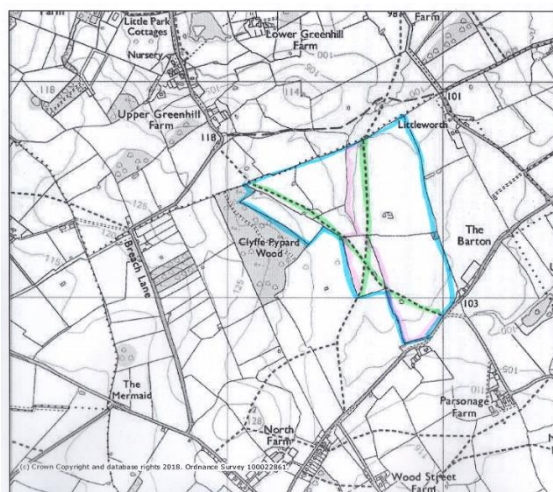
Barbara 01793 739017, rbjdavis@btinternet.com

FOOTPATHS

If anyone is interested in starting or joining a local footpath group to work with Wiltshire Council in maintaining the footpaths please contact the Clerk.

Please could the parish council have feedback on the proposed permitted path in the miscanthus field (see attached map) and also feedback on walking the footpaths after the miscanthus is cut down in February. The proposal is to offer an alternative to the footpaths that cross the field and we wish to know if this would have popular support. Please send your views to the parish clerk.

AND.....Please remember to close all gates behind you when walking the local rights of way to stop livestock straying.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Parish Councillor vacancy - If you are interested in becoming a parish Councillor please contact the parish clerk for more details about the role and an informal chat in the first instance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Trotting Horse - Some residents may already know this, but for those of you who don't, an application for a "Change of Use" of The Trotting Horse has been submitted to Wiltshire Council. It is hoped that the Parish Council will come up with a plan to save it for the Community - the permanent loss of the pub's licence is a major concern for the village. If you have any ideas/solutions please make them known to the clerk of the council - at clyffepypardpc@hotmail.com. Or comment directly to Wiltshire Council by December 24th

View from the Vicarage

On the Threshold December 2018

I spend lots of my time in doorways, or waiting on the threshold. Doorways into life when I have the joy of meeting a family wanting their new baby to be christened – joyous time learning from them what becoming a family for the first time or adding another child to their family. The hospitality and kindness of the people I visit is something I treasure, but even with the privilege of walking alongside a child or an adult seeking baptism I'm aware of being on the threshold – this is their story I have the joy of walking with them; it is not my journey.

With couples wanting to be married whether in the joys of first love or taking the plunge and risk of commitment after past hurt being with people and discovering something about what love means to them and helping them take their courage and go through the doorway of commitment to each other is fun.

Alongside those who are dying and with those who love them is a more painful doorway and one where I am aware that much is hidden from sight. Here too there is privilege in being allowed to wait with other people as they cross this threshold.

Soon, I and the village communities I serve will be in the stable doorway: watching nativity plays; singing carols, preparing for the celebrations of Christmas. This threshold offers us the beginning of a journey with the God who became human in the baby at Bethlehem – I invite you, with me, to step anew through that doorway.

Church Schedule

Awaiting a new Church Schedule for the next year. The full schedule will be placed upon the website when available.



Puzzle Corner

26 Dance Variations. Good luck and happy hunting.

F	T	Q	T	P	O	L	K	A	W	Q	E	H	R	X
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A	I	Y	R	A	R	O	P	M	E	T	N	O	C	W
M	S	N	C	G	G	L	G	U	V	M	A	O	K	Y
E	T	L	D	N	I	L	B	H	I	O	D	M	N	Y
N	K	X	A	I	J	Y	K	R	J	O	T	S	R	M
C	K	T	G	S	H	W	M	F	O	R	E	N	O	H
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Q	G	E	G	P	I	O	P	Y	R	L	R	C	L	P
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N	L	F	T	T	N	P	Z	U	K	A	B	M	A	S
Q	E	Y	Z	V	T	A	H	C	A	H	C	A	H	C
H	T	O	R	T	X	O	F	G	H	K	R	I	P	E

Cryptogram

OQLEWIANW EW N WHNWUY YUI UYKF UZ
LHDUEOEYS VCI UZ LHZKHOIEUY.

Sudoku

7	8		5		4			
		6		8	9		5	3
	5					8		
	6	2	8			3		
		7		5		6		
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		5					3	
6			4		5	7		
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Last month's Puzzle and Answers

H	R	U	E	D	E	M	Y	N	A	G	L	I
A	N	O	T	S	I	L	L	A	C	P	L	P
L	E	U	Y	R	U	C	R	E	M	H	T	H
L	P	M	S	R	S	R	E	U	R	O	P	A
E	T	H	P	O	T	U	N	R	R	B	H	H
Y	U	R	M	R	L	V	N	E	E	O	O	N
S	N	I	I	N	E	U	T	A	A	S	A	P
Y	E	T	A	N	U	I	N	O	R	A	H	C
D	O	T	U	L	P	P	S	A	T	U	R	N
N	I	S	R	U	E	Y	M	G	H	O	Y	E
T	A	U	J	N	S	N	A	L	H	W	N	A

Callisto, Ceres, Charon, Deimos, Earth, Europa, Ganymede, Halleys, Io, Jupiter, Luna, Mars, Mercury, Neptune, Phobos, Pluto, Saturn, Titan, Triton, Uranus, Venus

Cryptogram

"With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come."

Sudoku

3	6	5	2	4	9	7	1	8
2	7	8	3	5	1	4	6	9
4	1	9	7	6	8	5	3	2
1	8	4	9	2	5	3	7	6
5	3	7	4	8	6	2	9	1
9	2	6	1	7	3	8	4	5
8	4	1	6	3	2	9	5	7
6	5	3	8	9	7	1	2	4
7	9	2	5	1	4	6	8	3

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*Giving money and support
where people need it most*



Wiltshire Community Foundation is delighted to announce funding for the community from Science Museum Group Wroughton Solar Park.

The solar park started to generate power in July 2016 and funding is available to benefit the community in the surrounding area.

Applications are now open for community groups to apply for small grants funding of up to £2k for community organisations, working to improve the lives of people living in the parish areas of Wroughton, Chiseldon, Clyffe Pypard, Broad Town, Broad Hinton, Ogbourne St George, Ogbourne St Andrew, Aldbourne and Baydon. In addition, applications are also open for grants of up to £20k for any community organisation, including schools for projects that have a focus on science, technology, engineering, maths, environment, health, play.

Examples might be the use of renewable energy, ecology or habitat conservation. Projects can be for the creation of a physical asset or for the encouragement of learning i.e. for delivering a specific benefit to the area or providing education about a particular issue. Grants can be for capital or revenue costs.

The project must deliver benefit to communities within a 10km radius of Wroughton Solar Park.

To find out more about the criteria and apply visit the [Wiltshire Community Foundation website](#) at Science Museum Group Wroughton Solar Park Grants or call the grants team on 01380 729284 for more information.