



Notices

FISH & CHIPS

Grant will bring his mobile unit to The Village Hall Car Park on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 5pm - 8pm

See the menu on the website:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lyneham-Chippy-108681750632246/>

Email: LynehamChippy@outlook.com

Newsletter

It is with regret that after 3 years the editors have decided to retire from publishing the newsletter as from December to give someone else a chance to bring the news to the village.

There is no January issue so if there is anyone out there with some experience in computer graphics who would like to volunteer to edit the newsletter from February 1st onwards (help with the handover will be given) then please get in touch with Diane Zeitzen, the Parish Clerk at: clyffepypardpc@hotmail.com

New Homes in the Parish - Coming Soon

The Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire will be delivered on the weekend of 17th & 18th October. There is still time to Register for an online copy and have a say in the future of the Parish.

Just email your name and home address to:

clyffepypardpc@hotmail.com.

A paper version will be available for those without internet access.

Thank you to those already registered

Royal Wootton Bassett Community Cinema

Dear Cinema Supporter,

Thank you to all those who responded to our survey about showing a film at RWB Rugby Club.

Preparations were going well and I was about to send you an email with details of the film to be shown when new lockdown measures were introduced. This would have meant wearing face masks during the film, and I know that I would not wish to do that for a solid 2 hours.

So, regrettably we have postponed this idea until restrictions are eased... whenever that might be.

Thank you anyway, we will be back as soon as it is possible to safely and pleasurably so to do.

Allison and the Rotary Cinema Team

What's on in the Community



BUSHTON and CLYFFE PYPARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had made our risk-assessment, were prepared for cleaning the hall before and after, for setting out chairs at two metre intervals, for our speaker to come and shout his talk to us....

But then the famous 'rule of six' popped up in front of us and so our September meeting was held on Zoom. About half our membership were able to join for a brief

business session, then we and three guests sat back to be entertained, shocked and guided in the Antarctic by Al Sylvester MBE. He had led an ill-fated expedition to walk 600 miles unsupported to the South Pole with a small RAF team, and we were assailed by gory details of frostbite and its often horrible, long-reaching effects as well as other lows, but also highs, of the journey. The group eventually reached the Pole with a lift in an aircraft – not at all their intention but all fascinating.



We are very sorry to say that the 'showing-off show', planned for 31st October, has also been abandoned for now. (We would have been planning an autumn Big Breakfast in any normal year...) But we know that speaker Susanna Beard is able to give us her talk on Zoom, which is "Confessions of a Debut Novelist", on our next meeting evening, Thursday 15th October.

The Book Club continues – see notice elsewhere, as do national WI issues such as choosing resolutions for next year's AGM. These are always pertinent to particular problems of life today and go forward to the government for consideration and action.

It may seem rather odd to say this now, but we do welcome new members, and if you would like to join us to take part, these days in Zoom meetings and talks and limited physical meetings of members, then please get in touch. Obviously, it is hard to plan in detail far in advance, but this newsletter has the relevant information for the month ahead.

It is hoped too that more of our current members will get used to the idea of digital meetings and so we will all see more of each other in the coming days. With all good wishes to everyone,
Sally Fox sally_fox@btinternet.com 01249 891442

Bushton Bookworms



Everyone enjoyed the book 'Where the Cawdads Sing' by Delia Owens and there was a constructive discussion about its strengths and some weaknesses in the plot. It was also interesting to hear two of the group members talking about their experiences of visiting the setting. We wondered what it was like nowadays, but felt that it was probably very similar i.e. three sectors of society: white privileged, black and 'poor' white. Apparently, none of them EVER mixed and the poor white came out worst. Next chosen books are:

- 15th October 'Once Upon a River' by Diane Setterfield
- November date tba 'My Dear, I wanted to Tell You' by Louisa Young
- December date tba 'The Beekeeper of Aleppo' by Christy Lefteri

The group might well have to resort to Zoom meetings again unless only 6 can make the date!! But that being said, we still enjoy the discussions and it is good to get together in whatever way is legal! If you feel you would like to join us, then please do contact me Barbara Davis rjbdavis@btinternet.com or 0796 223 6678

Community News

The Spackman Trustees have made various awards this year to help the young people of this community develop in various ways. Among the news we are able to share was an award for Mollie who is going to Reading University to study Agriculture with plans to become a ruminant nutritionist and return to share that with this community and Sam who is going to Exeter to study Medicine both important things for our community at this time. Molly with her cows.



Bushton Village Hall News

Village Hall 101 Club – October Draw Winners

1st Prize John Gantlett, 2nd Prize Russell Wallace, 3rd prize Rory Phipps - congratulations to all of you - your prize money will be delivered in a few days!

Neighbourhood Plan

The Questionnaire will be delivered on the weekend of 17th & 18th October.

At the time of writing the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's hopes to be able to circulate the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire over the weekend of 17th & 18th. Those of you who have already registered to receive an online version of the Questionnaires will receive an invitation by email. All other households in the parish will receive a paper copy of the Questionnaire through their letterbox.

Please keep your eyes peeled and return your completed Questionnaires as soon as possible and at the latest by 16th November. Paper copies can be returned by post using the stamped addressed envelope provided.

The questionnaire has been designed to be as simple and straightforward as possible to complete. It's an opportunity to say what you think about the place you live in for next 10 years.

Your response is important and will help ensure the broadest range of voices within the parish are heard and that the Neighbourhood Plan can be drafted to reflect the views and wishes of the parish.

The shadow of Covid-19 looms large though, and it is possible that we could find ourselves in another lockdown that delays or postpones the circulation of the Questionnaire as planned. The Steering Group hope this won't be the case and if that happens, will revert to Plan B and let you know of the alternative arrangements as best they can.

Please look out for more information on the Neighbourhood Plan in future newsletters, on the parish website and on Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.co.uk/>).

The volunteer members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are: Alan Glasspool, Chris Rickett, Chris Thompson, Ed Rudler, Marian Kent, Nick Kirton, Peter Gantlett, Rosemary Greenway and Tony Currivan (Chair). You can contact the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group via the Parish Council – clyffepypardpc@hotmail.com

Benefice of Lyneham with Woodhill Services

	Church Service	Recorded Service*
4th Oct - Trinity 17	Bradenstoke - Evening Prayer Harvest, 5pm	Morning Prayer
11th Oct - Trinity 18	Clyffe Pypard – Communion, 10.30am Hilmarton – Communion, 10.30am	All-Age Harvest Service
18th Oct - Trinity 19 St Luke	Broad Town - Morning Prayer, 10.30am Lyneham – Communion, 10.30am TBC	Reflective (St Luke)
25th Oct Bible Sunday	Lyneham – Communion, 10.30am Bradenstoke - Communion? TBC	Evening Service

*achurchnearyou” website

Report on the Conservation Area in the Churchyard (written April this year)

It is some years since the PCC agreed that a portion of the burial ground should be designated a conservation area under the Salisbury Diocese Living Churchyard (SDLC) scheme; so, I thought I should give you this brief report. The area chosen is in the north east of the yard and includes a moderately large ash tree and many very old graves. With John Hughes help, I enclosed it with a loose rope held up on fence posts. The area is strimmed every year in late summer and the cuttings removed in order to reduce the fertility of the soil thereby encouraging more flowers and less grass. The rope is taken down after the strimming and the area is then mown by the grass- cutter along with the rest of the churchyard. I am most grateful to him/her for carrying out this seasonal activity without incident or prompting. Not cutting in the spring and early summer allows the flowers to establish, mature and with luck multiply. The difference in the vegetation between the conservation area and the rest of the churchyard is becoming clearer year by year. You may have noticed that primroses are much more abundant in the area than elsewhere as are sweet white violets. I have also sown some yellow rattle (*Rhinanthus crista-galli*) which as well as being an attractive flower in its own right, is also semi-parasitic on grasses and is therefore often introduced to proposed wild flower meadows. Unfortunately, I did not see any of its characteristic “hay rattle” seed heads last year so guess I shall just have to try again when I can get hold of some more seed. I have done a quick (and not very comprehensive) survey of the plant species on the site and uploaded it onto the Living Record for Wiltshire and Swindon Biological Records Centre. As far as I know anyone can add additional species for the site as they are identified. I was very pleased to see that the fritillaries I planted last year have reappeared again this year (which is more than they have done in my garden!) and there is also a small clump of winter aconites which seems to be surviving. The latter is not a native, *sensu stricto*, but like the sycamore tree, they have been growing in the wild for a long time so I have no hesitation in planting them. I am also thinking of adding some cowslips, maybe lady’s smock and perhaps the few flowered leek (*Allium paradoxum*) which I have noticed growing locally in grassy places. Happily, the bird box on the sycamore tree has been occupied by a tit family, but sadly the robin box made by a well-known local artisan, situated on the other side of the churchyard near the border with the Singhs, has not been used. I suspect the local cats may have something to do with that. The SDLC organises an annual meeting in one of the participating churches which usually includes an expert naturalist talking about some frequently overlooked group or another, likely to be found in churchyards. There have been discussions on identifying spiders, lichens and mosses amongst other and I try and attend. The meeting has been held in St Bartholomew’s Wootton Bassett and I have thought about trying to hold one in St Peter’s, but the lack of kitchen/lavatory facilities and difficulties with parking unfortunately make it unsuitable. I hope the PCC continues to regard the conservation area as a worthwhile activity and of course I am happy to answer any questions you may have. If there is anyone who wishes to become involved in these activities, I would be pleased to hear from them.

St Peter's Church Opening Times

The Church will be open on the Sundays in October. On Sundays 4th, 18th and 25th from 2.00 - 4.00 for private prayer and visits. On Sunday October 11th there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am.



View from the Vicarage

On Harvest Church

When the Head of the village school first arrived as a new head at the school one of her favourite things about harvest was that there was a schoolboy whose grandmother used to pick the plums around the school grounds in the summer holiday. Come the autumn term the plums had been turned into jam and the school children would mark harvest by making bread or scones and eating them with jam.

This summer I heard this lovely story when I asked the Head if I could pick the plums with the promise that I would return something made from them to the school for fundraising or something. Having heard the story I knew I wanted to both respect and revive that harvest tradition. Of the school plums I could reach I made three large jars of jam – one for each class bubble to have at harvest. There was just enough to fill another smaller jar, and I knew straight away whose this jar of jam would be.

One sunny day I took it to the grandmother, expecting to leave it on the doorstep with a note and instead had the joy of an unexpected (socially distant conversation) about my failures in jam making (often either hard as glass or too runny!) and about the links with school. Both her sons had attended the village primary school and this summer amidst all the changes brought by Covid-19 her youngest grandchild had been among the leavers. I left with the delight of human conversation and companionship in my heart and a bag of very delicious cooking and eating apples from the garden, a garden which has a wall that was built from the remnants of a chapel that gives that lane in the village its name.

This for me is church at its best. Now I know that church for most people means the building. But as many clergy would tell you the church isn't the building it's the people – the "ecclesia" (the Greek word that has come to mean 'church' in our bible) was those "called out", those who "gathered outside" to meet and think and worship in new ways.

Now these virus times have been hard, I won't pretend otherwise. Yet there is I believe a harvest of wisdom and growth and change to be discovered from within them. What do you in the village want your church building to hold for you? What do you in the village want from the people of the church? For we are often small in number and ageing yet are faithfully seeking to follow patterns of love and worship.

What do we want to do as those who are "called out" to shape and continue the harvest of sharing our abundance? Whether in plums or anything else. For the gifts of abundance are there in order to bring joy and conversation and to renew our ways of meeting and thinking and worship so that the needs of others for food and companionship and sharing out their gifts can be met.

For at their best our traditions are not rigid patterns of doing things now as we have always done them but the learning from a pattern of love to weave a new strand into the strength of connection through love and service.

For it is this tradition that means I gathered plums that were not planted by me and instead of making jars of jam to sit in my cupboard gathering dust they were shared with their story as a sweet reminder of the shared labour of rain and sunshine, by bees and trees and some human hands and voices that made plums into jam.

Puzzle Corner

Man's Best Friends – 24 of them

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J	E	R	N	O	G	Z	K	S	L	A	B	R	A	D	O	R	T
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B	E	H	P	A	L	B	O	R	D	E	R	C	O	L	L	I	E
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Cryptogram

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JQYWHTZAJJ ZLPA JLZAUSA, ZLJEAULUB EH JLZAUSA.

Sudoku

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Last month's Puzzles and Answers

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Cabbage, lettuce, artichoke, asparagus, broccoli, sprouts, carrot, potato, frenchbean, peas, sugarsnappeas, choy, cauliflower, chives, springonion, garlic, parsley, turnip, swede, parsnip Spinach, radish, cabbage, onion

Cryptogram

"Asking your children about their fears or worries about going back to school will help them share their burden."

Sudoku

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