



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:

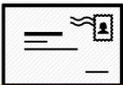
<https://www.facebook.com/Lyneham-Chippy-108681750632246/>

Email: LynehamChippy@outlook.com

Support our local farmers this Christmas

Turkey available from Smiths Farm - order on this number 07721539658

Lamb and pork joints, burgers, sausages stilton and black pudding from the Millers at Woodfield Farm - order on 07799418315.



Sadly, the Scout Post has been cancelled for this year

The Last Hurrah!

For those that do not know, we are retiring from editing the newsletter and this is our last edition.

The Editors (Rosemary and Angela) would like to say thank you to everyone for all the support we have had over the last 3 years.

We would also like to thank everyone who has contributed by taking the time to submit articles over the years.

Fear not faithful readers and contributors. A new editor will be taking up the mantle for February 2021.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Covid-free New Year.

Angela and Rosemary

Further information can be found on: Community Website:

<http://www.clyffepypard-bushton.com/>

What's on in the Community



BUSHTON and CLYFFE PYPARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Once again, we have resorted to using the wonderful Zoom for our November WI meeting. Where would we be without it? Although it is at the core of the WI to meet together and benefit from sociability while enjoying educational pursuits in various forms, these days we can only appear to be together. This is sad, and mostly so for those who are not able to join us digitally. We keep 'in touch' by other means, but of course they are not ideal.

However, November saw us learning about the Men's and Women's Sheds organisation based in Swindon. This seeks to help those with loneliness, unemployment or mental health issues by providing a place to learn skills, work and socialise. We were so very impressed by the dedication of the couple who described their work to us. We had time, too, to chat a little and wish each other well.

Since rules, unknown as I write, are unlikely to be relaxed much yet, our December meeting – usually a Christmas-themed self-run evening – will also have to be by Zoom. A light-hearted Christmas quiz is being planned, and it is hoped that members will log in with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two at their elbow with which to enjoy an hour and a half or so with friends.

We very much hope too that the book and jigsaw swap can go ahead on Saturday 5th December, especially as it will be a chance to exchange Christmas cards (gosh – you'll have to be quick off the mark with those!). In the meantime, entertainment and education continue from Denman in the form of Zoomed talks and demonstrations, offering cooking, history, crafts, literature and exercise. Well worth taking up at £5 a go.

In January, we hope to be learning about family history research – a great occupation for bad weather days and long winter evenings.

Anyone interested in joining our WI, please call Sally Fox 01249 891442 or email sally_fox@btinternet.com – we would be very happy to welcome you.

As well as sending good wishes to each other, we all wish the whole community as good a Christmas as it can be for you.



PEACE, JOY AND GOOD HEALTH
this Christmas and in the new year

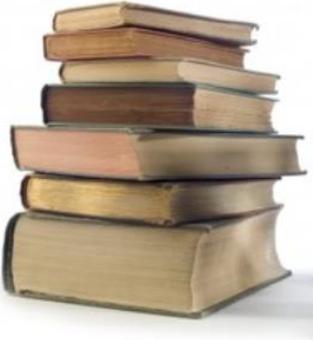
Lastly, huge thanks to Rosemary and Angela for producing such a great newsletter!

Marlborough Artists Pop-up Shop

Avebury Social Centre
12 & 13 December 10-4

Proceeds to Avebury Church and The Harbour Project
Affordable pictures, pottery, glass, gifts, masks and cards
(COVID regulations apply)

Bushton Bookworms



Book club Zoom meetings are proving to be fun, not quite the same as sitting together with a cuppa but far better than not being able to have a discussion. If you are looking for a good read then try the book we read in November by Louisa Young: 'My dear, I wanted to tell you'. Several of us are now reading the sequel as we enjoyed the book so much!

Here are the next 3 months choices:

- Tues 15th December 3:30pm - 'The Bee Keeper of Aleppo' by Christy Leftere
- January date tba - 'The Truth Waits' by Susanna Beard
- February date tba - The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez

I imagine we shall be having to continue with Zoom so please do contact me for the link if you would like to join in with any of our discussions. Barbara Davis rjbjdavis@btinternet.com, 0796 223 6678

TRYING AGAIN!!

Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI invite you to: Books and Jigsaws Swap

Village Hall Car Park
Saturday 5th DECEMBER 2020
10:00 until noon

(Providing that the weather is suitable)

Have you several jigsaws and books that you have finished with and would you like to give other folks an opportunity to have them? A suggestion is this:

Come to the car park with them – easiest if you keep them in the boot of your car so that people can browse. Come and browse, select what you would like to take home with you.

Please sanitize your hands before picking up any items! We suggest giving them 72 hours before you start using them although now some schools of thought are that 3 hours is sufficient!

A slotted box will be provided for a donation – the money will go to Prospect Hospice who are in need of funds due to the lack of fundraising activities during the pandemic.

Don't do jigsaws or need any more books? Bring a chair and have a chat but keep to the rules!!

Please park carefully!
And please keep socially distant from other people - Thank you.

Bushton Village Hall News

We are ever hopeful that in a few months time the hall will be alive with bookings and the sound of people enjoying themselves! In the meanwhile, we have to obey the regulations and do everything we can to make life as safe as possible.

You can find the minutes of our 2020 AGM on the Clyffe Pypard and Bushton website. The committee is depleted by Paul and Peter retiring and for the time being any enquiries should come in to the secretary - details below.

CHAIR - MAN, WOMAN or PERSON...where are you out there!!? You are needed so please do come forward. The committee are pretty well organised and would appreciate someone at the helm. We have a super Village Hall which thanks to Peter and Anita is looking almost too good to be used! Our income is down due to not being able to have any lettings or fund-raising functions but we are hopeful of the bank balance looking better in the future.

If you would like to chat through the job or even join in with the next committee meeting to 'check us out' please do get in contact with me.

Barbara Davis, rjbjdavis@btinternet.com 0796 2236678 or 01793 739017

Village Hall 101 Club – November Draw Winners

Congratulations to the following people - your envelopes will be delivered in the next few days.

First Prize : Lady Inchape Second Prize : Anita Gantlett Third Prize : Terry Williams.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the 101 Club in 2020 - suffice to say your £15 a head has been more than welcome this year. And once again we will be looking for contributions for 2021.

The committee have agreed to keep the membership fee at £15 and we would really like to get payments in by the end of January please. Some of you pay by direct debit, others through bank transfer and some with cash - quite complex for monitoring! If you usually pay cash then although our area collectors love to meet up with you and have a chat, for this year it would really be appreciated if the money could be put in a LABELLED envelope and put through their letterboxes.

So, Preston to Mike Morison at Preston House, Thickthorn to Sally Fox at Thickthorn House, Clyffe to Ian Fraser at number 18 and Bushton either to Jill Maris at Number 40 or myself at Kiftsgate - thank you so much.

One or two people have moved away so new members, hoping to be lucky with the monthly draw, would be very welcome as would old ones coming back to us!!

If you would like to pay electronically please get in touch with me for banking details

Thank you all again.

The Neighbourhood Plan Update

The closing date for completing the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire has now passed and the response rate has been overwhelming. Of the 139 Questionnaires distributed online and in paper form, just over 100 were completed and returned. This is a response rate of over 70%, which is both impressive and will ensure that the results really are representative of the views of those of us who live in, work or are otherwise connected to our Parish.

The Steering Group would like to thank everybody who took the time to respond to the Questionnaire, and to Rev. Rachma Abbott for kindly allowing the Rectory to serve as the return address.

The work does not stop here. The Steering Group is progressing plans to appoint an external consultant to help support the development of the Neighbourhood Plan over the coming stages. The Steering Group has also begun the task of analysing the Questionnaire responses to identify issues and themes and will look to announce an outline of these, most likely in the early stages of the new year. With the help of the consultant, the Steering Group will determine the next steps in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan which will involve opportunities for future engagement. This is an ongoing process and we really want to hear your views and to ensure your voice is heard on things that matter to you we develop the Neighbourhood Plan.

You can find more details about the Neighbourhood Plan and the process to develop it here:
www.clyffepypard-bushton.com/neighbourhood-plan/

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 Thompson, Ed Rudler, John Hughes, Marian Kent, Nick Kirton, Peter Gantlett, and Tony Currivan (Chair). You can contact the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group via the Parish Council [_clyffepypardpc@gmail.com](mailto:clyffepypardpc@gmail.com)

Parish Council News

Thank you to John Hughes and the Parish Steward for removing the trees obstructing the 30 mile an hour sign coming down Clyffe Hill. Work chasing road repairs continues; inc. blocked gullies and especially, water running down the road by BellCroft Farm.

A grant of £250 been awarded to WI for hire of village hall for produce show next year.



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EXAMINATION

And now for something completely different...

HOW THE INTERNET STARTED, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to the People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed, he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE). That is how it all began.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to everyone and a huge THANK YOU to Angela and Rosemary for producing the Newsletters from Roy and Barbara Davis!

Church News

Christmas Services

Christmas events and services will all be different this year.

There will be services in the Benefice Churches throughout December.

This year Midnight Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's, Clyffe Pypard.

The service will begin at 11.00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Other services in December:

Sunday December 6th

- 10.30 Communion at Tockenham
- 5.00 Christmas Tree Service at Bradenstoke

Sunday December 13th

- 10.30 Communion at Lyneham
- 10.30 Service at Hilmarton

Sunday December 20th 10.30 Communion at Broad Town

December 24th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will be held at Clyffe Pypard, Lyneham and Bradenstoke.

Christmas Day 10.30 Service at Hilmarton

Please check the noticeboards and "achurchnearyou" website for confirmation and be aware that some of the churches may have to operate a form of booking system.

St Peter's Christmas Appeal

This Christmas it's going to be pants!

... and vests, socks and knickers

There haven't been many opportunities to go shopping recently, but if you can just buy an extra gift when you are able, the Doorway Charity in Chippenham needs new underwear to give to the men and women they support. Thermals would be especially welcome.

Your donations can be brought to the Village Hall car park on Saturday 12th from 11.00 to 12.00 or to St Peter's Church on Sunday 13th from 11.00 to 12.00.

They can be left at any time before then in the Church porch or at 40 Bushton and 8 Preston.

Thank you so much for donations already received!

Churchyard Christmas Tree

Help us to decorate our tree and fill it with good wishes.

From December 13th you will find our tree just inside the gate. Please come and add a decoration, a ribbon or a message.

Bring your own or there will be angels and stars in the church porch for you to use. They can be decorated or have a message added before you hang them on the branches.

View from the Vicarage

On strange Christmasses

'Lockdown' made it to word of the year, and I'm aware that there are some other objects, words and ideas which will be very 2020 (at least for me).

Earlier in the year the phrase 'new normal' came up quite a bit, but we seem to have left that behind as returning to the old normal has receded into the distance.

At the moment I keep hearing 'strange' especially attached to 'season' or 'Christmas.' And there probably will be some unusual aspects about this Christmas.

Like Easter the strange elements of the next festival will be an experience that Christians will share with many people of other faiths: I think all of the faith communities I can think of have had celebrations curtailed and constrained.

For most human beings a festival brings special foods, the sharing of gifts and rituals and the gatherings of friends and family. Whether it was Eid or Rosh Hashanah, Samhain or as I write this, Diwali, Muslims, Jews, Pagans, Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists have all had to encounter Covid-19 restraints on the celebrations we treasure.

There was strangeness in the first Christmas too. Mary and Joseph obeying the law to go to Bethlehem faced a difficult and lonely birth without family and friends around them. Like many of us, there seems to have been comfort and support from companion animals and strangers bringing sustenance. In all that small, constrained and strange first Christmas was the seeds of the joy and celebration that we mark now – yes different in all the cultural expressions of the feast of the nativity to this day yet always a day of delight in the birth of a child, the offer of hope and healing and the promise of salvation.

Lots of imagination is already going into finding ways in the villages of giving communities places to mark and celebrate Christmas – maybe the strangeness of being unable to realise our cherished plans will help us to think about what in food, or sharing gifts or gathering with those we love is dearest and most important to us.

Perhaps the strangeness of going without, especially for those of us who have been blessed with many good Christmasses will help us remember those for whom this has always been a difficult season.

Above all may we find that we need 'let nothing us dismay for Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day' and that this promise will be as true in 2020 as it was that very first Christmas.



Puzzle Corner

Local Villages - 24

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Cryptogram

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Sudoku

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Last month's Puzzles and Answers

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Taurus, gemini, cancer, leo, virgo, libra,
scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, aquarius,
pisces, Jupiter, mars, Saturn, mercury,
Neptune, Uranus, venus, sun, Moon, comet,
asteroid, meteor, nebula

Cryptogram

"In peace, sons bury their fathers. In war,
fathers bury their sons."

Sudoku

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