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From the Rector

Rector's Letter - August 2018

By the time this is published, it will soon be holiday time - sighs of relief from pupils and teachers alike - so many of us in our villages will get a change of scenery over the next few weeks. We need a break - life seems to go at such a hectic pace these days.

Of course, holidays aren't always straightforward affairs - the media is keen to tell us about holiday disasters - but, fortunately, most people will come back feeling refreshed and with happy memories. Many of us will bring back photographs of special places we have visited and mementos of somewhere we have found to be special. Holiday makers will see sights they find beautiful, feel the warmth of the sun on their backs, experience relaxed atmospheres that seem so unlike what we get at home.

Yes, holidays are very special and there is temptation to think that life would be so much better, we would be so much happier, if only we lived somewhere else. But this is ironic, first because the places we visit are populated by people who think that where they live is boring and, second, because we often have visitors who enthuse about how beautiful our villages are, and what a fantastic place this must be to live.

Perhaps it is simply a human weakness to think that the grass is greener on the other side. But what if we could see our villages through the eyes of visitors? What if we could look at the village in which we live and say 'What a beautiful place - this is a fantastic place to live'? And as soon as we see the positive sides of our home villages then we can begin to lift up our eyes to whatever we think of as God and say 'Thank you, I am truly blessed'.

So over the coming weeks, why not look around you and see the blessings that daily come your way, not just in nature but in all aspects of your life. The gift of life, the gift of people with whom to share it, the gift of clean water, of enough food ... the list is endless.

Each day is a gift. So whether you are going away or staying at home, go out and live it today - and be thankful.

With all good wishes.

Mark Abrey

Keeping our Church Open

We owe an enormous debt of thanks to the small but faithful group of people in the village who take it in turns to open and lock the Church door each and every day of the year. Keeping our beautiful building open for villagers and visitors alike is very important. It has been at the heart of the life of our village for over 900 years, and we know from comments in the visitor's book that it remains important to people today.

We are currently in the process of drawing up a new rota and are looking for some new volunteers to share in this task. Volunteers are asked to commit to doing a week at a time and to make sure that the Church is unlocked before 9 am in the morning and then locked again at either dusk or 6 pm, depending on the time of the year. If you think you could help, please contact Peter Rance [01993 831113] or rance414@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Safari Supper

A Safari Supper will be held again this year on 1st December in aid of church funds

DID YOU KNOW

DID YOU KNOW that in 1965 there was a Chinchilla Ranch in Ascott? The chinchillas' nearest relative is a porcupine but the chinchilla was kept for its beautiful pelt, the skins being exported to the USA. The ranch was in the outbuildings of Ascott Earl House and also bred there were Irish Wolfhounds and Beagles. It was run by Dr and Mrs Mainwaring.

Wendy Pearse

Recipe

Easy-Way Cake

A recipe from the 1950s! No baking required!

Cake Mixture

1 Egg

4 ounces (113 grms) Soft Brown Sugar

4 ounces (113 grms) Margarine

8 ounces (227 grms) Rich Tea Biscuits

1 Teaspoon Vanilla Essence

2 ounces (57 grms) chopped Walnuts

4 ounces (113 grms) Glace Cherries

METHOD

Break the egg into a saucepan, add the sugar and beat together.

Put in the margarine and stir over a low heat until melted.

Remove from heat.

Crush the biscuits with a rolling pin and add them to the cherries in a large mixing bowl. Then pour in the melted mixture with vanilla to flavour.

Mix until crumbly and damp.

Press into a lined tin (a small Victoria sponge tin is ideal).

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Avril Rance

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Church Bells

After many months of fund-raising we have started on the work to repair our tenor bell, stabilise the frame that all six bells are mounted on and shot blast and paint the bell frame, removing 100 years of rust and dirt..

The first and most difficult first stage of the work was to lower the bell to the ground floor. Our tower has three sections; the top section holds the bells, the middle section the clock mechanism and finally the ground floor.

The bell weighs 7.5cwt (380 kilos) and is nearly a metre wide so requires specialised lifting equipment to move and lower it. To complicate matters the tenor bell sits in the opposite corner of the tower from the hatch through which it will be lowered into the middle section of the tower. This meant that the other five bells had to be removed from the bell frame and moved out of the way to allow the tenor bell to be positioned over the hatch. Although the other bells are lighter than the tenor bell their combined weight is 22cwt (1,120kilo) so moving them entailed much physical effort. At the same time all of the fittings and ropes were removed to allow access to the shot blaster.

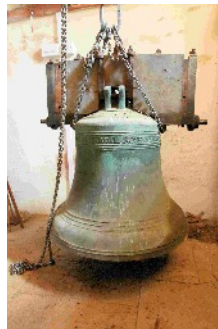


The next stage was to lower the tenor bell to the ground floor. Here we initially had a problem, the hatch leading to the ground floor was far too small to allow the bell to pass

through. Was the only solution to removed part of the ceiling? Fortunately we discovered that when a sixth bell was added in 1905 a hidden hatch had already been cut into the ceiling, but its presence was concealed by layers of varnish.

Using a ladder from the ground we were able to force this hatch open and so the bell could be lowered, as shown in the photograph.

The original intention was to transport the bell to White's workshop in Appleton, but it was too large to pass through the bell tower door without dismantling the wooden structure behind the tapestry so it was decided to work on the bell here, making the new fittings at White's workshop.



The next stage in the operation is to install two metal beams underneath the bell frame. The bell frame will then be bolted to these beams so that when we ring the bells the frame no longer moves.

At the end of August the bell frame will be cleaned of rust by shot blasting and repainted, but before this happens years of dirt will be removed from the tower, by our volunteers. This will not be a pleasant task!

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We hope that all the work will be completed by early Autumn and all six bells can ring out again.

We are grateful to all in the village who provided financial support for the project and to those who organised fund-raising events. We were also pleased that volunteers from other towers, including Charl-

bury, Shipton, Spelsbury and Chadlington, came to help on the day that the bell was taken down. Without their assistance we would have had to pay White's a much higher charge for work on that day.

Stuart





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Garden Notes

How to make your garden more drought resistant

What a wonderful hot summer we've been having where most of our gardens have become a refuge and the most desirable part of the house to spend time in; but sadly our gardens are now struggling to cope with weeks and weeks of little to no rain so I thought I would share some tips with you to help make your garden more resistant to drought conditions and keep it looking as fresh as possible this summer.

1. During the summer up to half of all the household water we use is used in the garden. Reducing the amount of water you use is not only a necessary and responsible step when little rainfall brings on a drought, but it is a great way to be more friendly to the environment and save some money along the way.
2. Cultivate your soil by digging in large quantities of organic matter to improve the soil structure, soil water retention and water availability for plants. Well rotted farmyard manure and garden compost, mushroom compost and composted bark are all suitable forms of organic matter. Then apply fertiliser as plants use water more efficiently where nutrient levels are adequate.
3. Try to choose plants which suit the site's soil type and aspect as they will be more tolerant of varying climatic conditions as well as pest and disease problems. Choose hardy Mediterranean plants with grey green or silver foliage as they will reflect the sun's rays, helping to conserve moisture within the plant tissues.
4. Buy small plants to plant in the ground as these will develop much greater resilience as they adapt to their conditions from a young age. Ideally plant in the spring rather than the autumn so they can establish themselves a little before the dry weather arrives. Many of these Mediterranean plants will suffer from root rot if planted in the autumn and become cold and damp over winter.
5. Before planting thoroughly soak the plants in their pots in a bucket of water until the bubbles stop rising to the surface. Thoroughly water in all new plants and keep them watered in the first season after planting to ensure they establish well. Once established they will become much more drought tolerant. The best time of day to water is early morning or in the evening once the sun has gone down as it is cooler and less moisture will evaporate.
6. Think spot watering, rather than broadcast. Water the soil under the plant's canopy, covering its root zone and not the foliage as this will provide maximum benefit and minimum wastage. Soak border plants once,

wait 5 minutes then soak them again. Fill watering cans from rainwater butts where possible and re-use 'grey' waste water from domestic use for plants that are well established. This includes water used in cooking, washing up and bath water. Just make sure that the water is cooled before you take it outside and hasn't been stored for more than 24 hours. While most soaps and detergents are harmless to plants, you shouldn't use water containing any strong cleaners, disinfectant or bleach on the garden as this will almost certainly harm the plants and damage the soil structure. However it is not advisable to re-use 'grey' water on fruit and vegetable crops or very young plants and make sure you keep grey water containers out of the reach of children and pets.

7. After planting mulch your flowerbed with 2-3 inches of Strulch while the plants establish. This is an easy to use garden mulch made from mineralised wheat straw and it not only protects the soil from moisture loss, but also feeds it, virtually eliminates weed growth and even deters slugs and snails. It can be used throughout the garden on borders, raised beds, around cultivated fruit and on vegetable plots.
8. You may decide to do without a lawn in your drought friendly garden, but if you cannot do without this feature in your garden, then you will be pleased to know that lawns are surprisingly drought tolerant and usually recover well in the autumn rains, even if they have been brown and parched for most of the summer. Lawn irrigation should rarely be required, if at all, to keep the grass healthy. Reduce the amount of times you mow the lawn and let the grass grow as shaggier turf creates its own shading and retains moisture more efficiently.
9. Drip irrigation is now being used a lot more frequently in gardens and Thames Water are now allowing drip irrigation even during a hosepipe ban. This is perfectly logical as drip irrigation is far more efficient than spraying plants with a hose. A tube carries water around the plants, and above each plant is a small dripper. When the tap is on, water gently drips onto the soil. It seeps in very slowly and very little is lost from the surface. All you need to do is turn on your outdoor tap for 10-20 minutes in the morning or evening or even simpler, put a timer at the tap end that will allow water through the system for set periods each day. Great too for when you go away on your holidays!
10. My favourite drought tolerant plants include Verbena, Lantana, Sage, Poppys, Sedum, Lavender, Cistus, Helianthemum, Globe Thistle, Red Valerian, Euphorbia, Yarrow, Russian Sage, Achillea, Coreopsis, Agapanthus, Alstromeria, Artemisia, Ballota, Centaurea, Convolvulus cneorum, Bearded Iris, Nepeta, Salvia, Senecio, Stachys and Verbascum to name but a few. A perfect example of all of these plants can be seen in Beth Chatto's drought resistant garden.

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Gardening with little to no water can indeed be very challenging; but with a few of these simple tips you can still have the beautiful garden of your dreams without irresponsible waste and high utility bills.

Juliet Ingram



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- **Sunday 30th September (change from October)**
- **Sunday 4th November**
- **Sunday 2nd December**

Coffee Mornings at Ascott Church

10.30am - 11.30am

Tuesday Sept 25th

Tuesday October 30th

Tuesday November 27th

All Welcome



Rotary Club of Burford & Kingham news.

In June, club members visited the Taylors Bell Foundry in Loughborough which



has sponsored the installation in the Tolsey Museum of a 3.25cwt Taynton church bell made originally by Tom Bond in Burford. The feedback about this trip has been so good that another is being planned for September 12th. If anyone would LIKE TO JOIN US please contact mike.2015.clark@gmail.com as SOON as possible!

The club helped at the Carterton Armed Forces Day BBQ and will continue to help with the National Trust Chastleton House teas. Graham Short, an internationally renowned speaker, gave a “thought provoking, awe-inspiring and entertaining” talk about the world of micro-artistry and engraving having engraved The Lord's Prayer on a pin head! He has made pieces for royalty, heads of state, entertainment stars and global corporations.

In September, Chris Short will be speaking about the Tolsey Museum.

For your diary

On September 21st the club is arranging a Charity Bridge Drive in aid of Riding for the Disabled to be held in Broadwell, near Stow-on-the-Wold 10.30am - 3.30pm. The £17 fee includes welcoming coffee, playing bridge morning and afternoon & a superb 2 course lunch and wine, tea or coffee. Winners' prizes and a raffle will be provided. Bookings and enquiries:- contact Mike Clark 01451 830684 or mike.2015.clark@gmail.com

Visitors to club meetings are welcome. Please contact our secretary, Terry Best, at terry.a.best@btinternet beforehand.

Robert Courts MP

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer, and that you were able to make the most of the fantastic weather we had! My toddler loved playing outdoors in the sunshine, and I cannot help thinking, as all parents do, about what I can do to ensure that he lives a happy and healthy life. Unfortunately, childhood obesity is becoming endemic in our country, posing a major public health concern for the future, and for our NHS. What's more, everyone is aware of the link between smoking and cancer, but the link between obesity and cancer does not yet have the same recognition. In fact, did you know that obesity is the second biggest cause of cancer in the UK?

Tackling childhood obesity requires a comprehensive approach to improve diets and increase physical activity. That is why I was proud to speak about the schools in West Oxfordshire which have taken up the 'Daily Mile'. This involves children having a chance to be out in the fresh air and walking, jogging or running for just 15 minutes – a small commitment that has a huge impact! The 'Daily Mile' helps to improve physical, social, emo-

tional, mental health and wellbeing amongst children, and I fully support this excellent initiative.

Over the summer, communities across West Oxfordshire came together to raise awareness about those living with dementia as part of the Alzheimer's Society's National Dementia Action Week. It was wonderful to see the huge number and range of activities taking place right across the constituency, all with the aim of breaking down the stigma around dementia and showing support for those whose lives are affected by dementia. I fully support this initiative, as it encourages conversation about a subject we all too often avoid as a society. During this year's Action Week, I was trained as a Dementia Friends Champion, meaning I can now train others to understand how to help those living with dementia. A few small adjustments to our thoughts and actions can make a huge difference.

As ever, if there is anything you would like to raise with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at

robert@robertcourts.co.uk.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Could Ascott be designated a Conservation Area?

I have been toying with this idea for a few years but it now seems that the village really should have some sort of protected status.

Already part of an Area of Natural Outstanding Beauty (ANOB) it is for the Conservation Team at WODC to work with the community to identify an area deserving of protection, defining its boundaries and the detail. A conservation area would help restrict development, preserve and enhance the character and appearance of our buildings, trees and open spaces, and help ensure that any new development is appropriately sited and constructed.

The Victoria County History team (Simon Townley and Simon Draper) have now published the draft version of the Wychwood parishes online: the Ascott section details the evidence to support a conservation area.

They have both expressed astonishment that, like Shipton, it is not already protected, having assumed that it was when carrying out their survey. Our parish council and WODC are under pressure to allow large numbers of houses to be built so this now has some urgency. A few parishioners have already told me of their support for the scheme and I have made initial contact with WODC Conservation Team. If you would like to express an opinion please contact me Sue Richards 01993 830122 and suerichards@phonecoop.coop

Sue Richards

Dear Editor,

Footpath Deregulation: protect our right to walk locally

The Parish Council has been made aware that any footpaths which are not registered on the latest Definitive Map as Public Right of Ways will be extinguished on 1 January 2026. At least one footpath locally is well-trodden by parishioners but is not registered and there may well be others.

Research is needed to find out what is and what isn't registered and then to take the steps required to get them registered, certain to be a lengthy and time-consuming process. For anyone interested in doing a bit of historical research and who use our local rights of way this could be a very interesting task. We are hoping to form a small sub-committee of the PC to work on this – I already have a couple of potential volunteers and a few individuals to approach. If you feel that you would like to be involved or have evidence of an unregistered footpath or just want to express an opinion, please contact Sue Richards 01993 830122 and suerichards@phonecoop.coop

Sue Richards

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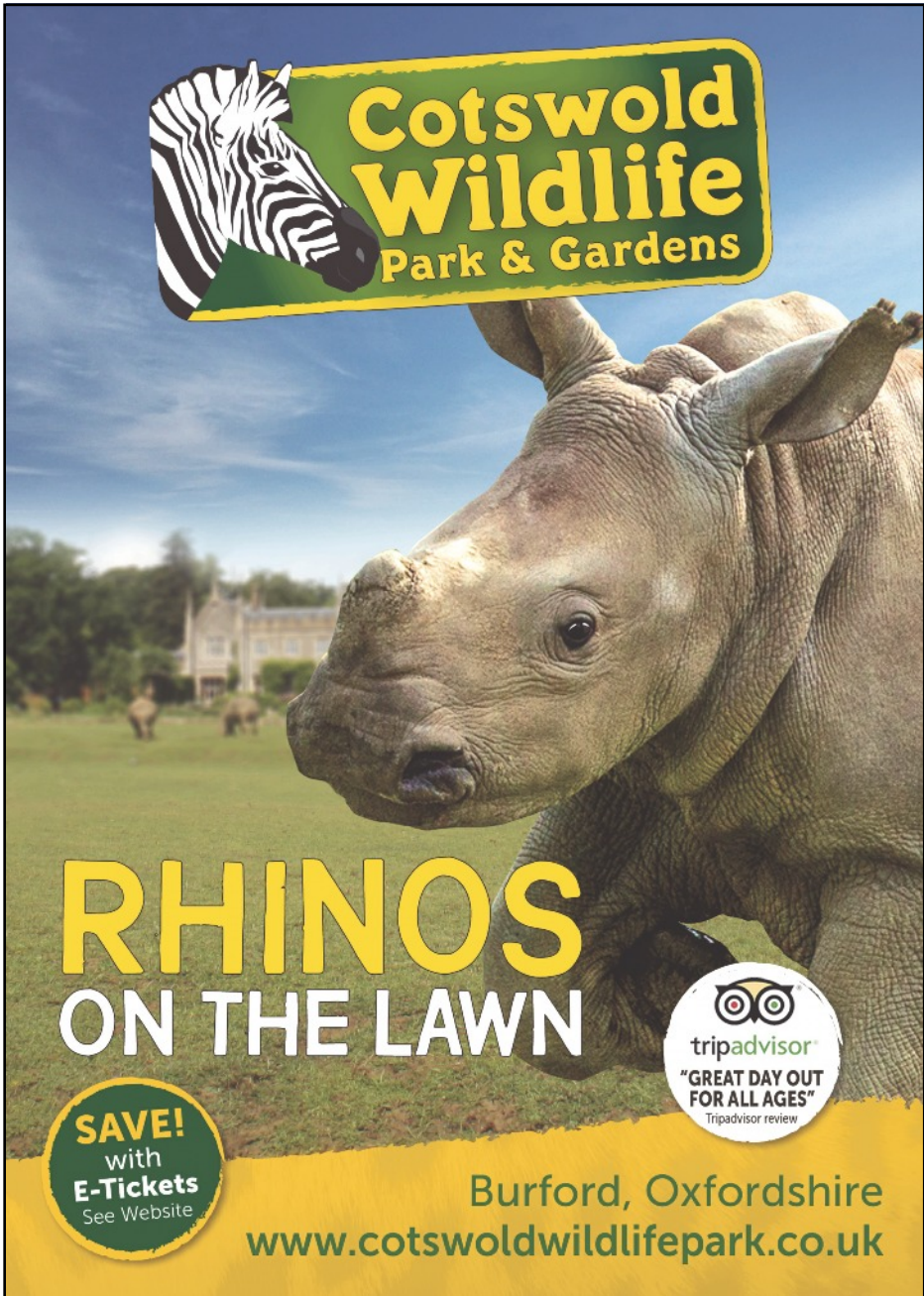
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AM I A MISOGYNIST PIG?

During the summer there was a big row in the House of Commons over a bill to ban the practice of upskirting, something I had never heard of until this happened. I realise this is a serious matter when there is encroachment on female privacy but the word upskirting I find very funny.

When you are an old age pensioner you are often asked, "What do you do with yourself all day?" I usually answer I watch television and swear at the set for the mind numbing rubbish which is broadcast. But now I could have a new hobby. I shall buy a camera and try a bit of upskirting. Would it be more exciting than bird watching or doing jigsaws at the Day Centre, helped by the lady helpers who insist I find the outside pieces first? Would I have to get a license to be an upskirter and would I be banned near Heathrow like flying drones are?

Will it become a tradition like wassailing. Imagine, early New Year, young men

marauding around the cider apple orchards of Somerset upskirting to celebrate the end of winter, or beer drinking Morris Men upskirting their way across the Cotswolds?

Is there any connection with upskirting and swan upping? Did poor people during the 19th century hide swans under the large skirts Victorian women wore, to stop them being counted by the monarch's men paddling up the Thames?

Spike Milligan wrote a sketch called 'The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town'. Would he have written a classic called 'The Demon Upskirter of Lambeth Walk'?

If the law is passed to ban upskirting will this also apply to Scotsmen in kilts? Or will the County Council appoint an official Upskirter, so we will all know when winter draws on?

Fred Russell

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Highway maintenance factsheet - Summer 2018

About Oxfordshire's roads

- The road network managed by Oxfordshire County Council is 2,994 miles long.
- The network is made up of: A roads (15%); B roads (10%), and C or unclassified roads (75%). The high
- proportion of C and unclassified roads, which are often not built to modern standards and in rural locations, makes highway maintenance a major challenge.
- The A34, M40 and A43 are managed and maintained by Highways England.
- Our total budget for carriageway repairs for 2018/19 is around £11m.
- It would cost around £250m to bring the network to an acceptable standard, and then would require an annual capital investment of £21m to keep them at that standard through resurfacing.
- In addition, £5m a year is needed for regular maintenance (gully cleaning, pot hole repair, grip cutting, siding out etc).
- Oxfordshire has fewer miles of road assessed as 'good' than the national average, but fewer in a 'poor' condition. We also have a higher percentage in 'fair' condition than the national average. The table below shows the condition of the highway network nationally with the Oxfordshire comparison.

	Good%		Fair%		Poor%	
	Oxfordshire	England	Oxfordshire	England	Oxfordshire	England
2017/18	47	54	43	28	10	18
2016/17	45	53	45	30	10	17
2015/16	48	48	43	39	10	13

Good: 15 years or more life remaining

Fair: 5-15 years life remaining

Poor: Less than 5 years life remaining

Winter impact

- The regular freeze and thaw, coupled with some exceptionally wet weather means that road surfaces have taken a battering, resulting in a jump in defect reports.
- Snow in December 2017 damaged an already fragile network, with two further freezes in January and March 2018.

Fix My Street

- Fix My Street is the main way to report any highway defect that does not pose an immediate safety or injury risk found on our roads.
(<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>)
- Reports on Fix My Street peaked at 8,456 reports for the month of March.
- If you are reporting an emergency please do not report it online, but ring our Customer Service Centre on **0345 310 1111**.
- The table below shows **all** reports (including potholes, street lighting, traffic signals, general highway requests) made since the start of 2017 month by month. August 2017 is when our own inspectors started adding their finds on Fix My Street.

	2017	2018
January	1852	7171
February	2727	7080
March	2104	8456
April	915	7989
May	1248	6214
June	1259	5064
July	1544	N/A
August	2750	N/A
September	2994	N/A
October	3194	N/A
November	3233	N/A
December	2952	N/A

Highways inspections

- We carry out routine inspections of our road and footpath network. The frequency depends of the type of road and volume of traffic, with the busiest roads being inspected up to 12 times a year.

- We have a team of 18 highway inspectors in Oxfordshire.
- Our inspectors check things that are reported to us by the public on Fix My Street and also carry out their own proactive inspections ensuring that everything that requires repairing is logged and an order placed with our contractors.
- We have a duty to ensure roads are safe and our policy is to fix the most serious safety concerns within 24hrs. Any judged as less urgent will be fixed within 28 days.
- Inspectors mark-up potholes with one of two coloured paints. Red is for potholes that we will fill within either two or 24 hours depending on the circumstances, and white for all others i.e. up to 28 day.
- Yellow paint is used by technical officers to mark up larger scale patching works but not standard defects.

Maintenance progress

- We currently have 18 crews working on our roads – the largest number we have ever used. In the summer, we would previously have had six.
- We have doubled our minor patching crews from two to four, and also doubled our minor works gangs from two to four.
- We have recently bought a new Dragon patching machine. We now have two Dragons in Oxfordshire, with a third shared with two other highway authorities.
- We have dealt with 23,809 potholes since January 2018. This is 64% up on last year and equates to fixing an average of 3,968 potholes a month.
- Pothole fixing peaked in March with 5,146 being repaired.
- We have dealt with a total of 28,358 defects (potholes, drains, damaged signs etc) in total since January 2018.
- Again repairs overall peaked in March with 5,786 being completed.
- We are doing more ‘saw-cut’ repairs on A and B roads. This is a longer-lasting but more expensive method, but is not suitable for roads in a generally poor condition.
- The county council received an extra £2.9m in funding from the Department for Transport to repair roads damaged during the most recent winter. This is made up of £1.574m pothole grant and £1.362m from the flood resilience fund.

Maintenance types

Temporary fill

Used in some instances to make a location safe for a few days until traffic management can be organised to do a permanent repair.

Sweep and fill

‘Sweep and fill’ is a quick, simple and cost-effective method to deal with a defect and make it safe.

This is also the best repair method when the surrounding road condition is poor.

Saw-cut repairs

A neater and longer-lasting method which is used on A and B roads and some other roads where the circumstances allow. Holes are cut square and any debris removed before being filled and compacted.

Dragon patching

This versatile machine can carry out pothole filling and small-scale surface dressing. The pothole is dried with a flame-thrower before spraying in bitumen and chippings, creating a waterproof fix. The Dragon is used on rural roads and, for this reason, is largely self-sufficient with a small crew being able to travel round, fix potholes and handle any traffic management that is needed.

Structural patching

This is like resurfacing as detailed below. However the team targets a specific area where there are problems with potholes and cut out the unsound area of surfacing – often several square metres – and resurface only that area. This is a good for localised problems that do not justify a larger resurfacing scheme and means that we can do more work with our limited funds.

Surface dressing

This technique, which involves applying bitumen and chippings, is used to seal and extend the life of roads by 8 to 12 years. This is not a repair in the same sense as those listed above, but something you will see on local roads from time to time.

Resurfacing

Full resurfacing of stretches of road is the most costly but effective solution to worn and crumbling road surfaces. The county council, as is the case across the country, is able to do only a limited number of these comprehensive reconstruction projects.

- We monitor the quality of repairs and if any are found or reported to us that have failed these are raised with our contractors who will take remedial action.

- In some instances you may see a repair, or the road surrounding it, that appears to be in poor condition. This situation it is likely that it is a temporary solution until we are able to programme a more substantial repair for that piece of road.

The costs of repairs

Sweep and fill	£40/50 approx per defect
Dragon patcher	£22 per defect
Saw cut repair	£70-80 per defect
Structural patching	£2,500 a day
Surface dressing	£4 - £8 per sqm
Surfacing	£25 - £80 per sqm depending on depth

Costs vary depending on the traffic management required to carry out the work e.g. traffic lights, road closures or diversions.

How to report a problem on Fix My Street

- Visit fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk
- Enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or street name and area.
- Locate the problem on the map.
- Enter details of the problem. You can submit pictures if you have some, but don't try to take them if it's not safe to do so. If you can get a picture try to provide one that shows the defect and the area around it so our inspectors can find it on site – close ups of potholes don't help too much.
- Confirm the report and Oxfordshire County Council will investigate.
- If you are reporting an emergency please do not report it online, but ring our Customer Service Centre on **0345 310 1111**

Martyrs' Day 23 June 2018

The sun shone and the visitors arrived. On The Green the horse chestnut tree stood proud, sheltering the Martyrs seats and welcoming our guests from Ascott, West Oxfordshire and the counties beyond, and more excitingly a party of descendants from New Zealand and Australia.

The sixteen Ascott Martyrs were all local women but a number joined the migration to other continents forced on this agricultural community as they chose to escape the poverty, deprivation and lack of opportunity enforced by the class system. The event of 1873 was during a long and deep agricultural depression, the aftermath of enclosure and disafforestation of Wychwood. Only five family names were involved so it was fascinating to see the lengthy family trees researched by Vicki Robb and the map of Ascott showing the buildings at that time as Harvey Warner works on identifying the houses where the women may once have lived.

The church pews and aisles were filled for the first public debut of the textile wallhanging created and stitched by a group who have been meeting regularly over the past year, continuing the long tradition of Workers Educational Association classes in Ascott. Beverley McCombs, author of *The Ascott Martyrs*, and a descendant whose relatives emigrated to New Zealand very soon after the women were released from prison, and Marie Moss, descendant and Ascott resident, performed the unveiling.

Beverley spoke movingly of reliving their experience as she researched their past, their present and their futures. Dressed in a blue silk dress and bonnet, black astrakhan cape and red flannel petticoat (as the women wore at the rally organised by the National Agricultural Labourers Union to celebrate their homecoming) she greatly appreciated the reconnection forged by the modern group of women with the sixteen individuals who stood up to authority and paid the price.

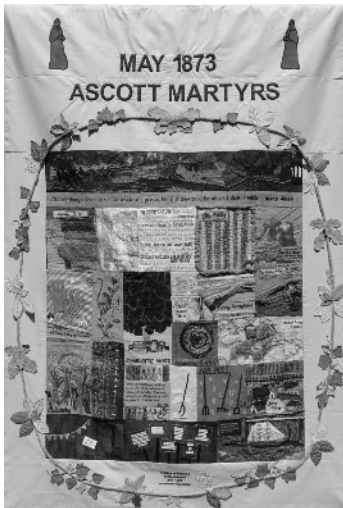
Traditional folk singing group Shepherds Crook presented a programme of local songs interspersed with readings from contemporary sources which together recreated the story from yet another perspective. The congregation then enjoyed teas served in the Lady Chapel – raising £250 for church funds – whilst old and new friends shared stories and connections sparked by everyone's travel back in time.

Unite the Union, representing agricultural workers today, have been very supportive of Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust and the textile project. We were delighted to welcome their officials and most especially Diana Holland, Assistant General Secretary, who travelled all the way from London after a prior engagement for just an all too brief visit.

The textile has a permanent home in the church but until 23 September is on display at Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock as part of a small exhibition commemo-

rating the centenary of votes for women. It hangs alongside the Martyrs Quilt which was reputedly started in prison by Martha Smith and is on loan from the People's History Museum, Manchester. The textile will also be on show at the Wychwood Forest Fair at Ditchley near Charlbury on Sunday 2 September. Beverley's book *The Ascott Martyrs* is on sale at Ascott Village Shop price £15. The booklet document the creation of the textile wallhanging is available from Sue Richards 01993 830122, email suerichards@phonecoop.coop
A short film of Beverley speaking at the unveiling ceremony and Shepherds Crook performing can be watched on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/r7JjaTJ2X2g>

Sue Richards



The textile wall hanging



**Beverley McCombs
and Marie Moss**



Shepherds Crook

Ascott Martyrs Trust

Seats

Regular followers of the long running saga of the seat maintenance/cleaning on the green may have noticed that we did not hold the suggested survey on the options during Martyrs Day. This was due to a late reorganisation of the day with the focus on just the unveiling of the memorial textile which is reported elsewhere.

The Trust now feels that it is almost impossible to hold a village “referendum” (would it divide the village like BREXIT?) on whether to move the seats and believe now that this should be a Parish Council decision. We are forever grateful to Ann Renton and Juliet Hazelwood for regularly cleaning the seats.

We will however still continue our 2 year campaign to have more information on the green. We have also asked if we can place our new QR code which links to our website but we have yet to receive a response from the Parish Council.



New Trustees

We are delighted to expand the number of Trustees as we finally register with the Charities Commission, Paula Nielsen who has been involved for some time in various positions with the Wychwood Historical Society and Diane Holland a very senior official of the Unite Union who is waiting formal confirmation from the Union executive will bring the number to 6, 4 woman to 2 men!

Chippy Jail Benches

The 3 from the chipping Norton Police Station have been placed under the textile in the church, at the Chipping Norton Museum and the large one in the Tiddy Hall Committee Room.

Martyrs Book Order

Beverley McCombs' book will soon be available at each of the Oxfordshire libraries as well as for sale at the Village Shop at the discounted price of £15.

The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

The Quilt, believed to be made by Martyr Martha Smith and others, is on display until 23rd September with the new commemorative textile. Do go along and see, there is also a very attractive garden café.

19th October Heritage Presentation Tiddy Hall

Make a note now in your diary for a very special evening presentation by Dr Simon Draper of the Victoria County History project which has just been completed on the

Wychwoods. He will focus on what Ascott was like in 1873, the time of the Ascott Martyrs. To book call 01993 831967. Admission £5 including Coffee/biscuits.

Paul Jackson



A bus service for the Wychwood villages

The Wychwood villages have not been well-served by public transport until recently when West Oxfordshire Community Transport introduced a new route to connect Witney and Chipping Norton with the villages in between. Ascott now enjoys five buses a day in each direction (Service 210), making it possible to travel on weekdays at the time of your choice, perhaps allowing an opportunity to work or attend appointments which would previously have been impossible. This is an extension of the scheme originated in Witney by local Labour councillors who have worked so hard on planning and securing the necessary funding.

As well as taking advantage of the service you can support the scheme by becoming a member. West Oxfordshire Community Transport Limited is a community benefit society, a not-for-profit organisation run primarily for the benefit of the community at large and with democratic decision-making built into its structure. By becoming a member you can be involved in making the decisions which affect how we operate by voting on a range of matters at our annual meeting and electing our board. Even if you do not use the service, you can support the objectives of West Oxfordshire Community Transport Limited which are to provide public transport facilities for people within the West Oxfordshire community where they are most needed – specifically for elderly people, people on low incomes or those with disabilities, people with young children or those living in isolated areas.

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The innovative scheme featured in a recent article by Aditya Chakraborty <<https://www.theguardian.com/profile/adityachakraborty>>.

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FOOTPRINTS FROM ASCOTT'S PAST - PART 4

BOOM AND BUST

Practically all of us have heard of the Domesday Book, an account of the distribution and value of the land and people of England made in 1086 on the orders of William the Conqueror.

But probably nowhere near as many have heard of the Hundred Rolls, a rather similar account written in 1279-80 on the orders of Edward 1. They are called the Hundred Rolls because the land of England at that time was divided up into areas called Hundreds and Ascott came under the Hundred of Chadlington. This second accounting is much more detailed and includes the tenancies, duties and ownership of not only the major land-owners but continues right down to the lowliest tenants (cottars) and even to freemen. The Rolls sought to establish the rights to land. They perhaps could have been used for taxation purposes or lawsuits. The inquiry followed a number of decades of disputes and uprisings which involved land ownership and so sought to establish the rights to disputed land. However perhaps the accounts proved unworkable depending on which side of a dispute brought the case to court. Perhaps it gave too much power to the lowliest as opposed to their lord, or established other such difficulties. Although probably collected nationwide, many of the Rolls have disappeared. They were never collated into a book as Domesday was, and appear, despite the magnitude of the work, to have never been used. But since the Roll covering

Ascott has survived we can see a fairly substantial list of the inhabitants and owners of land in Ascott at that time.

They may only relate to Ascott Doyley since Roger Doyley is listed as the Lord of the Manor. Ascott Earl may have been listed under Shipton as the Lord of the Manor there ruled some of Ascott's land in the 13th century.

In descending status are listed fourteen unfree but land holding countrymen (villeins), eight unfree tenants holding at least a substantial yardland (at least 40 acres) and twenty one tenants (cottars) of a cottage and perhaps a small area of land. Their various services to the Lord of the Manor are recorded such as helping with the farm work on their Lord's land at certain times and days. Also recorded are their own obligatory rights in the customs of the Manor.

Bicroft is mentioned, the first recorded name for an area of land in the parish. It was the land running from the footbridge at Mr Grippers to the mill, a meadow running along the north side of the river. The mill is mentioned and William Molendinar is listed at Ascott Mill, a free tenant, along with eleven other freemen. A ford near the bridge on Chippy Hill is mentioned and the fact that some land was owned by St Frideswides Priory in Oxford. At least five women are listed amongst the above, three named Agnes, obviously a popular name at the time.

Since only the heads of the household are listed we can assume that Ascott had

grown into a fairly substantial village with a bridge built to carry the Chippy road and a church had also been built on the common land in the middle of the village between the two manors. The population was increasing as was the population across the country generally.

However, this scenario would only continue into the first half of the next century because disaster was approaching with the arrival of the Black Death in 1348.

How this affected Ascott we have no idea since no further records are available un-

til the fifteenth century. But it is believed that in this part of the country at least half the population died and the workforce was decimated. This situation inevitably brought to an end the feudal system of servile tenure which was established in this country following the Norman Conquest. With so many less labourers to support the system, manpower was in high demand and a different age dawned for the labouring poor.

Wendy Pearse

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND.

I think I have solved the problem of recycling plastic bottles and so helping to save the blue planet and mankind.

My plan would be to collect all plastic bottles which must have their stoppers or corks so they cannot sink. These would be welded together or put into very large nets. These would be joined together to create large artificial islands anchored in the Thames Estuary, Bristol Channel and other estuaries around this other Eden, Shakespeare's septic isle. On these would be constructed large solar panels to produce energy. There would be no reason why crops could not be grown on these islands once the salt water was filtered

and treated. If enough of these plastic islands could be built, it would free up more land on shore, for bigger housing estates to be built to overwhelm ancient rural villages. More land to extend airport runways and destroy homes and communities that had been there for generations. More land for Railtrack to create a network to criss-cross the country so we can get to London five minutes faster. But is all this progress? What is progress?

An egg can progress or evolve into a chicken. Another egg can progress into a crocodile and bite your leg off. Would this be considered progress?

Fred Russell

SOCRATES

“When you get ashore you will find the Cypriot people very friendly,” said the senior army officer, “But always remember,” he went on to say, “You are superior to all of them”.

It was October 1958. I with many more young men in army uniform, was waiting to go ashore on the island of Cyprus to finish our two years National Service. Most of my eighteen months would be spent cooking in the officers’ mess near Limassol, and the sergeants’ mess near Famagusta. I like to tell people I was trained to go behind enemy lines to poison the opposition. There were a number of comrades who would have said we were trying to do the same to them. If the food was bad in the army, army cooks could make it even worse.

Most military bases on Cyprus from the mid 1950’s to the early 1960’s employed many civilians, both Greek and Turkish. A few months before I was due to come home, a young Greek came to work in the mess as a waiter. He was always smartly dressed and spoke very good English. He told me he had been a teacher. Why he had finished as a waiter I never found out, and time has caused me to forget his name. But what I do remember, he was very proud of his Greek her-

itage. We liked to talk of Socrates and philosophy. I had never heard of Socrates who had lived over 2000 years ago. I could have told him the colours of the top football teams and where they played.

What importance had Socrates to do with me? I was looking forward to being back in Ascott amid the green trees and fields. One of the tales the young waiter would tell, true or not, it was said the old philosopher had a nagging wife. One day after a row, she picked up an earthenware pot full of water and broke it over his head. Socrates is supposed to have remarked, “After the thunder comes the rain.”

Six decades have gone by now and I have come to realize Socrates is a hero for humanity. He belongs not just to Greece but to the world. I have often wondered was Jesus Christ ever influenced by his teachings? They had one thing in common. They both went to their death for what they believed.

Many years after National Service days, The Brazilian football team, who many consider the best in the world, had a captain called Socrates. Is it too much to hope we might see Gazza or Becks go up to Oxford to read Classics?

Fred Russell

PC News July 2018

As we move into late summer we do hope that you have enjoyed the beautiful days and not suffered too much from the heat.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

At our AGM in May the Parish Council was back to full strength with Brian Leach agreeing to join us. He was immediately thrown into the deep end as we navigated our way through all the requirements of GDPR. Although this has been extra work, the aim is for us to make our correspondence with you more secure, especially when we correspond through e-mail. It has also been an opportunity to review the Parish Council section of the village website. Very soon we will have more information available on the website and our Clerk and all Parish Councillors will only be e-mailing on dedicated PC e-mail addresses. We owe Brian many thanks for his patience in explaining everything to us and setting up our new system.

Unfortunately for those of you who are already on our contact lists, we have to ask you for your permission to continue to keep your personal details on our files. We are all probably tired of doing this already but PLEASE could you reply to our online form as soon as possible. We hope that you will find it easy to use. If not, just contact one of us by e-mail or with a hand written note. For those not using e-mail we will deliver a form through your letterbox.

FOOTPATHS

Do you care about the footpaths in and around Ascott-u-W? There is a chance that some of these will be closed on 1 January 2026. Any path that is not on the official OS 'Definitive Map' will no longer be a public right of way and the owner will have the right to close it. There is a job to be done here which involves interviewing local walkers, gathering historic evidence of use, investigating old and new maps and potentially filling out evidence forms if an application is needed to register a particular footpath. It is too big a job for the PC on top of our core work and so we propose establishing a 'sub-committee' to help. Would anyone like to be involved? Would you at least fill out a form to say that you have used a certain footpath for over 20 years? Please contact Philippa Carter, the sooner the better.

SPEED WATCH

Do speeding vehicles annoy you enough to take action? We have been offered the free use of a Speedwatch camera and our new District Councillor, Jake Acock, is arranging a training session in September. Please contact Sandy Timms asap if you would like to be a member of an Ascott Speedwatch team.

ROAD SAFETY and POTHOLE

Peter Rance has been busy negotiating with OCC Highways to improve signage and visibility at the Chipping Norton

bridge. He has been supported by County Councillor Liz Leffman. OCC has also announced that they will invest in a second 'Dragon Patcher' and hope very much that potholes will be repaired more quickly in future. *(See a detailed OCC Highways report elsewhere in this edition)*

ALLOTMENTS

We have 1 allotment available – please contact Brian Leach.

VEGETATION OVERHANGING PAVEMENTS

Please, please could you make sure that your garden plants, hedges and trees are not stopping pedestrians from using the pavements. This is your responsibility, even the plants that grow at the base of your garden wall. Now that nesting is over, things can be cut back and please could you do so up to 2 metres. Remember too to allow for the vegetation to grow and still not be in the way. One of our senior residents was brushed by a passing vehicle recently as he tried to avoid an overgrown hedge. **This is not acceptable and very inconsiderate.** We understand residents' concern for wildlife but there needs to be a balance for humans and wildlife to live in harmony and safety!

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The 6 houses at the top of Maple Way are now complete. We hope that the new occupants will enjoy living in the village

and that the whole development will mature and blend in, just as Orchard Way has. The public footpath leading to the top of Dawls Close has been re-opened. Local Maple Way and Dawls Close residents have been very kind to the contractors during their time working here. The site manager wanted to thank everyone and commented that he will miss working in this little bit of heaven, despite all the atrocious weather they had to endure through the winter and spring!

There have been no new applications for development but Cornbury Estate is again considering a development of the old cow sheds at the end of High St. High St residents and the Village Shop committee have had the opportunity to voice their opinions informally. If and when Cornbury does produce a plan, the agent has promised to present it to all village residents in Tiddy Hall before a formal application is lodged. They are considering 6-10 dwellings.

HISTORICAL ASCOTT-UNDER- WYCHWOOD

Martyrs Seats - The Parish Council has taken a decision not to change the arrangement of the Seats at this time. We have heard from a number of residents about this issue and there are just as many against moving the seats as there are for. We do not feel that we have a clear mandate nor the time to organise a full consultation at the moment. Anyone wishing to help with a rota for keeping the seats clean of bird muck, please contact Philippa Carter.

The Pound – Again we are most grateful to the Wychwood Project for re-building a wall in the Pound. This time they are tackling the dividing wall with the Churchyard which has been bulging dangerously for some time. The work will take approximately 6 months as the volunteers only work on Mondays and Tuesdays.

And finally a lovely piece of news. Many congratulations to Graham and Lianne Ranson on the birth of their first child, a lovely daughter. Graham is considering his position as a Parish Councillor as he gets used to the massive change in routine!! We hope that he will ultimately decide to stay as it has been so good to have the views of a much younger P Councillor, but he has promised to keep in touch if not. We wish them all every joy.

Local Bus Services

The WOCT 210 weekday service has now been most beneficially added to complement the Villager service. Both are volunteer operated and grant aided by our PC, as they are the only means of transport for a number of our residents. Their continued beneficial operation is however crucially dependent upon sufficient customer usage, so please make use of them both and spread the word about them to those who might need to know. Existing users are very pleased with both operators and their very helpful volunteer drivers.

Ascott-under-Wychwood Parish Council

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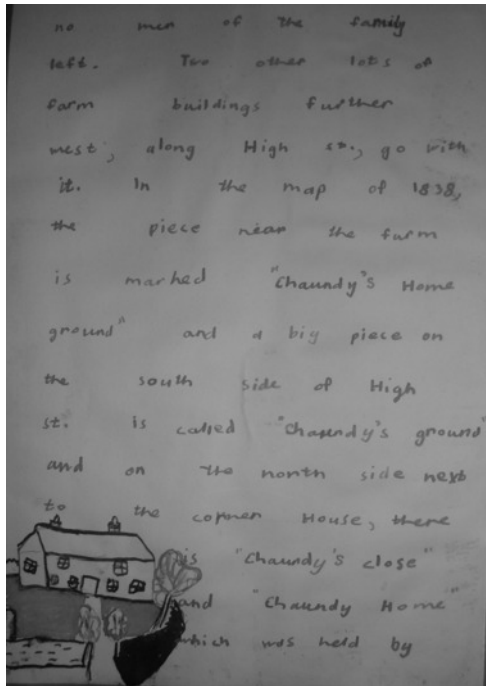
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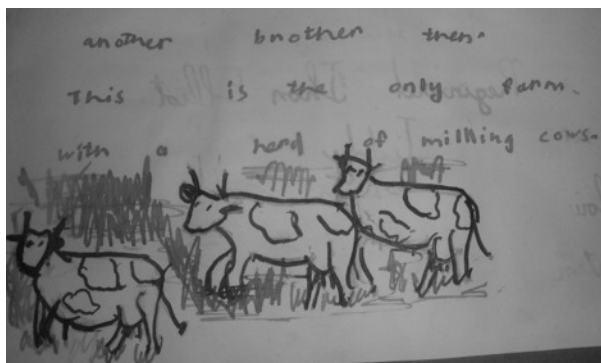
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Ascott Grapevine



..no men of the family left. The other lots of farm buildings further west, along High St., go with it. In the map of 1838, the piece near the farm is marked "Chaundy's home ground" and a big piece on the south side of High St. is called "Chaundy's ground" and on the north side next to the corner house, there is "Chaundy's close" and "Chaundy home" which was held by...



..another brother then.

This is the only farm with a herd of milking cows.

Open Gardens Day

The Gardens at Wychwood Manor were opened to the public on June 10th in order to raise funds for Holy Trinity Church, Ascott. We were blessed with warm and sunny weather and were delighted to receive 234 visitors, despite there being open gardens events on the same day in neighbouring villages.

There was a plant stall, bursting at the seams with so many fine plants, donated by villagers and from the gardens of Wychwood Manor.

Also on sale adjacent to the plant stall was a range of beautiful wooden kitchen utensils that had been produced by Paul Cunningham.

Our raffle, with prizes a hamper, plant and tickets to Cotswold Wildlife Park proved to be very popular and of course one of the highlights of the afternoon were the teas and home made cakes.

Thanks to the efforts of all involved a magnificent total of £2,506 was raised and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.





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Scenes of rural life, sensitively and lyrically played by Alastair Weeks, Sophie Jackson and Billy Foster were complimented with equine themes from Henry O'Brien (Wonkey Donkey) and Lucy Shaw (Horse in a Lighthouse). Ben Walentiny and Finlay Dempsey competed in Camptown Races with Millicent Gripper providing some tough competition from Dick Turpin and Alice Thorne as Cowboy Joe.

It is always a joy to welcome back previous pupils and Arthur Robertson engaged the audience with his orange trombone and a witty performance of The Bare necessities while his sister played the most popular piece of the evening, African Melody No 3 by Einaudi. Ben O'Brien played two pieces from his grade six exam; Cruella De Vil sent a shiver down the spines of all but the bravest but all terrors were later dispelled with an exquisitely phrased Slow Waltz by Oskar Merikanto.

My aim in programming this concert is to provide music for all tastes and I was delighted to welcome Alasdair Jackson and his band, the Kokroaches, a group of young people from Carterton who rehearse and compose in the Rock Barn in Witney. As some of you will be aware, this building is due to be sold and their rehearsal space, and that of many other musicians, is currently under threat. The audience were asked to sign the petition encouraging WODC to purchase it as a community asset.

As the audience enjoyed their interval refreshments, the stage was being reset for Jake Briggs, on piano, and his band, B.A. Ware who played Seven Nation Army. Here was a band with potential and well directed and arranged by Jake.

The Piano Gallery supplied us with a beautiful grand piano and this was exploited to its full potential by parent, Andrew Foster, playing Mozart's *Fantasia in D minor* and, in the centenary of his death, *The Girl With The Flaxen Hair* by Claude Debussy. Georgia Thorne made a special appearance with *For River* by Kan R Gao which was played with profound thoughtfulness and close attention to the dynamic development. Earlier in the programme she had joined Cassia Belardo in Delibes' famous flower duet, specially arranged for two clarinets. Both she and Cassia demonstrated their commitment to and competence with the clarinet repertoire and Cassia later performed the second movement of Stamitz' clarinet concerto to N^o. 3.



Every concert seems to mark a milestone and this year we said goodbye to Eddie Gripper who plans to continue studying music at university. Eddie is such a talented musician who plays the piano and the trumpet with immense competence and has even been known to pedal away on a harmonium. During the past year he has passed several higher exams with flying colours and in recognition of this and his future career, he was presented with membership of

the Incorporated Society of Musicians. Eddie brought the evening to a close with Consolation by Franz Liszt.

Well, that's it for this year. Meanwhile, I'm off to the Proms. . . Go if you can, it's fabulous, but if not, watch it on BBC 4 or tune in nightly to BBC radio 3.

Happy music-making,

Pauline Carter

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If I have inspired anyone of any age to learn the piano or study music, just get in touch, Pauline@roseneathmusicschool.com

Golf Match

One Friday evening in The Swan last September, Ros Shepherd walked into the Pub having had a round of golf with friends. That's when it came to me....a Charity Golf Match to raise money for the Church.....and thus the idea was conceived...just one problem though my Golf Knowledge is extremely limited!

I was very fortunate though to have Jenny Manners, a golfing guru, agree to help me and another plus, she worked at The Wychwood Golf Club!

So on June 15th, 39 Golfers met at The Wychwood to play in teams, play for various prizes and at the same time raise money. Then in the evening, a further 28 friends joined the Golfers for the prize giving and a meal!

An incredible £1,734.01 was raised through generous sponsorship of holes, Players entry fees and an excellent raffle.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to such a successful day and an extra big thank you to Jenny and Roger Manners and The Wychwood Golf Club for all their help and support.

Debra Cull



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Tiddy Hall

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Nature Notes

It's difficult to write about the natural world for this issue of the Grape Vine without some reference to the exceptional weather in June and July. Writing this article towards the end of July we have experienced nearly 60 days of high temperatures and virtually no rainfall, with similar conditions forecast during August. This follows a particularly wet cold winter. All of these effects are caused by the position of the jet stream, a strong wind blowing from west to east 5 to 7 miles above the Earth's surface at speeds of up to 200 mph. In the winter the jet stream is at its strongest and usually is situated over Great Britain bringing in Atlantic storms, whereas in the summer the jet stream weakens and is north of us and this generally brings calmer, drier weather.

First we experienced a wet cold winter with snow in December, stormy weather in January and cold frosty weather in February and more snow during March. April continued cool and damp until the middle of the month when we experienced a warm spell. Spring arrived in May with average maximum daytime temperatures of 20c only to be spoilt by 2.32 inches (60mm) of rain on the 30th & 31st

June and July saw a complete change with the arrival of high temperatures and lack of rain. In the 57 days from 1st June to 27th July the average maximum daytime temperature was 22C in June and 27.5C in July. In the last 10 years the averages were June 19C and July 21.5C. In the 57 days only one third of an inch of rain fell (9mm), whereas the 10 year

average monthly rainfall for June was 1.54 inches (39mm) and July 2.54 inches (65mm).

Given that this year's weather has been unusual, starting wetter and colder and ending with a drought, how has the natural world fared? The answer is rather well! The cold winter has certainly reduced the numbers of Aphids, despite the lack of Ladybirds; the recent dry spell has kept slugs and snails away from our plants. Fruit trees, sloes and blackberries are all laden with fruit. However It's not all good news, Swallows and Martins did arrive, but in low numbers and given the cold spring and lack of insects I'm not sure how successful our native song-bird breeding season has been. Our local Barn Owls were out hunting during the daylight hours and this is a sure sign that they were struggling to find enough prey to feed their chicks.

One group of creatures that enjoyed our recent hot, dry spell were some of our common butterfly species that have appeared in greater numbers than in past years, although some favourites are very scarce. The late spring saw a burst of activity with Brimstones coming out of hibernation and on the wing whenever

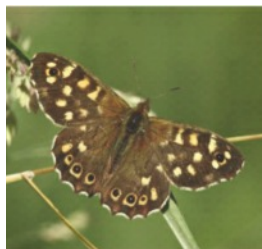


there was a sunny day. These bright yellow butterflies feed on Thistles, Knapweed, Scabious, Clover and Blue-

bells laying their eggs in May & June on Buckthorn. Also appearing early in the year in quite large numbers was the Or-

ange Tip. The male easily recognised by the orange markings on the forewing, the female without the orange tips is often confused with a Small White. The Orange Tip over-winters as a pupa emerging from April to June as soon as the weather warms. It's a butterfly of verges, woodland edges and hedgerows. The main food-plants of the caterpillar are Lady's Smock and Garlic Mustard (also known as Jack-By-The Hedge). If several eggs are laid on the same flower-head the larvae can be carnivorous.

As the temperatures rose in June and July the grassland butterflies flourished. These butterflies are not showy, displaying various shades of brown, but all share a similar life style with eggs being laid on grasses and overwintering as young caterpillars, emerging as adults in June and



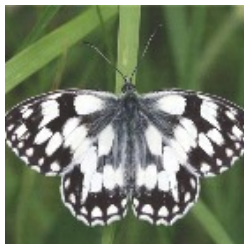
July. The Speckled Wood favours open woodland rides and as its name suggest is a butterfly that prefers woodland clearings and

has heavily spotted wings on a brown background. This butterfly produces successive broods throughout the summer, if the weather is good, right through until October. Broods from late in the year overwinter as larvae whereas broods from earlier may overwinter as pupae.

The Ringlet also favours woodland clearings and open rides and is very dark brown and shows no pattern on their open wings. It is only when at rest and the underside of the wing can be seen that the pattern of ringlets, that give them their name, can be observed. This butterfly doesn't carefully lay its eggs on the

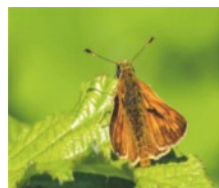
chosen food plants but scatters them randomly amongst the grasses.

The Meadow Brown is rather drab, its appearance enhanced by pale orange patches and a small 'eye' on each forewing. Two broods are raised in a good summer and they overwinter as a larva. The larva of this species does not fully hibernate but continue feeding only resting in the coldest months. There is a butterfly of similar appearance, but with brighter and larger orange markings, called the Gate Keeper. In good years any sunny hedgerow with brambles in flower would normally host large numbers of this butterfly, but this year locally it hasn't been abundant. There is only one brood so there is no opportunity for numbers to recover.



The Marbled White, the showiest of the brown family, has also had a good year. Its ground colour is white, with dark brown patches. In flight it looks like a flying

chess board! It's a butterfly of chalk and limestone grassland forming small colonies, often of a large number of individuals. Each colony may be some considerable distance from the next. Only one brood is produced each year and the larvae go into hibernation without feeding until the next spring. Like the Ringlet its eggs are not carefully laid but scattered whilst the female is in flight.



Another butterfly that has done rather well is the Large Skipper. This is another grassland butterfly, but belonging

to a different family to the browns. It's a small butterfly, orange brown in colour and with its thick body, hooked antenna and stubby wings has a 'moth-like' appearance. Indeed skippers are considered to be primitive representing a cross-over between moths and butterflies.

Also enjoying this summer are two members of the white family, the Small White and the Green-Veined White. The Small White is a horticultural pest as its food plant is any member of the Cabbage Family. Its

green caterpillar hides under cabbage leaves quietly feeding and leaving them full of holes. This butterfly was accidentally introduced into Australia in 1939 and has now become a pest over much of the country, the same thing happened in New Zealand in 1930. This year the Small White has been particularly numerous. Its country cousin, the Green-Veined White is unlikely to trouble gardeners preferring woodland clearings, country lanes and damp meadows. Its main food plants are Lady's Smock, Charlock and Garlic Mustard. It's the same size as the Small White and in flight can be easily confused, but when it settles the veins on the underside of the wings are heavily marked with dark green scales. One notable absentee is the Large White, I've seen very few this year. This butterfly is the major scourge of brassicas and an infestation of their caterpillars will quickly devastate a cabbage crop. One suggestion why numbers of this butterfly have been reduced is that the horticultural industry has placed so much emphasis on the destruction of its caterpillars that it may be-



come a rarity. There is some evidence that the native population is enhanced by immigrants from Europe.

Have there been any exciting finds? Yes, a thriving group of Silver Washed Fritillary has been observed.

This woodland butterfly has never been common in this area so it has been pleasing



to see them feeding on Bramble Flowers and watching their powerful flight in a woodland clearing. They are a large butterfly, rich golden brown with black markings and very strong and active flyers. There is one brood on the wing from July to September their eggs are laid singly in crevices in bark, especially Oak. The eggs hatch, but the larvae doesn't feed, entering into immediate hibernation attached to the bark by a small pad of silk. In spring the larvae leaves the tree and has to search for its food plant, the Dog Violet.

Any disappointments? Yes several. First the almost complete absence of the Peacock, one of our most attractive butterflies. In the past when the Buddleia was in bloom it was always visited by large numbers of Peacocks, together with Red Admirals, Tortoiseshells and Commas. These last few years' numbers of most of these butterflies have fallen and the only regular visitors this year have been Small Whites. I've only seen one Peacock.

There is a parasitic fly *Sturmia Bella* that arrived in the UK in 1998 that attacks the caterpillars of Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells and this may have some responsibility for falling numbers. Also the

cold, wet weather when Peacocks and Tortoiseshells were coming out of hibernation this year may have had an impact.

Finally one other immigrant, the Painted Lady, can in some years visit Britain in large numbers. These visitors will then breed here, but cannot survive our winters so have to be replenished each year

by new arrivals from Europe. This year I haven't seen one and thinking back I'm not sure I saw any last year. These observations apply to the area around Ascott and experience of butterfly numbers further afield may be different.

Stuart Fox

Charity Auction

A charity auction of antique and modern furniture, ornaments and curios was held at the Tiddy Hall on 26th May. The event was organised by Richard Haddon, formerly owner of the Swan Inn and now living in Spain, to raise funds for the Lawrence House Nursing Team and Holy Trinity Church bell repair fund.

Richard had agreed to split the sales commission from the event between the two good causes.

The auctioneer was Mark Stacey who is very well known from his many appearances on various TV antiques programmes. Mark kept up a lively banter throughout the afternoon, encouraging the bet bids as each object came up for sale.

Following a successful afternoon that was well attended each of the charities received £128.92.



The Ascott Village Charity



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The village charity is still in the position to offer help to any person in the village who is embarking on further education and is in need of books or equipment for the course. They can apply to the charity to assist with the cost. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence.

If any villager feels that the Charity could help anyone in the village with financial aid then please contact one of the trustees to discuss the application procedure. The trustees will review all applications in full confidence to determine if they are within the Charity's power to assist.

There will be a Charity run this year on October 28th see pages 18 and 19.

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The Wychwood Project

The churchyard wall, where it overlooks the village pond, being repaired by volunteers from the Wychwood Project.

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“Heroes” is still the term we use, quite rightly, to describe the women and men who go to war on our behalf. In the United Kingdom we have the British Legion, which serves and represents our former soldiers, sailors and airmen and women, and brings us our annual Poppy Day, as a vivid symbol of remembrance of all they have done for us. In the period leading up to Remembrance Day (which is always the second Sunday in November) poppies are sold throughout the country to enable the British Legion to continue its work. Here in Ascott we play our part in this and the people of our village are always generous donors.

In this centenary year we would like to renew our efforts on behalf of the British Legion, especially in the period leading up to 11th November. Our hope is that more of our residents will join in the sale of poppies. Our Poppy Day collectors always get a friendly sometimes even a grateful welcome at the houses where they call, and all that is required is two to four hours of their time over a fairly short period. If you think you would like to help, or if you need any further information, perhaps you would contact our local British Legion organiser Mark Dawbarn whose contact details are below.

By the way, the answer to the question in the title is probably “Not just yet but we’re still working on it”.

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TIDDY HALL

Well, what a summer it was! Long hazy days with no rain for the longest time I can remember since living in the UK! The excessive heat put a stop to our regular circuit sessions, but **Pilates** and **Qigong** sessions continued and **Summer Yoga** was very well attended. **The Wychwood Folk Club** held its **Summer Showcase** back in July on a warm and balmy evening, while in August, **The Sheila Price Dance School** held a summer workshop, introducing young folk to musical theatre. Great to see the hall being used during the months that could be a very quiet time of year!

The Tiddy Hall Trustees held their **AGM** on Wednesday July 4th and Chairman Simon Gidman thanked all the regular users for their continued support. It's been a good year with increased bookings and the regular activities are continuing to be popular. The Committee has remained the same, with the exception of Rowena Haig, who we welcome as Secretary, replacing Jane Young. Your **Tiddy Hall Trustees** are:

Honourable President	Roger Shepherd
Chairman	Simon Gidman
Treasurer	Nick Carter
Secretary	Rowena Haig
Booking Clerk	Ingrid Ridley
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Pre School Representative	Pauline Plant

There are still plenty of gigs coming up at **The Wychwood Folk Club** during the second half of this year:

September 15th – Steve Ashley

October 6th – Megson

October 20th – Stick in the Wheel

November 17th – AJ Clark & Dave Pegg

December 8th – Johnny Coppin's All on a Winter's Night

December 22nd – The Songs of Sandy Denny featuring Sally Barker

Please see the website www.wychwoodfolkclub.com for further information.

The **Sunday Tea Dances** will continue at **Tiddy Hall** during the autumn & winter months. Dates are: September 2nd & 30th, November 4th & December 2nd.

The next session of **Qigong** will start on Thursday October 18th. If you'd like to attend, please contact Pam Quirke on 07780 572283

The Fishing Club will be holding their annual **Race Night** on Saturday 24th November. Please contact Pete Moss for further details – 01993 830758

And finally.....we will be holding another **New Year's Eve Party** at **Tiddy Hall** – more info nearer the time but please ring /email Ingrid or Simon if you know you want tickets – we've already sold 20 !!!

And finally finally.....we shall be doing another **Flix** ,sometime in October,early November; date and film yet to be decided .

Ingrid Ridley

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Monday Night

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Contact: May & Terry Cox 01608
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Tuesday Night

6.30pm-7.30pm Pilates
Contact: Ursula Beale 07917 090346

Wednesday Night

6pm – 6.45pm Circuits
Contact: Simon Gidman 01993 831479

7.30pm – 8.30pm Happy Fitness

Contact: Andrea Forrester 07747 853989

Thursday Night

7.30pm – 8.30pm Qigong
Contact: Pam Quirke 07780 572283

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The shop relies on volunteers to undertake one (or more if you are inclined) of the following tasks:

Serve our customers

Stock the shop

Promote and market our produce

Organising and carrying out maintenance

Administration

The Village Shop Autumn 2018

Owned by the village, run by the village and there for the village.

The following newsletter to our volunteers, embraces the essence of the shop, the part it plays in our community and reflects the dedication of those who give some of their time to making it work for us all; without whom, the shop would cease to function.

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Ascott Village Shop Volunteers Newsletter - Summer 2018

Following the recent Shop AGM, the suggestion was made that some form of informal communication should take place between volunteers. This was further supported at the Volunteers Summer BBQ, when our Chairman, Nick called for a show of hands to approve the appointment of a 'Voice for Volunteers'. So, here goes ...

Did you know being a shop volunteer ...

- Keeps you informed
- Keeps you active
- Keeps you involved

And, it lowers the running costs of the shop which means we can be viable & sustainable for years to come. If you know someone who might like to join the team, please let Bridgette know at the shop.

News & Views

We say a 'hearty' hello to a new crop of volunteers. They are; Eleanor, Harriet, Loren & Lianna who are each proving to be a huge asset to the shop. In addition, familiar faces will be appearing on the Sunday shift in August namely; Sally & Tony and Bridgette & John who will be joining Carolyn and Ros.

The Sunday Rota is now being organised by Tamsyn (Mark takes care of Saturdays and the weekly rota is looked after by Gaynor). These are vital roles, ensuring the smooth running of the shop.

Sally, who has been a tireless Honorary Secretary to the Committee has now stood down from this role but as mentioned, will be helping out in the shop with husband Tony (golf, child-minding & Spain permitting!).

Bridgette is keeping an 'eye' on the till situation. Don't forget to log down any malfunction so we can get a conclusion to this long-running saga.

PS. Don't forget, if you have a problem or an idea for improvement; do contact Bridgette as your first port of call. Communication always works best when its 2-way!

Spotlight on a volunteer

Here we say (a temporary) farewell to Debra after 15 years of volunteering for the shop and a very happy Birthday to Ros (she said, PLEASE do not post my age!). Ros is a member of the Sunday team and as well as running the beautiful Ascott Hill farm with hubby Roger, is a keen rider, golfer and attends the Edinburgh Festival every August for a blast of culture. Having lived in the village for over 30 years, she says working in the shop gives her a break from day to day routine when she can switch into something entirely different!



Shop quote for the Summer: "If you can't do great things, Mother Teresa used to say, do little things ..."
Happy volunteering!

John Cull

Wychwood Library

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month as Manager at Wychwood Library. Although I relished the prospect of returning to work after five years of full-time motherhood, I knew I had a very hard act to follow. I worked in Bolton Libraries between the ages of sixteen and twenty one, but many years have passed since then, including teaching for eight years as a primary teacher and acquiring an MA in art education.



While it has been a steep learning curve, I needn't have worried about the reception I would receive. From my first day, I have felt welcome and fully supported by the Friends, volunteers and users of Wychwood Library and count myself very fortunate to have joined such a strong and lively community. I quickly learnt that Wychwood Library is not only a library but a community centre, hosting Tai Chi, the Wychwood Circle and Coffee Mornings as well as Reading and Poetry groups.

As the daughter of a Librarian and an English Teacher, reading has always been a top priority, although, with three young children I more often pick up a picture book than a novel. I have very fond memories of reading *The Hobbit* with my father at bedtime; his Gollum was unforgettable, and unsurpassed by Andy Serkis in the recent film. My brother, a great fan of Conan Doyle, took great delight in sharing Sherlock Holmes' adventures with his young and impressionable sister, resulting in spending nights, wide-eyed and alert for any signs of Creeping Men or Speckled bands.

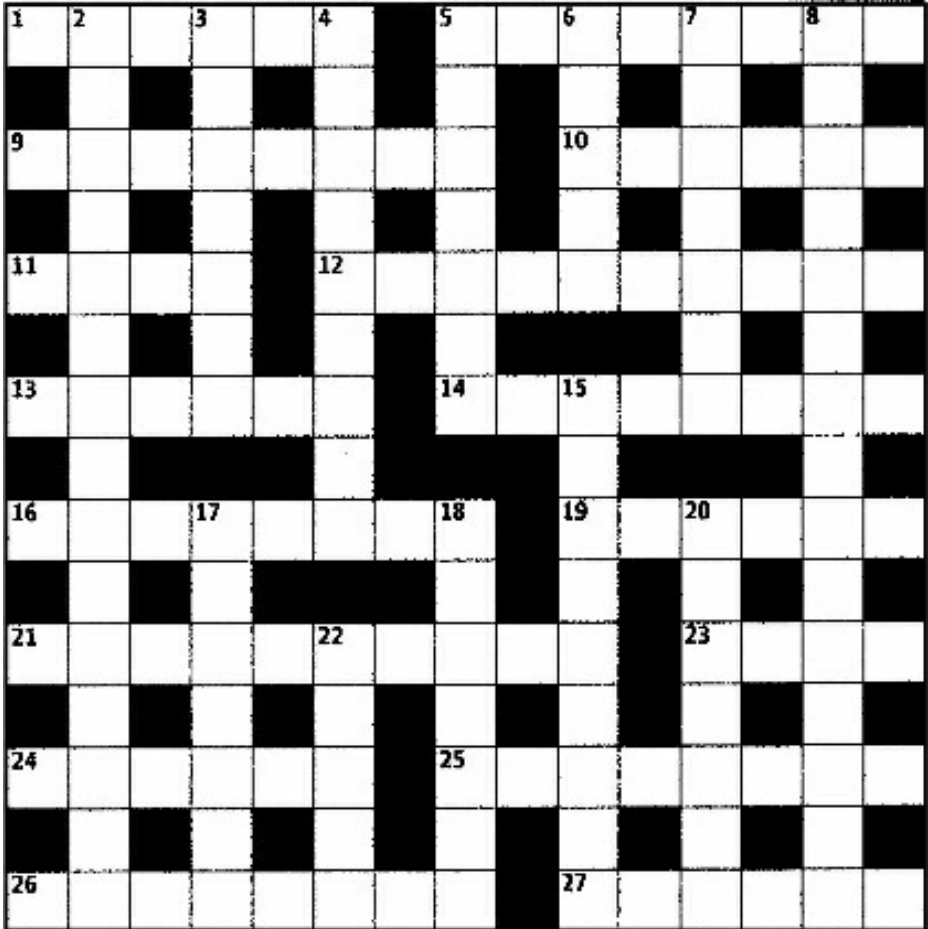
In my teens, I devoured a wide range of literature but had a preference for female writers and anything romantic and mysterious. Particular favourites included the Brontës, Daphne Du Maurier, Wilkie Collins and Margaret Atwood. I was particularly infatuated by John Keats, whose likeness I would rather have had on my wall than anyone from Take That or Boyzone.

More recently, between changing nappies and picking up discarded food, I have been drawn to historical fiction, especially Rose Tremain, Sarah Dunant and Sarah Waters. Historical thrillers are also a favourite of mine; initially Ellis Peters and Susanna Gregory, but more recently the page turners of C. J. Sansom. Like many, I have been captivated by Stieg Larsson's *Millennium* Trilogy and am currently reading David Lagercrantz's *The Girl in the Spider's Web*.

I look forward to building on the excellent work that has been done to make the library an essential part of the local community. Look out for our regular contributions to the Wychwood News and please do come and visit the library to see for yourselves what we have to offer.

Marianne Ferrero

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Set about upstart to get promotion (4,2)
5. Woeful expression over financial centre's indecent behaviour (8)
9. One line in Arabic translated as "somewhere in Italy" (8)
10. Miles enters sporting heat for the community (6)
11. Pest controller uses arsenic with a scary cry (4)
12. Spacecraft with new inside (ultimately inferior, granted) is not overlooked (10)
13. Diminutive cover for cook's dish cracked by pub (6)
14. Etruscan cast out as dissenter (8)
16. Horny tip from second city of old queen? (8)
19. Quit when Hoover put away (6)
21. As a selective killer, Charlie bid for a change (10)
23. Man's one non-Latin thread (4)
24. One-time domain of French drink agents (6)

Down

2. Eastern males in madly frustrating process of becoming exalted (15)
3. Philosopher working for a group with a common purpose (7)
4. Odour production from vapour-filled alcoholic drink (9)
5. Scottish island's casually spoken permanent employee (7)
6. Note a river's mud flow (5)
7. Force to appear in pathetic sitcom - sugar coated fare (7)
8. Narrator unavailable? Your guess is as good as mine (6,2,7)
15. White wine, laced, spoilt procession (9)
17. Old instrument: state feminine name (7)

Solutions to Crossword in Edition 98

Across

1. Caterpillar
9. Erratum
10. Devolve
11. Tripped Up
12. Antre
13. High
14. On The Level
16. Brainwaves
19. Edgy
20. Under

Down

1. Carriage And Pair
2. Tot Up
3. Ramadan
4. In Depth
5. Loveable
6. Relative Density
7. Beat The Bounds
8. Redeployments
15. Snorting

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Events Calendar - 2018

Date	Time	Event	Venue
September 1 st	7.30pm	Tom McConville	The Swan Inn
September 2 nd	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
September 8 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
September 15 th	7.30pm	Steve Ashley	Tiddy Hall
September 25 th	10.30 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning	Ascott Church
September 30 th	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
October 6 th	7.30pm	Megson	Tiddy Hall
October 13 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
October 18 th	7.30 - 8.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
October 19 th		Heritage Presentation	Tiddy Hall
October 20 th	7.30pm	Stick in the Wheel	Tiddy Hall
October 25 th	7.30 - 8.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
October 28 th	10.30am	Charity Run	Recreation ground
October 30 th	10.30 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning	Ascott Church
November 1 st	7.30 - 8.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 4 th	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
November 8 th	7.30 - 8.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 10 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning	The Mill
November 10 th	7.30pm	Jody Kruskal	The Swan Inn
November 15 th	7.30 - 8.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 17 th	7.30pm	Anthony John Clarke & Dave Pegg	Tiddy Hall
November 22 nd	7.30 - 8.30pm	Qigong	Tiddy Hall
November 24 th		Race Night	Tiddy Hall
November 27 th	10.30 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning	Ascott Church
December 1 st		Safari Supper	
December 2 nd	2.30 - 5pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
December 8 th	7.30pm	Johnny Coppin's - All on a Winter's Night	Tiddy Hall
December 22 nd	7.30pm	Iota, 15 String Trio & Songs of Sandy Denny	Tiddy Hall