

The Beacon

Ashwick, Oakhill & Binegar News



SEPTEMBER 2020

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**BEACON
TRINITY** 

Church of England Services Post-Lockdown

Sunday, 13th September 10am All Saints, Oakhill
A service of morning prayer and reflection
Face coverings must be worn

Sunday, 4th October 10am St. James, Ashwick
Holy Communion

Beacon Trinity Annual Parish Church Meeting 2020

Due to Covid-19 lockdown the Annual Parish Church Meeting was postponed. It will now be held on **Sunday, 4 October 2020 at 10:50am in St. James Church, Ashwick** (following the church service.) Any resident of the parish is welcome to the meeting, those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the meeting.

We hope to have an outdoor service of some sort too so look out for posters and social media posts. We also have a new website so you might like to go to www.beacontrinity.church and check it out along with our Facebook page [@beacontrinity](https://www.facebook.com/beacontrinity)

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View from the Hill

This month is when we normally have schools starting and begin to plan our harvest events. At the time of writing it is difficult to predict what we will be doing. Hopefully the schools will be going back but as for the Harvest events, they are unlikely.

I will be organising a service in All Saints Oakhill on 13 September which will also be a Zoom service for those who would rather not gather in a public space. It will be strange as we wear face coverings and respect social distancing. As far as I know we will not be able to sing either, but we will be using some videos in the worship.

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It's has been tough year for everyone, tougher for some than others. I know that living where we do it is easy to think we are out of the woods but I know several people who have been or are still working on the front line of the fight to stop, control or respond to Covid-19 and I think most of us realise it's not over yet.

The instruction for shielding has been lifted and many people have been able to go out for a meal in the past month, which helps our local pubs and restaurants. Face coverings now seem a standard part of our society. We have people who have postponed their wedding to 2021 and still they have to plan for a small event as the future is so uncertain, the news is still full of Covid related items.

However, the weather is great, and people are making the most of life. In August I was asked to 'marry' two dogs by their young owners. Of course, it was not a wedding, but I was thrilled to be able to join them at a social distance in the large garden and celebrate the joy that these puppies have brought to the children and families. I had no problem blessing the doggy friendship as I believe God cares for all of creation and the Bible says;

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

Psalm 36.7 and

A righteous man has regard for the life of his animal.

Proverbs 12:10



Richard

Covid-19 Helpline update

At the start of lockdown we set up a helpline phone number with answering machine for people in the Oakhill/Ashwick area and Binegar PC and the BAGS group did similar for Binegar/Gurney Slade. It was very well used for a long time as people who were shielding needed help to collect medication or shopping. We who organised it either side of the hill had a great list of volunteers who were willing to help out. I know how important it was for many people. **THANK YOU** to all those who helped out in one way or another.

The restrictions of movement have now been lifted and the use of the helpline has virtually stopped. So, the Oakhill/Ashwick phone will no longer be monitored. Should anyone need help then you are able to call the Rectory in Oakhill or Clerk to the Parish Council in Binegar as we still have the details of people who will help out.

Richard Priestley

Help control the virus

To protect yourself and others when you leave home you must:

- Wash hands - keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face - wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- Make space - stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.

Coronavirus symptoms can include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Advice taken from Gov.UK and the NHS

WEATHER REPORT: JULY 2020

From Roemead Farm.
Written by
Gerald Esain.

July was
around average for
temperature and sunshine
for this site.

The highest reading was 30.0°C on the 31st of July. Mean temperature was 16.4°C and rainfall totalled 89mm, an average July for this site.

Community corner

Oakhill and Ashwick Local History Group...

Due to Covid 19 the History Group is still unable to meet in the usual way, with one exception. We are now well overdue for an **AGM** so have decided to have a short meeting for the purpose on **Wednesday, September 16th, 7pm in the Barn at Park Farm, Fosse Road, Oakhill** (this will be under cover but in fresh air, plenty of social distancing, with a fire for warmth if necessary). Bring your own refreshments. All meetings other than that have been cancelled for the rest of this calendar year.

Shielding

I am not allowed visitors

So living all alone

I got my wool and needles out

And made some of my own.

They now sit in my husband's chair

Filling that empty space

When I look across at them

They put a smile upon my face.

They will be sold for a charity

When at last I am set free

So they will help the cats and dogs

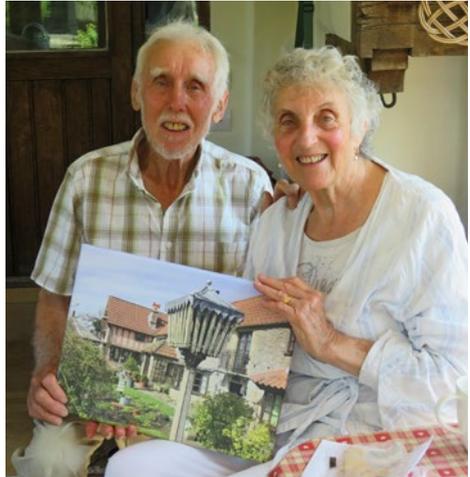
The way that they helped me.

Ruth Finn, Binegar.



Many Happy Returns...

Birthday greetings to Angela Bunting - pictured below, courtesy of Steve Moss



what3words...

Police have urged everyone to download a smartphone app they say has already saved several lives. The police say people who find themselves needing help in remote areas can use the app to direct emergency services to them. The app enables the emergency services to know exactly where they are trying to get to. What3words is a geocode system for the communication of locations with a resolution of three metres.

This month's cover...

This month's cover features harvest photos taken by Anne-Marie and Freddie Cotterrell. Please send photos for the cover (portrait orientation, in colour) to: magazine@beacontrinity.church. Thank you.

Grenville's Ramblin's...



Dredging through my stack of newspaper cuttings recently, seeking inspiration for a Ramble, I came across what was, and is for me, an intriguing little article written by one who declared himself sad because he'd lost his faith in God many years ago. In order to justify his loss of faith, the fellow used what he claimed was a quote from a book by the late Stephen Hawking that said, "Time didn't exist before the Big Bang so there was no time for God to make the universe in" The "Big Bang" being, of course, a description used these days with regard to the creation of the Universe.

Well, everybody to their own of course, but this idea is a new one on me, because it seems to me that whether or not time existed before the Creation, it is pretty obvious that it didn't stop the Creation going ahead.

However, in my old age I've become quite interested in the story and the theories involving the Creation. The Creation, which according to recent scientific reports, appears to be still going on many light years away, in what to us are the extremities of space; assuming of course that space has an extremity.

Yet it seems to me that, in spite of all manner of modern ideas and scientific research, as there obviously weren't any spectators present, the human mind can only guess at what actually happened during the process of the Creation. This being the case it seems to me that the above mentioned rather strange quote concerning time, God and the Creation, was simply put together to try to reject the possibility of some form of mysterious presence being involved in the process of the Creation.

However, to ramble on a bit with the above-mentioned quote in mind, it seems to me that 'Time' we talk about it, live our lives by it, but what is it? As a child the time between my birthdays seemed to go on for ever, now in old age no sooner has one gone by than the next one seems to be just around the corner! I'm left wondering if time is actually all in the mind and withers away with age?

Then we come to God! We may talk or think about God, yet who or what is God?

In the face of this question, simple fellow that I am, I can only fall back on the Gospel of John Ch.4 V.24 that says God is spirit -- the spirit of life born in each one of us.

Finally, the Creation. When those who put together the story of the Creation in the Biblical book of Genesis, they weren't like we sometimes are today, side-tracked by thoughts to do with the big Bang and God not having time for the Creation and so on, to them the Creation was a simple fact, it was real, they were stood on it, or on part of it. Created by that mysterious being generally referred to as God!

Grenville Reakes

Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group

Lucky Dip – The ‘History’ of Ashwick Grove

Rummaging around in a dusty old box of Somerset Record Office documents – while looking for something else – I came across an exercise book labelled ‘The History of Ashwick Grove’. The book was handwritten by Richard Charles Strachey (1835-1901). What I had discovered was not a History in the conventional sense – but what a find!

The Strachey family lived at Ashwick Grove for three generations, from 1817 to 1937. About 1892 the third, and last, ‘Squire’ (as they were known) asked his father to write something on the history of their time in the house. Most of the ‘History’ is a trip around the Strachey’s estate, describing the properties and inhabitants, often including the costs of purchase, outlay and rent (the family were very cost conscious!), plus anecdotes and personal reminiscences about each place – much delivered with wry humour. As such it gives us an insight into life in Ashwick in years gone by, with a lot of detail not available in ordinary records.



The ‘History’ starts with some facts: “The Mansion was bought about 1817...a small portion of the Estate was bought with the house, a lodge, a wood with the drive, the two fields – Greens Wood, the middle field as far as the pond going towards the Fosse Lodge, part of the Ashwick Grove wood and the water meadows, which seem to have been a small farm with the dairy house at the Keeper’s Cottage...”. So, at that time the estate was about 20 acres in extent. By the time the Strachey family sold it in 1937 they had increased it to 1,334 acres, including eight dairy farms and a large number of cottages – all of which brought a good return on investment.

It seems the Mansion itself underwent a lot of change: “the Porch appears to have been built on of late years. The entrance was where the drawing room window is. The Library was the dining room and the present dining room the Library, but the room was divided, and the part next to the drawing room a dressing room. The Bay in the house built out, the road at the back of the house being quarried out, it having been too narrow for a cart to pass, the [?] room was the servants hall, and I well remember Levi Treasure, (long since dead) singing a song about strings of tallow candles coming down the chimney, at a Tenants’ dinner, and the cheering frightened me and I hid my face against my father. There was a staircase from the scullery to the door in the night nursery – which was the Laundry, and I well remember the mangle there, the same that is now at the Laundry in Laundry Lane.”

Another passage reminds us of local families: “...about the spring of 1870 Tom Lambert tapped the road wall front door with his shovel, it sounded hollow, he opened it, and there was an enormous swallet hole, big enough to bury a carriage in. The family were in Clifton at the time.” Tom Lambert, born in 1821, was Percy Lambert’s great-great uncle. Many years later Percy’s grandfather Albert also sometimes worked at Ashwick Grove. Years later again, Percy himself remembers that as a schoolboy he danced on the lawn for the last Mrs Strachey.

Lin Thorley



News from the Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Committee



As we slowly start to return to some kind of normality and reflect on the strange times we have all endured since March, thanks to COVID-19, as a Village Hall Committee we have been able to look back with some pride on a number of achievements that "Lockdown" has enabled in terms of opportunity. Biggest of all is the total redecoration of the hall, foyer and committee room (which was not a straight-forward paint job), the removal of an asbestos-laced floor and the installation of a new, commercial vinyl tiled floor in the main hall... and wow does it make a difference!

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our defibrillator fundraising appeal. We are pleased to announce that we have reached our goal and the new equipment has been ordered.

When the situation allows for it, we will be hosting a training session on how the defibrillator works, open to all. Until then, a video training link has been shared on our Facebook page, and we will update there when the new equipment is installed.

As we look forward to September we are excited about the re-opening event on Monday 14th, which will start with the Village Hall AGM, but not as you know it, or as you think you know it!



This year we will not only hold the AGM in the Hall (all socially distanced etc.) but we will also be streaming it via Zoom to those that are unable to attend or simply want to engage from home... although you won't be able to enjoy our drinks and nibbles afterwards! The AGM will last approx. 20-30mins and will involve a quick recap of the last 12 months, the plan for the next 12 months (very exciting stuff going on!) and the usual quick round of voting for a new committee .. and we really do hope to see some new faces take up the challenge of becoming a trustee in this most wonderful of facilities.



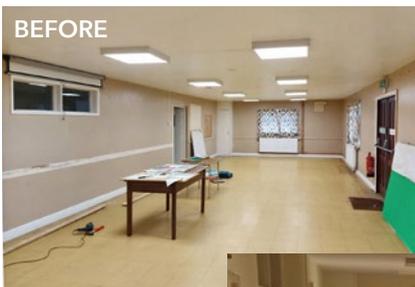
As a quick taster for the coming year, one key objective is to provide facilities for a Community Cafe from a new specifically purposed kitchen, external hatch onto a patio adjacent to the playground, as well as an internal café area for those colder, wetter days, with profits going to the local groups that help to run it. But there is so much more to get excited about ... come and see on 14th September at 7pm.

Lastly, all of this activity is done by volunteers, in their own time, throughout the year. So much goes on behind the scenes and we are proud to be a part of such a progressive, developing team, the achievements we are making and hopefully the difference it is making in the community. We hope benefits are felt, however small, in the lives of the people that use our facility, from the groups, clubs, societies, dog-walkers, basketball players in the car park, to the voters, the children in the

playground, the footballers and the boot-campers, or just the passing-throughers....without these volunteers we would have nothing to enjoy!

Stay safe, and look after each other,

**Andy North and Kim Hare,
Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Committee**



East Mendip Gardening Club...

September is all about harvesting, processing and storing your crops, maximising colour in the flower beds for as long as possible and thinking ahead to prepare for winter and next spring. This 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is one of my favourite parts of the year! Here's what Thompson and Morgan say we should be doing this month:

Keep deadheading annuals and perennials to extend their performance, including hanging baskets and container plants - they will often keep going until the first frosts.



Plant spring-flowering bulbs now, such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinths, for glorious colour next year.



Cut off the foliage of maincrop potatoes at ground level three weeks before lifting them. Spread newly dug potatoes out to dry for a few hours before storing them in a cool, dark place, in paper or hessian sacks.

Raise pumpkins and squashes off the ground, e.g. on a wall tile, to prevent rotting. Help pumpkins ripen for Halloween by removing any leaves shadowing fruits.



Cut bean and pea plants away at ground level when they have finished cropping. Leave the roots which will slowly release nitrogen back into the soil as they break down.

Water greenhouse plants early on in the day so the greenhouse is dry by the evening. Close vents and doors late in the afternoon to help trap in heat overnight.

Net ponds now before autumn leaf fall gets underway to reduce the amount of debris entering the water.



...the September gardener

Raise the height of your mower blades as grass growth slows down.

Sow green manures such as mustard, clover and ryegrass on uncultivated areas to improve soil and keep weeds down over winter.



Create compost bins in preparation for all the fallen leaves and dead plant material which you'll be collecting over the coming months.



Direct sow hardy geraniums, cornflowers, poached egg plant, annual poppies, larkspur, California, Love-in-a-Mist (Nigella) and delphiniums outdoors this month for flowers next summer.

Plant new perennials, trees and shrubs. Now is a good time as the soil is still warm and increasing rainfall should be on its way.

Direct sow corn salad (lamb's lettuce), winter lettuce such as 'Arctic King' and perpetual spinach outdoors now for winter cropping, along with garlic bulbs and autumn onion sets for next year.



I hope you've found these digests of advice from Thompson and Morgan's 'What to do in the Garden this Month' (<https://www.thompson-morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month>) useful while East Mendip Gardening Club has been on hold. Hopefully, we will soon be able to resume, ready to welcome a raft of new members, to share and enjoy gardening together again.

Lyn Gauthier

Unfortunately, this is probably Lyn's last offering for the magazine on behalf of EMGC. The information she has compiled for us during this period of Lockdown has been invaluable and appreciated by many. Many thanks Lyn

Lockdown crafts – part 2...

Jan Ladhams



Elfy Clifford

Jo Fisher

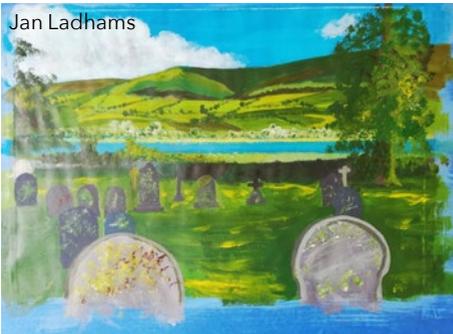


Dawn Reader



Caroline Stevens & Daisy Cotterrell

Jan Ladhams



Anna Knight

Elfy Clifford
(right)



...and lockdown gardens – part 2



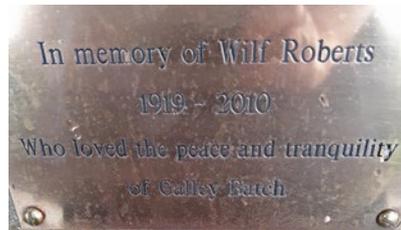
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15TH AUGUST 2020



Wilf Roberts

Wilf Roberts was an Ashwick man, having lived there for most of his life. After leaving school he worked at Ashwick Grove as assistant gardener and game keeper, following that he worked at Fry's garage Gurney Slade which later was known as Wareham's.



Wilf was just 19 when he enlisted in the armed forces, joining the RAF soon after the outbreak of WWII. He was deployed to the far east and was captured by the Japanese at the age of 21 and became a prisoner of war from 1942-45. Unlike many Far Eastern POW's, Wilf was not sent to the Burma railway, but was sent to an island off Indonesia called Ambon. The Japanese had invaded this Dutch Colony in 1941 and had carried out a massacre of 300 prisoners, constituting a major war crime.

Wilf was one of many British, Australian and Dutch POW's whom the Japanese were using as slave labour to build an airbase from which to bomb Australia - they were beaten and starved on a daily basis. Upon completion of the project, the prisoners would have been executed but for the fact that the war in the Far East was brought to an unexpected end by the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Whatever one thinks about these bombings, it saved Wilf and many others' lives.

Sometime later the children of Oakhill School were given half a day's holiday in celebration for his safe return but the sufferings he had endured were indescribable, as he was in bad shape upon return. Although he didn't speak about his wartime experience until later life it was with him until he passed away aged 90 in 2010.



The editors thank Bryan Wells for bringing this story to our notice and are incredibly grateful to Wilf's son, Phillip, and daughter-in-law, Susan Roberts, for the above, extremely moving, tribute. Wilf used to love sitting on the bench at the corner of Galley Batch Lane with Pound Lane, so after his death Ashwick PC agreed to Phillip attaching to it a suitably engraved plaque in memory of Wilf - see photographs from Phillip and Sue Roberts.

A national moment of Remembrance took place at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Saturday, 15th August 2020, led by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales. A Two Minute Silence was observed at 11 am and was the focal point of the commemorative service.

VJ Day image, opposite top left:

Imperial War Museums, © IWM MH 7627 - Airmen during the VJ Day parade at RAF Watnall in Nottinghamshire. A service, conducted by the chaplain pictured here on the far right, was also held.



Bishop Peter's September Message

I am writing this whilst receiving treatment in hospital, although by the time you read this, I hope that I may be back home having completed my first course of chemotherapy. The first thing I want to say, and I am sure this is echoed by so many, is what wonderful treatment and care I have received from everyone in the hospital. Their kindness, concern and professionalism are beyond words.

What is an unusual experience for me however, is that I have not been allowed to leave my room and the doors and windows have been kept firmly shut. Looking out of my window and craning my neck upwards I am just able to get a glimpse of the sky outside. Without that I would not know whether it was sunny or cloudy or raining outside. Not that I am in any way complaining. I am safe and receiving the best care imaginable. It is also important whatever may happen to keep a sense of proportion. I vividly recall hearing Terry Waite speak when he came to the diocese on one occasion. It is unimaginable what he went through in those 1763 days in Beirut – the first four years of which were spent in solitary confinement, blindfolded, in a basement room with no windows, with no books or papers, chained to a radiator and sleeping on the floor. His courage and faith are remarkable and have inspired so many people since. I remember him once being interviewed and being asked what the happiest moment of his life was, one that he would cherish forever. He replied: 'When my blindfold was taken off during my release in November 1991. I'd been in the dark – in a basement or blindfolded - for years. For the first time in five years I saw the sky, the grass, the colours, and I felt the wind on my face.'

Terry Waite is also very clear about how the prayers of so many others supported him through those years. As I write I am also very aware of all the prayers that have and are being said for me. That is both humbling and encouraging and once I am getting out and about again, I look forward to being able to thank you personally.

With my thanks, best wishes and prayers for you,

Bishop Peter

www.bathandwells.org.uk

Tales of old

We found Somerset in 1600 populous and wealthy. What, though, of our Diocese of Bath and Wells which exactly covered Somerset?

There were seven bishops from 1600 to the Civil War: Still, Montagu, Lake, Laud, Mawe, Curl and Piers. As the Diocese was lucrative, seven is an unexpectedly large number.

John Still was an academic, a noted historian and anti-Puritan. He built good local connections, marrying his daughter to Sir John Horner of Mells. He is noted for his success in providing for his family out of the See's revenue. No fewer than three sons became local gentry.

Montagu was arbitrary, Lake saintly and Curl died too soon to leave a mark. Mawe and Laud were non-resident: Mawe was Master of Trinity College, Cambridge and Laud had ambitions and responsibilities that kept him at Court. Charles I appointed William Laud Archbishop of Canterbury in 1633. Archbishop Laud set about creating a uniform, 'High Church' in England, exactly as the King had bid him to do.

Only Bishop William Piers was noteworthy. He faithfully executed Laud's policies earning what some called 'fame' and others 'notoriety'. Later, after the Civil War, he may have regretted this.

The Cathedral's clergy formed a group between Bishop and parish. Their purpose was to provide appropriate services for the Cathedral and "elect" new Bishops. The group included dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, three archdeacons and fifty prebendaries with seats in the Cathedral's Chapter House.

The dean and chapter had their own officers: auditor, a baron of the exchequer, master of the fabric, surveyor of houses, a bailiff and the like. They held courts to discipline their own members and parishioners living in their 'peculiar', for example, Cheddar parish.

They recorded appointments, business transactions, property leases etc. and disciplinary matters. These included cases where Vicars Choral were not sufficiently diligent in attending services and 'incontinence', that is, a clergy's failure in celibacy and chastity.

Until 1627, our George Cooper occupied the Whitchurch Prebend stall in the Chapter House but left no record at all of his 70 years with us.

Richard Higgins

Landscapes & Nature

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Ashwick Parish Council

August 2020 Update – David Barlow & Charlotte Stott

From our Mendip Councillors – Josh Burr and Sam Phripp:

“August is traditionally a quiet time for Councillors, where colleagues often take holidays in the hope they’ll miss fewer meetings. This August isn’t like that at all! In the wake of Covid-19, rather than returning to normal, things at Mendip are accelerating and finding new energy. If the pandemic proved anything to the Council, it’s something most of us have known all along – change happens too slowly, decisions are delayed too often and council work is often too remote to real people. During the first months of the pandemic, Mendip gave out over £30m in grants to local businesses and organisations, removed car parking charges and supported community groups to rise to the monumental challenge posed by Coronavirus. Given how quickly Mendip achieved those things, it shines a harsh light on the bureaucracy that we all know too well.

That’s why we’re both proud that renewed progress is being made to make Mendip a better place for future generations. After a break of 20 years, Mendip is now actively looking to build social housing for local people. For the first time, the Council is looking to sow wild-flower meadows on its green spaces to encourage biodiversity and has put aside money to plant thousands of trees across the district. What’s more, Mendip is on a stable financial footing, so that more Council money is invested locally.

Josh and I are both clear – while all of us might yearn to ‘get back to normal’, at Mendip at least, the new normal must be better than before. We’ll work every day to make that happen.”

Fly Tipping:

Following a recent incident involving a dumped fridge freezer, it is worth pointing out that fly tipping can be reported directly to Mendip. You can report the fly tipping using the Mendip website or use the following contact number: **0300 3038588**. Give contact details, your location, where the fly tipping has occurred, the type of waste, the amount and whether it is hazardous or not.

Planning News

This month Councillors have considered the following planning applications:

2020/1186 – Conversion, alteration of premises to provide B1 (office use), B1 (light industrial use and B8 (storage use) at the former RS Howell Workshop, Upper Benter.

2020/1318 – Conversion of garage to form ancillary accommodation and erection of front single storey extension at Bramley Farm. Both applications were viewed favourably by the Council.

Lastly, please check your boundaries to ensure vegetation is not obstructing or causing a hazard to pedestrians along the pavements and footpaths! Thank You!



Binegar and Gurney Slade Parish Council News

Binegar and Gurney Slade Coronavirus Support Group

It has been a quiet month for the Support Group as the majority of our parishioners are adapting to the new normal. Although life is quieter parishioners should be assured that should the situation change the Support Group will be there to assist where it can.

Playground

It has been very uplifting to see the playground in regular use after so many months of emptiness. How refreshing to see and hear families and friends enjoying this wonderful space again. The Parish Council has resumed its weekly playground inspections to ensure the safety of its visitors. In addition regular checks are made to make sure the well-used, Parish provided, hand sanitisers are kept topped up. Please do abide by the guidance given when using the park and keep everyone safe.

Life behind the scenes

Despite the last five months of lock down Parish Council life has been quietly ticking on. Work has continued to keep Binegar Bottom tidy and a place to enjoy. The new footpath through the upper reaches has been popular and appears well used which helps to keep the path clear. Maintenance has been carried out in the playground; the benches are now repaired; some vegetation cut back; and you may also have noticed the little red train has had a makeover too. Our District Councillors have been in regular contact and extremely supportive in offering assistance with concerns that have arisen during lockdown. We thank them for their support and communication during these unusual times.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council will hold further Virtual Meetings if required to conduct essential business. The government guidance continues to recommend the use of meetings in this format. Notification of future meetings will be given via the village noticeboards and Parish website as appropriate.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a new member. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

Keep Safe

Diane Abbott Parish Clerk: binegarpc@hotmail.co.uk
www.binegar-pc.org.uk

Your councillors - Jon Abbott, Philip Blatchford,
Cath Law, Phill Roberts, John Scadding and David Stone

POLICE REPORTS FOR OAKHILL



from June to date – Guy Dury

2nd June – Report of damage to a stone wall by an unknown vehicle in the village of Nettlebridge.

7th June – Report of an altercation between drivers along the hill in Nettlebridge – Police attend but no offences were made.

26th June – Report of an altercation between a dog walker and three dogs in Harridge Wood – No details of the dog owners are known at this stage to progress report.

28th June – Report of a new hole found in the hedge along the A367 Oakhill, from a possible accident – Police attend, no trace of any vehicles involved.

30th June – Report of damage to a vehicle in Nettlebridge.

14th July – Report of male seen taking photos of houses along a street in the village late at night – The male left after being disturbed by a resident's light being switched on – Police attend, no trace of male.

31st July – Report of a vehicle being scratched while parked in the High Street, Oakhill.



BINEGAR SCOUTS

SEPTEMBER 2020



1st North Mendip is a thriving Scout Group that meets in Binegar Memorial Hall weekly during term time. We currently have Beavers (6-8yrs), Cubs (8-10yrs) and Scouts (10-14yrs).

Throughout July all sections took part in The Great Indoors Weekender, a wide range of activities hosted online by HQ experts as well as special celebrity guests. The choices were endless, and it was really good to see our young people taking part in so many, but we definitely think the 'whirly birds' were the most popular.

Beavers and Cubs started the month making breakfast in a mug, a quick easy treat with next to no mess. The following week they made origami frogs to go towards their Great Indoors Badge.

Both sections also went over the 200 badges mark for badges completed during lockdown, finishing the term on a high with - Beavers completing their Chief Scouts Bronze and - Cubs completing their Chief Scouts Silver. These are the highest awards for each section and really show us the dedication of our young people.

Scouts started the month off making bread flutes (which some even managed to get a toot out of!) and having a go at solving a detective mystery. They had to work as a team to figure out who had stolen the priceless artefact, all whilst trying to solve clues that had been left behind and work around lots of diversions. We finished the term with a family fun night including dressing up with bin bags and eating a cracker off our heads. Scouts also raised £56 for Cancer Research with their Zoom Bingo!

Do you have a young person aged 5, 6 or 7 that may be interested in joining our Scout In adventure? We're looking for young people who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn some new skills in our Beaver section. Why not give it a try?

If you are interested in joining us please sign up via our Online Waiting List:
<https://tinyurl.com/v7kz5kp> or contact a member of the team:

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Ingredients:

500g Blackberries

500g cooking apples, peeled, cored and chopped

Juice of 1 small lemon

1 kg jam or granulated sugar

Method:

1. Put fruit into a preserving or large pan with the lemon juice and 100 ml cold water.

Place over a medium heat and simmer gently for 10-15 minutes until tender and reduced

2. Pop a couple of saucers into the freezer to chill

3. Add the sugar to the pan and cook, stirring to dissolve. Bring to the boil and boil rapidly for 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

4. Put a teaspoonful of jam onto a chilled saucer for 1 minute. Drag your finger lightly over the jam. If it wrinkles, it has reached setting point; if it doesn't, boil for a couple more minutes, turn off the heat and try again with another chilled saucer. Cool for 1 hour.

5. Preheat the oven to its lowest setting. To sterilize the jars and lids, clean and upturn them - lids off - on a baking sheet. Put in the oven for 15 minutes. Stir the jam, then ladle into each jar, seal and label.



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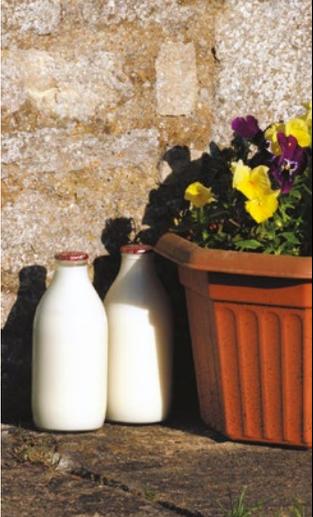
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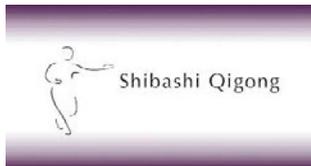
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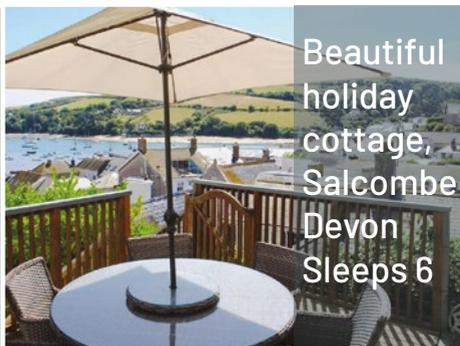
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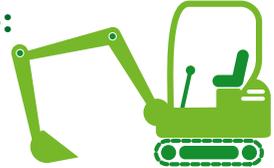
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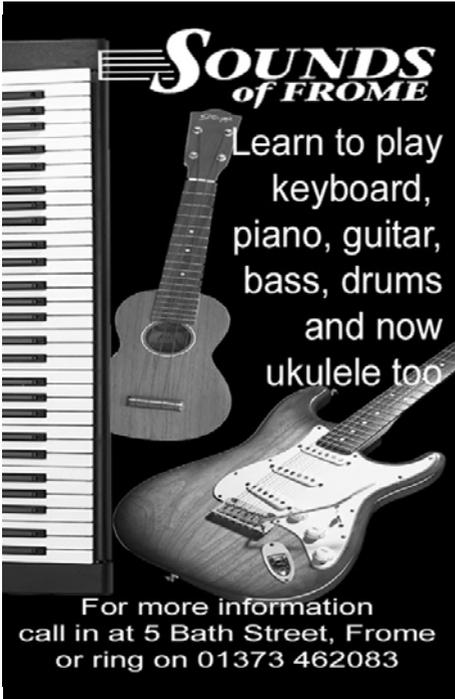
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