

# The Beacon

Ashwick, Oakhill & Binegar News



**JULY 2021**

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## Church Services – July 2021

<b>Sunday, 4th July</b>	10am	Communion	St. James, Ashwick
<b>Sunday, 11th July</b>	10am	Family Worship with baptism	All Saints, Oakhill
<b>Sunday, 18th July</b>	10am	Communion	St. James, Ashwick
<b>Sunday, 25th July</b>	10am 4pm	Communion 4th@4 Outdoors	Holy Trinity, Binegar Simbriss Farm, Ashwick

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July 15th is St. Swithin's Day, so Encyclopaedia Britannica says!

**St. Swithin's Day**, (July 15), a day on which, according to folklore, the weather for a subsequent period is dictated. In popular belief, if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, it will rain for 40 days, but if it is fair, 40 days of fair weather will follow. St. Swithin was Bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862. At his request he was buried in the churchyard, where rain and the steps of passers by might fall on his grave. According to legend, after his body was moved inside the cathedral on July 15, 971, a great storm ensued. The first textual evidence for the weather prophecy appears to have come from a 13th- or 14th-century entry in a manuscript at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

You can find lots more history about him, but he is perhaps one of the more commonly heard of saints, even if its only the legend about the weather.

We Brits love talking about the weather, and of course July is our summer so we all hope for endless sunny days but so often our maritime climate is not as consistent as we might hope.

We also seem to be in a changing climate with global warming. This is because of how we have lived in the past centuries.

The Church of England has 5 Marks of Mission, one of which is:

*"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." The Diocese has recently partnered with Somerset Wildlife Trust in a project called 'Wilder Churches' which is encouraging using church land to help increase biodiversity and encourage wildlife and, in particular, bring back some of the wildflower areas.*

We are looking at our churchyards and the Fair Field in Binegar and thinking about how we manage these in order to fulfil the mission above and offer beautiful spaces for reflection and prayer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard'.

# Community corner

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## Good News from EMGC

At a recent Zoom Committee Meeting it was agreed that we should restart our monthly meetings in July, on Tuesday the 27th, beginning with a social get together outside, courtesy of Lin and David Thorley in their lovely garden at Park Farm, Oakhill. A chance to ease back into our meetings and catch up and discover what has been happening in our gardens over the past 18 months. The 24th August meeting will also be outside with a visit to Stoberry Park, Wells. New members are always welcome and if you would like to join us and discover who we are please come along on the 27th at 7p.m. - it would assist if you emailed our Chair Mark Manley of your intention - [markamanley81@googlemail.com](mailto:markamanley81@googlemail.com).

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## Open Garden

In aid of Dorothy House Hospice  
**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August** from 2-5 pm at Simbriss Farm, Ashwick, Oakhill, Radstock BA3 5BA.

Entry £5 adults. Children under 11 free.

For more details phone Pauline West on 01749 840293 or 07444 943700.

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## THE FOUR JOHNS!

Grateful thanks go to "The Four Johns" - Jon Abbot, John Scadding, John Law and John Bridges - for cutting the grass in the Cemetery at Holy Trinity Church, Binegar, after we were let down by our contractors. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Patsy Scadding for opening, cleaning and doing floral arrangements in Holy Trinity Church throughout this difficult year of on and off Lockdowns. Her husband John has also helped and has mown the church car park and kept it tidy - it has all been very much appreciated.

## A space to relax...

Binegar Fair Field has a new seating area. Making use of local felled ash we have created space for people to rest or chat or even have a picnic!

We are wanting donations towards some fruit trees now for a community orchard. Contact: [patsy.scadding@beacontrinity.church](mailto:patsy.scadding@beacontrinity.church) if you would like to help. Also looking for shrubs that need no care and are pollinators.



## Congratulations!

To Marilyn and David Barlow who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 31st July. For almost 40 of those 50 years they have lived in Oakhill and we wish them a very happy day and send them our best wishes for many such future celebrations!

## Photography Exhibition

The Beacon Photography Group is exhibiting its members photography taken during lockdown. See **Part 2** on pages 18-19. The complete exhibition is also online: [binegar-pc.org.uk](http://binegar-pc.org.uk)  
[www.ashwickparish.org](http://www.ashwickparish.org)  
[www.beacontrinity.church](http://www.beacontrinity.church)

## This month's cover...

This month's photograph is a Red Kite by Richard Venn. Please send photos for the cover (portrait orientation, in colour) to: [magazine@beacontrinity.church](mailto:magazine@beacontrinity.church)  
Thank you.

## And finally - reader reviews of Anna James' book (see page 7)

*"A book of hope. This is a book for dipping into when you want to feel inspired and hopeful. A wonderful collection of stories and actions during the Covid pandemic - some big, some small, some unusual, some every-day. And all kind."*

*"Great for future generations as a history of the times we lived through. It was an emotional roller coaster - I kept a box of tissues at hand each time I picked it up. It made me feel humble reading how the human spirit can rise to help out when needed most."*

*"This is a beautiful book and the descriptions of ordinary people and their acts of kindness are inspirational. It will provide an uplifting, historic record for my grandchildren when, in years to come, they tell their children of such a strange time in our history."*

*"See and share the kindness with this remarkable book of memories of one of the toughest years in recent history. Showing our country at its best, hundreds of heart-warming stories will make you laugh, smile and cry in equal measure."*

*"Beautifully presented and written to showcase the pandemic and how our lives have been affected, with contributions from people of all walks of life. A compelling book to pick up and put down as and when. You might need a box of tissues but that's not a bad thing."*

A coffee table book for now but a book we can look back on and pass down for future generations to learn of the kindness that came out of Covid-19."



## WEATHER REPORT: MAY 2021

From Roemead Farm.  
Written by  
Gerald Esain.

May was colder than average. The average daytime temperature was only around 12.0°C up to the 26th of May. Highest reading was 23.2°C on the 31st, lowest reading 0.2°C on the 6th.

Total rainfall was 113.7mm, above average for this site but not as wet as some parts of the country. Previous highest rainfall at this site for May was 180.2mm in 1979.

# July Message

*Trevor Willmott,  
Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Bath and Wells*

## God's gift to humankind

The leaves of the trees will be for the healing of the nations. Rev. 22.2

A few days spent recently in the Lakes gave us a much-anticipated opportunity to visit the new RHS garden, Bridgewater, near Manchester. Created in the ruins of the much-overgrown walled garden of a long-gone great house, the garden is the result of co-operation between the RHS and the City Council.

While the Paradise Garden with its pools and flowing water reminded me of the river of life in the Revelation, it was the therapeutic garden which captured my imagination. A number of charities working in inner Manchester with people whose lives are deeply affected by issues of mental health and social deprivation had approached the RHS to explore the possibility of creating a working garden to be grown and maintained by the various communities involved. The result is stunning both visually and mentally.

To aid the development the partners decided to allocate some of their limited financial resources towards the appointment of a full time occupational therapeutic gardener. Talking with her and reading the display boards around the garden we discovered that for many of those involved not only was this their first experience of gardening but more importantly the physical work and interaction is giving them a hope and purpose in life in ways that nothing else had been able to achieve.

The Revelation speaks of a world transformed and made new by God; the very stuff of the earth, trees and water, bringing new life to what was tired and old. The Scriptures remind us that the earth is God's gift to humankind to be tended and cherished; to be used for the good of all.

But let the last word be that of the therapeutic gardener "we can care for others; we can care for the earth. All we need is a vision and the will."

With my blessing

**Trevor**

# “AND SO SHINES A GOOD DEED IN A WEARY WORLD”

## Author celebrates ‘Covid hard work and kindness’ in a commemorative charity book

Inspired by Shakespeare’s “and so shines a good deed in a weary world”, an author has donated her time to produce a commemorative book celebrating the hard work and kindness seen across the UK during the Covid pandemic.

**Anna James** spent more than 6 months interviewing key workers, everyday heroes and familiar faces as well as charities and organisations and collating the stories and photos of their ‘good deeds’. She has self-published the 350+ page coffee-table style book to celebrate their efforts and to raise money for the NHS and other good causes.

Amongst many others, the book includes contributions from NHS workers, dustbin men, cleaners and farmers; home-schooling families, isolating couples and Covid survivors; Her Majesty the Queen, Captain Tom, Ian Broudie, Banksy and Charlie Mackesy; Fareshare, Samaritans, NSPCC and Age UK; M&S, The Royal Mint, Chester Zoo and even a loo roll manufacturer. The book also features hundreds of photos of some of the things we’ve all been seeing and experiencing over the past 12 months, including rainbows, put your bins out in your ballgown, empty towns and cities, clap for carers and much more.

Anna said: “I desperately wanted to do something to help but didn’t know how to be useful - I’m a bit squeamish with anything medical and always get lost, even with satnav, so I’d have been no good at volunteering to help people or deliver things. After a few sleepless nights, I decided to stick with what I’m good at and to create a special compilation of this most unusual moment in our history. I decided to make one of my commemorative books as my small gift to the national effort.



“2020 was an unprecedented year with monumental challenges and heart-breaking sadnesses but amongst that, there was also exceptional

hard work, adaptability and kindness. Our humanity and community spirit shone in the darkness, and I thought it was important to celebrate that, so we’ve got something to look back on and be proud of.”

“I also thought it was important to record some of the things we were all seeing and experiencing - in years to come, when this is hopefully far behind us, will we remember the rainbows? That people joined forces in their thousands to make masks and scrubs for the NHS? Will we remember that we clapped outside, every Thursday night? That whole towns and cities were deserted and that shops ran out of toilet roll? I wanted to document some of that to help us remember; as a social history record for us to show our grandchildren, and for them to show theirs.

“I am humbled to have become the caretaker of this most amazing collection of stories from all these everyday heroes who share what they did to help the country and each other, which are heart-warming and heart-wrenching in equal measures.

“It’s probably the book none of us would ever have wanted but perhaps the one we all need, to remind ourselves what a kind and generous bunch we can be.”



**Covid Kindness: UK 2020 is available to order at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Covid-Kindness-UK.../dp/1527275825> to help you remember and reflect on the past 12 months. All profits go to NHS Charities Together and other good causes.**

# Tales of old

**James Montagu was the first Calvinist Bishop** of Bath & Wells. His successor in 1616, Arthur Lake, was admired for his humility and his care of his clergy, his Diocese and its people. A great orator, his sermons still survive. Above all, though, he was a gentle Calvinist.

It is no surprise, then, that our next Rector, Anthony Mortimer, was a puritan. He was presented to Binegar by George Cooper in October 1619. Now an old man (already 65 years our Prebendary), it is no surprise that Cooper's choice was influenced by the new puritan shade of the Diocese.

Mortimer would be Rector for 47 years during which he saw the reign King Charles I, the Civil War, the King's beheading, Cromwell's Commonwealth (with its attacks on bishops and Christmas), and the Restoration of the Monarchy. He married and his son, George, followed his father to Oxford University, becoming a priest.

A dispute in the Church of England raged between conformists and non-conformists. High Church Anglicans condemned Puritans either for their refusal to conform to the Church's rites and ceremonies or because they rejected the government of the Church by bishops. Both sides, though, united in accepting Calvin's doctrine of *predestination*: God "freely and unchangeably ordained whatsoever comes to pass". This agreement imposed limits on the extent of persecution.

For Calvinists, God predestined some people (the Elect) to receive salvation. The rest he abandoned to sin and punishment. Dutchman Jacobus Arminius challenged this position arguing that Calvin's doctrines made God the author of evil – an impossibility. Instead, he argued that salvation was conditional on *faith* and that God did not need *predestination* since He was able to foresee *everything*.

This may seem obscure but, in 1619, it brought about the *Synod of Dort* to consider matters. It rejected Arminius' views and he was charged with doctrinal mistakes and errors on the authority of Scripture, the Trinity, original sin and salvation. At the Synod were King James' and Church of England representatives, including Simon Ward, Archdeacon of Taunton who went with letters of advice from Bishop Lake.

The Synod did not end the matter, of course and the dispute raged on.

*Richard Higgins*

# Grenville's Ramblin's...



In spite of all the constantly evolving means of high tec. communication, Molly and I still find that the landline phone is quite adequate for our needs. Of course, one of the problems these days is answering the phone only to find no one there. Then again, some large firms sometimes send out legit information using foreign callers speaking in virtually undecipherable English. While I don't blame them for trying to earn a living, not being able to understand what the person is trying to tell me, I tend to finish the conversation by saying, "I'm sorry mate I can't understand what thee'rt sayin, and I'm sure thee cassn't understand what I be sayin either, so goodbye!

On other occasions every now and then for some reason we get a recorded police message giving or asking for information to do with this area. However, in answering a recent phone call Molly found herself in conversation with a man purporting to be a police officer, explaining in a most un-policeman like way, action that should be taken to correct problems involving bank details. However, on being asked his name, number and station, he saw fit to ring off.---- A scammer??

I suppose one might say that this is quite a common scam, often used these days with the intention of separating the unwary from their savings. However, some stories doing the rounds recently suggest that some of the criminal elements have gone somewhat high tec. The stories all involve a white van with Motorway Maintenance written on the sides and red and yellow stripes diagonally across the back doors accompanied by two men wearing high visibility clobber. The activity usually takes place in a farmer's field far away from the nearest motorway, where the two men have been found flying a drone around the area. Apparently, when or if they happen to be asked by the farmer or some other interested person what they are up to, their excuses tend to run along the lines of they're looking for somebody or something.

Having said this, it appears to be somewhat more than a coincidence that, following a visit by two men in high visibility attire in a white motorway maintenance van with red and yellow stripes on the back doors and flying a drone over their land, one farmer had a large number of sheep stolen, while others have had various pieces of farm equipment stolen! With all this in mind and assuming that a drone being flown around would not come under the protection of the law recently introduced with the intention of protecting various species of birds, it suggests to me, that should two men be seen in high visibility attire, in the company of a white van with the above-mentioned markings and involved in flying a drone over and around one's property, it would not be too far outside of the law if it were to be shot down!

*Grenville Reakes*

# The July Garden

EAST MENDIP GARDENING CLUB – JANE EVANS

July, the month for barbecues and pottering in the garden late into the evening at the end of a long warm day. As you potter deadhead bedding and perennial plants to encourage new blooms and check supports in case of bad weather.

**Cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage new growth and flowers.**

After flowering divide clumps of bearded iris so they have time to form roots and flower buds for next year.

**Take cuttings from your favourite tender plants for overwintering indoors. Shrub and border perennial cuttings can also be taken.**

Check for clematis wilt. Symptoms include wilting leaves and black discolouration on the leaves and stems. Cut out all affected material and dispose of it, do not add to the compost bin.

**Watch for scarlet lily beetles remove, squash and check for the sticky brown larvae on the undersides of the leaves.**

Look after your aphid eaters - ladybirds, overflies and lacewings feast on greenfly and blackfly, so it's worth protecting them.

**Regularly pinch out side-shoots on cordon tomatoes. Remove any leaves below the lowest ripening fruit truss to improve air circulation and prevent diseases. Feed with tomato fertiliser once a week, more often if leaves look pale and yellow.**

Pinch out the growing tips of squash and courgettes to encourage branching, pick courgettes when young to encourage more fruit.

**Earth up potato plants or use grass clippings as a mulch to stop tubers near the surface from turning green. If growing in bags, gradually add more compost until the bag is full.**

Use a natural pest control to reduce numbers of slugs and prevent damage to your crops.





**Look for blackfly on broad beans, remove any affected tips.**

Check for cabbage white butterfly eggs on the undersides of brassicas and squash any found.

**Remove any spent or damaged foliage on and around vegetable plants to keep them healthy and clear weeds regularly.**

Pick runner beans regularly to encourage more pods and prevent them becoming stringy.

**Check gooseberry bushes for sawfly larvae, they can strip the leaves in a matter of days, jet them off with water or remove by hand.**

To create more plants for next year peg down strawberry runners, if not required remove the runners completely.

**Prune the fruiting stems of blackcurrant bushes after harvesting.**

Raspberries are shallow rooted so water generously in dry weather.

**In the greenhouse water first thing in the morning or in the evening to reduce water loss through evaporation. Damp down the floor on hot days to deter red spider mites and increase humidity. Open doors and vents daily to provide adequate ventilation. Use blinds or apply shade paint to prevent overheating.**



Turn the content of your compost bin every month to keep it well aerated.



#### **Dates for the diary:**

Tuesday, 27th July at 7pm social get-together at Park Farm Oakhill

Tuesday, 24th August visit to Stoberry Park, Wells

Contact our Chair [markamanley81@googlemail.com](mailto:markamanley81@googlemail.com) for further information.

Taken from Thompson & Morgan's "What to do in the Garden this month"  
[www.thompson-morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month](http://www.thompson-morgan.com/in-the-garden-this-month)

# Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group

## Some Ashwick Houses that have Changed their Name – Lin Thorley

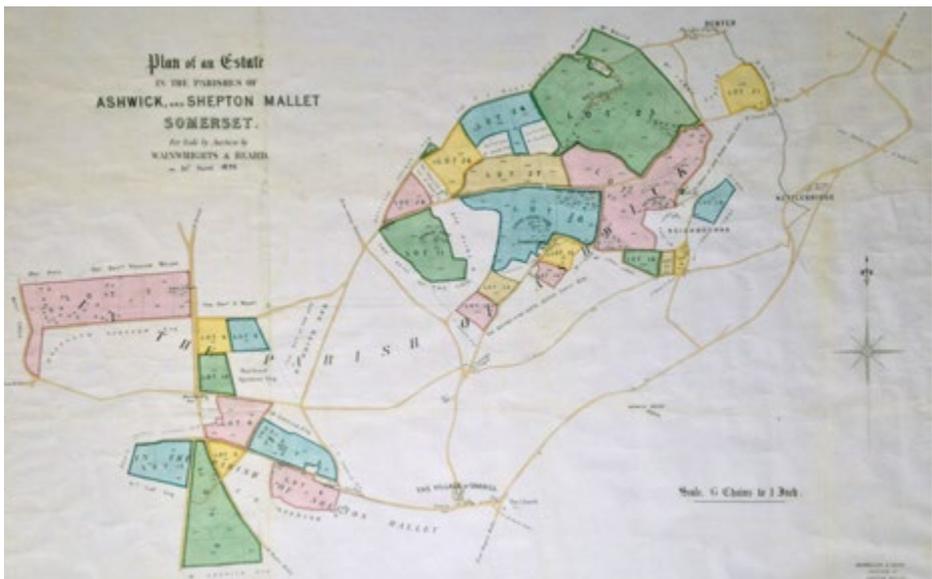
A substantial proportion of old Ashwick houses have changed their names over the years. Sometimes this means we no longer know which house a name originally belonged to, and, of course, there will be numerous examples of names simply lost in history. It may be that the new name followed the original house having been lost (burnt down or demolished), but often it was just a renaming by – or for – a new inhabitant. All this can make it very difficult when trying to trace the history of a house.

Back in the eighteenth century and earlier houses and farms were very often known by the name of their current inhabitant: Abingdon's, Fatt's, Ludlow's and so on. When Lord Fortescue owned most of Ashwick his Surveys regularly used more than the current tenant's name so that there should be no confusion: 'Padfield's, William Chapple, late Emery's' is a fairly typical entry from the rent

books. The problem now is that we no longer know where many of these places were, or whether any house now exists on the site.

Fortunately Coombe House, which dates back to at least the 14th Century and is reputed to be the oldest in the Parish, has never changed its name – although often its spelling (but I don't want to get started on spellings, many and various!).

Examples of some, mainly a bit more recent, changes of name that we do know: Abingdon's became Tape Hill Farm, the house now uninhabited. Until the early-18th Century Ashwick Court was known simply as The Farme; then Browne's (he is still remembered in Brown's Wood); by 1851 it had become Ashwick Court. However in 1879, at a time when it was still a working farm, it temporarily became Court House Farm, and together with its estate was put up for Auction by its then owners the Strachey family (see the map below).



Detail from Map accompanying the Auction Prospectus for the Court House Farm Estate, 1879

It did not sell. The name 'Court' is presumably either the source or the result of the idea that it was once a Manor House (it was not). By 1892 it was Ashwick Court again. It remained in the Strachey family until 1921. Meanwhile one of the Stracheys had demolished the actual Ashwick Manor house – but we no longer know where it was located!

Until the late 18th Century Ashwick Grove was part of the Fosse House Tenement. A tenement then was not an urban multiple-occupancy dwelling but a holding usually including land plus buildings and house or cottage. This tenement had two houses at the opposite ends of its fields, the other house (now disappeared) being between today's Fosse Farm and Park Farm on Fosse Rd, Oakhill. In 1763 the whole tenement was shared by two lessees, Nicholas Billingsley and Thomas Burge, who also shared the buildings at the Ashwick Grove end (an early semi-detached?). Nicholas's nephew John Billingsley later bought both parts and rebuilt it as Ashwick Grove.

Another ancient house is Frogpool (sometimes called Froxpulls) Farm, dating back to the early 16th Century. Relatively recently it became known for a time as West's Farm,

after its inhabitants up to the 1960's. Now it has got the lovely name Frogpool back again. The attractive Dower House just off Zion Hill was for some reason once called The Hut (the new name being, in my view at least, a clear example of an improvement!). Maybe it was The Hut because it was then part of the farm buildings on the Oakhill Manor estate – which itself had changed name from the original Hillylands.

Farmhouses are particularly prone to name changes. Having already mentioned Park Farm, Oakhill, this was once Fosse Farm until about 1900, at the time its neighbour just over the parish line into Stoke St Michael was Lower Fosse Farm! But this is not the only Park Farm in the Parish. Park Farm in Neighbourne has also changed its name. This farmhouse was originally built as Ashwick Park Farm in 1914, that name being taken across the road to what had been its farm buildings when the residents themselves moved across in 1963. So the farm buildings became Ashwick Park Farm while the original house was now plain Park Farm.

Confused? Yes, plenty of chance for that in Ashwick...

## Oakhill & Ashwick Local History Group: 2021 – Draft Programme

<b>July 21st</b>	<b>Walk or Visit – TBC</b>
<b>August 18th</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>September 15th</b>	<b>The Man who rebuilt Wessex – Benjamin Ferrey</b> <i>Dr Francis Burroughes</i>
<b>October 20th</b>	<b>The History of Glass – TBC</b> <i>Dyan Hilton</i>
<b>November 17th</b>	<b>The Founding of the SAS</b> <i>Lorna Almonds-Windmill</i>
<b>December 15th</b>	<b>Christmas Event – “Christmas Frolics” Skittles &amp; Hot Buffet at Poachers Pocket, Chelynch. BA4 4PY 6.30 for 7.00pm; Buffet @ 8pm.</b> NB This is a Wednesday!

**Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Non-members welcome (@ £2). For further details call David or Lin on 01749 840200.**



# Ashwick Parish Council Update

**June 2021 – David Barlow & Kate Egan**  
([ashwickparish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashwickparish@hotmail.co.uk))

Recent Government restrictions and legislation means the Parish Council can no longer meet via Zoom. Neither can the Council meet in person yet until after June 21st when meetings with more than 6 participants will be allowed. This, of course, may have changed by the time this update is published in the magazine!

In the meantime, it's business as usual! The Council has continued to consider planning applications with Councillors examining applications and submitting their thoughts back to Kate, our Clerk.

Mendip District Council has approved the following planning applications:

**2021/0587 - Old End Cottage, Zion Hill** - Replacing small clay tiles with double roman clay tiles to east and west roof elevations.

**2021/0895 - Camp Five, Blackey Lane** - Partial demolition and erection of two storey extension and alterations to dwelling.

The Council has received the following application:

**2021/1268 - Brewer Court, Brewery Lane** - Replacement of roof finish to existing garage and erection of open carport.

**2021/1167 - Beacon View, Heckley Lane** - Demolish existing stable and erect a new stable and storage building.

**Street Lighting** - The Council has received a quote from County to install two additional streetlights in the High Street. When we next meet, the quotes will be looked at and an order placed for the work to go ahead.

Training is available to Councillors on various aspects of their work. New Councillors are expected to attend the Essential Training Course giving them the essential information needed to be effective in carrying out their role.

The date of our next meeting has been pencilled in for Wednesday, 14th July, 2021. At this meeting, the Council will expect to co-opt an additional Councillor bringing us up to full capacity of 11 members.

Agendas and minutes are posted on the Parish website and the Parish notice boards.



## News from the Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Committee

During May we had the Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall Committee's AGM. Many thanks to all who attended to hear an overview of the last year and our plans for the next 12 months.

Despite numerous lockdowns due to Covid-19, the committee achieved a great deal last year, including a number of improvements to the building and outside space, successful fundraising initiatives, and enhancements to our governance processes and booking systems.

As we look forward to the next 12 months, we will be focussing our efforts in 3 ways: 1) Fundraising in order to progress our new Kitchen / café project, 2) raising the profile and awareness of the facility via an increase in Marketing, and 3) working towards Hallmark Accreditation (a certification that demonstrates our Hall meets the quality standards which have been set out in order to improve practices amongst Community Buildings), which will not only improve our ways of working, but also help us to access grants and funding to support our plans. Watch this space!

In addition to the above updates, the new Committee was elected, and is as follows:

- Andy North (Chair)
- Kim Hare (Vice Chair)
- Caroline Ambrose (Treasurer)
- Andy Scott (Bookings)
- Jessica Elliott (Secretary)
- Bryan Wells
- Christine Scott
- David Thorley
- Martin Rymes
- Rupert Williamson
- Sally Taylor
- Tim Ambrose

Since reopening the booking system last month, we have been thrilled to have lots of interest from clubs, societies and individuals keen to restart activities in the Hall. We would love to see more local groups starting up – perhaps some activities aimed at the young people in the village? If there is anyone who would be interested in starting up young person's football, cricket or any other type of activity at the hall, we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch!

Our new sound system and disco lights are proving popular for parties, and we are currently offering a special "Party Package" which includes exclusive Hall hire for the evening (from 7pm) plus hire of the sound system and lights – all for just £100. A great excuse to get your friends together for a fantastic night! See the Village Hall page at [www.ashwickparish.org](http://www.ashwickparish.org) for hiring information and to check availability. This is a limited offer for Summer 2021 so get in quick!

And finally, a Date for your Diary..... On Friday 15th October we are planning a fundraising evening of Music and Dancing, and we would love to see you there. We have been lucky enough to book a fabulous group to perform for us; they play a selection of music from across the decades and there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Further details and ticketing information will be included in next month's Beacon and posted on Facebook – we hope lots of people will support us and have a great time in the process!

**Kim Hare, Vice Chair - Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Committee**

# Village Agent News

## July 2021



Community Council for Somerset (CCS), Viney Court, Viney Street, Taunton, TA1 3FB  
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June was a special month for us as the 7-13th was Carers' Week. Carers' Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support. This year we came together to **Make Caring Visible and Valued**. The week was dedicated to celebrating those unpaid Carers in our midst, those who look after others, whether that's a partner, parent or child with disabilities. It is very rewarding, but can be quite lonely at times, and the past year of lockdowns has amplified that.

In Somerset it is estimated there are 66,000 unpaid Carers – but often people do not see themselves (or want to see themselves) as a Carer, and as a result they may miss out on the crucial support both financially and emotionally they are entitled to.

The Village Agents provide support for unpaid Carers. Whatever the need – from needing to know where to get equipment to help day-to-day, or arranging for a micro-provider to pop in a couple of times a week as a sitting service, to checking they are getting the correct Carers' Allowance – we are ready to help make their day-to-day life a little easier. In December we delivered over 100 respite meal packs to carers in Somerset – 7 days' worth of meals for the carer and the cared for to give people a little break from cooking. Please get in touch if that would help you!

Many people feel they do not need any support, and actually are coping fine without any services 'coming in' to help, however we would say raise your hand! Be seen and heard! That way we can help and support you BEFORE you get to a point where you may be in crisis and you don't know where to turn – you may not feel you need any help and support right now, but we can just check in with you, so you know what's available if and when you feel you would benefit from further advice. We have a freephone Carers Advice line you can call 0800 31 68 600 or text 'CARER' to 78070 and the Carers Advice line will call you back.

Our website [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org) has a Carers' Hub – where you can find training available relevant to the condition of the person you are caring for, or support groups, advice and much more – a real one-stop shop for advice for carers in Somerset – please check it out and let us know what you think!

### From your Local Village Agent:

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## **Binegar and Gurney Slade Parish Council News**

### **Grass Cutting**

The Parish Council has been let down by the new grass cutting contractor and is in the process of seeking another. Our thanks go to those who gave up their time to tend to the grass in the cemetery and other parts of the village. Apologies for any concern this has caused and we thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we work to resolve the situation.



### **Binegar Bottom**

It is good to see that the walking trails are being well used through the woods at Binegar Bottom. The Parish Council continues to ensure they are kept clear for your pleasure. Please enjoy the shade of the woods through the summer months.

### **Playground**

Many thanks to Morris & Perry who have helped us to resolve the issue of the hole in the playground. It is now safely covered with a large rock from the quarry.

### **Dog Waste Bins**

After many concerns raised about the amount of dog waste left in Turners Court Lane, Bennetts Lane and the top end of Station Road the Parish Council has installed an additional dog waste bin at the junction. We ask all dog owners to respect other walkers and our village lanes and dispose of any dog waste responsibly – Many Thanks.

### **Textile Bank**

Thank you to everyone who has been depositing unwanted clothes, shoes and linen into the Textile Bank. The Parish Council has now received two payments which will go towards supporting the Village Hall and other community needs/charities. Please keep taking your unwanted items to the Bank located in the Village Hall car park.

### **Meetings**

The Parish Council has followed government legislation and resumed physical meetings. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 27 July at 7:00p.m.

**Diane Abbott** Parish Clerk: [binegarpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:binegarpc@hotmail.co.uk)  
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# IMAGES IN LOCKDOWN (PART 2)

## The Exhibition

The Beacon Photography group was formed in February 2017 by Rev. Richard Priestley, the Priest in charge of the Parish of Beacon Trinity. The group was established for the benefit of the local community, so allowing people to come together and socialise around a topic of common interest, Photography.

The group aims to provide a friendly, inclusive and supportive environment where members can expand their photographic knowledge and skills through the sharing of recently taken photographs.

Since the beginning of the global pandemic and the UK lockdown in March 2020, the group has been meeting online, every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. This has enabled us to welcome new members from outside of the local area. Given the enthusiasm and positivity of our members for the group, we will endeavour to provide these experiences to as many people as possible.

The exhibition 'Images in Lockdown' is a reflection of the group's photography over the past year.

We hope you enjoy it. If you would like to learn more about the group, please contact either Jon Durrant ([durrantjon5@gmail.com](mailto:durrantjon5@gmail.com)) or myself, John Law ([johnplaw@btinternet.com](mailto:johnplaw@btinternet.com)).

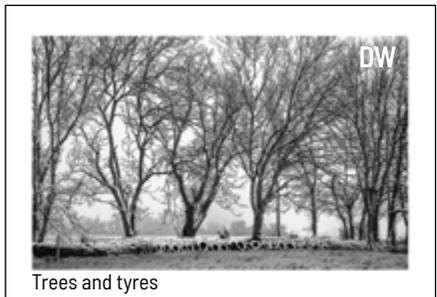
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## Ingredients:

8 asparagus spears, halved  
250g green beans, halved  
250g long-stem broccoli, chopped into 2cm lengths  
200g peas, fresh or frozen  
8 radishes, sliced  
1 pointed cabbage, shredded  
4 spring onions, sliced  
handful of mint leaves, chopped

## For the dressing:

4 tbsp olive oil  
1 tbsp Dijon mustard  
1 lemon, juiced



## Method:

- 1) To make the dressing, combine all the ingredients in a bowl and season well.
- 2) Bring a pan of salted water to the boil and fill a bowl with iced water. Cook the asparagus for 2 mins, then transfer to the iced water with a slotted spoon. Cook the beans for 4 mins and repeat, then do the same with the broccoli (cook for 2½ mins) and peas (cook for 1 min). Drain and pat dry with kitchen paper.
- 3) Tip into a bowl with the radishes, cabbage, spring onions and mint. Serve the dressing on the side.

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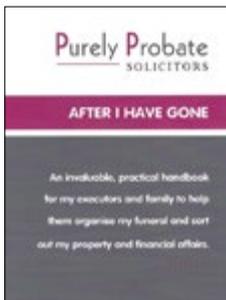


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