

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

A Monthly Newsletter for Chilmark & Ridge and Fonthill Bishop with Berwick St Leonard

## **Village Voice meeting**

Please come along to a meeting in the Reading Room on Monday 8 April, 6.30pm, if you're interested in the future of The Village Voice, p7. If you're unable to attend the meeting but would like to be kept informed, please let us know at: [editor@chilmarkvillagevoice.co.uk](mailto:editor@chilmarkvillagevoice.co.uk)

## **Save the Fête Date**

This year's Chilmark Church Fête is set to place on Saturday 29 June in the grounds of The Old Rectory. Among the attractions there will be a plant stall run by the Chilmark Horticultural Society. All plant contributions will be welcomed, p6.

## **Watercress is back!**

Exciting news from Chilmark's Watercress Coordinator Tim Stoop: he will be re-starting deliveries of the Chalke Valley's best watercress to the village as this issue goes to press. If you're interested in receiving some (and haven't previously been on the recipient list) please contact Tim on: [timangistoop@gmail.com](mailto:timangistoop@gmail.com). In 2023 Tim was responsible for the delivery of 1557 bags of watercress to Chilmark homes!

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## **Welcome to the April issue of The Village Voice**



Arboriculturists are expected to descend on Chilmark in coming weeks following the remarkable discovery of a previously unidentified species of tree. The tree was spotted by a passing expert who has provided us with photographic evidence but for the time being wishes the tree's location to remain undisclosed until a formal identification has taken place. We understand the tree is of the Ivy genus and is likely to be named *Hedera pinus*. Scientists are particularly excited because the tree appears to be disease resistant but also tolerant of climate extremes, thriving in both wet conditions and periods of drought. Hence, its future role in the world as we enter a period of climate crisis could be of huge significance. Once formal identification has taken place, we understand that an urgent propagation programme will be recommended to ensure the new species' future. Something for Chilmark to be very proud of!

The St Patrick's Day Pop-Up Pub in the Reading Room proved a hugely popular and successful event in aid of The Black Dog Working Party fund-raising. Well done to all concerned and for screening the Rugby as well. The event proved beyond doubt that there is clearly still an appetite for a well-run pub in Chilmark, p6.

It is good to see another busy Chilmark diary this month, including the return of the Duck Race, the first litter pick of the year and the start of the cricket season. Talking of which, Chilmark Cricket Club now has a new Chair in Brand King who has stepped up following the retirement of Carl Jacobs after eight years in the role. At the CCC AGM in the Reading Room, Carl was rightly thanked for his service and for instigating a good culture in the in Club. Henry and Elizabeth Pelham were also thanked for letting the Club play in such a beautiful setting, p8.

The first Churchyard Tidy-Up of the year saw an excellent turnout at St Margaret's with much being achieved. The next Tidy-Up will take place on Saturday 1 June, p8 & 9. Further to last month's article from village archives about Chilmark's long tradition of church bellringers, we were greatly saddened to learn this month that the village bells will toll no more... until a new band of bellringers comes forward, that is. Chilmark is not Chilmark without its bells, p10.

Best wishes for a happy April,  
**The Editorial Team**



# The Village Voice - Directory

## The Village Voice Editorial Team

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## The Village Voice - Diary

		April Dates for your Diary	
<b>Monday 1st</b>	3pm	Chilmark Duck Race	Outside Chilmark School
<b>Tuesday 2nd</b>	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
<b>Saturday 6th</b>	10am-12noon	Village Litter Pick	Claybush Playing Field
<b>Monday 8th</b>	6.30pm	Village Voice Open Meeting	CRR
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
<b>Sat 13-Wed 17th</b>	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
<b>Monday 15th</b>	6pm	Reading Room Meeting	CRR
<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
<b>Wednesday 17th</b>	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
<b>Friday 19th</b>	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
<b>Saturday 20th</b>	10am-12noon	Fonthill Book Swap	Fonthill Bishop Reading Room
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	5.30-8.30pm	Fire Station Recruitment Event	Tisbury Fire Station, SP3 6JG
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	6pm	CCC v Fonthill (T20)	Fonthill Park Cricket Ground
<b>Friday 26th</b>	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
<b>Friday 26th</b>	2pm & 7pm	Oppenheimer, the film	New Vic, Tisbury, SP3 6LE
<b>Friday 26th</b>	6pm	CCC v Authors (T20)	Cleeves Farm
<b>Saturday 27th</b>	10am-2pm	Fire Station Recruitment Event	Tisbury Fire Station, SP3 6JG
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	12noon-5pm	Fonthill House Open Gardens	Fonthill House, SP3 5SAß

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## Parish Council News

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Chilmark Parish Council met on Wednesday 6 March with more than 20 members of the public in attendance.

### School Playing Field

Several residents attended the PC meeting to learn of progress on the School Playing Field fencing situation. As reported in the March issue of the Village Voice, the PC was expecting an update from Chilmark School / the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) as to whether Wiltshire Council would require a planning application for the proposed new fencing round the Field at Claybush. The meeting heard that no update had been received. Given nearly six months have elapsed since the unannounced fencing works began, the VV approached the SDBE for a comment. Schools Estates Manager Olivia Evans said: *There are elements of the proposed works that do need planning permission and others that don't. The SDBE is involved in ongoing discussions with the Parish Council and there will be a further update in May.*  
Editor's note: Watch this space!

### Barn Hill Parking

Also present at the meeting were those concerned about chronic parking shortages in the Barn Hill / Hops Close area of the village. The PC heard that parking at the top of Hops Close had become extremely difficult as most houses had 2 or 3 cars and yet insufficient spaces allocated. Double parking was taking place and delivery drivers were using private driveways. It was only a matter of time before cars were damaged. The situation was particularly difficult for elderly residents in the Barn Hill bungalows, with nowhere for visitors to park and no access for emergency services. PC Chair Sir Richard Packer noted that the problem was a result of houses being built without knowledge of future car ownership. There was significant under provision of parking spaces and this had been exacerbated by the fence erected alongside the driveway to the property Cheriton. Cllr Carl Jacobs noted that Wiltshire had now surveyed the road up to Barn Hill with a view to it being adopted as a Highway; it is currently a Byway. Once adopted, it was hoped it would be possible to explore the creation of extra parking spaces. Meanwhile, residents were urged to report any potholes on the MyWiltsApp. One resident had been injured after she fell as a result of a pothole.

### Black Dog Working Party

BDWP member Martyn Simpson explained that the Working Party's offer to purchase the pub and its whole site had been turned down and the owner had countered the offer with a higher figure but excluding part of the site from the proposed sale. The Working Party would only be able to apply for funding for the purchase once an offer had been accepted. Meanwhile, the owner's planning application to fell Ash Trees on the site had been withdrawn; a further application was expected in due course. Ten of the 20 objections to the application had come from Working Party members. BDWP fundraising would continue.

### Wessex Internet

Mungo Melvin reported that 42 homes in the village now have active accounts with Wessex Internet although a total of 108 properties could be connected, should the householders wish to sign up to the service. The current take-up rate in Chilmark is 26%, set against Wessex's target of 40%. Wessex said it will be implementing another *push* to see an uptick in orders and registrations in the village.

### Chilmark War Memorial

The Parochial Church Council had pointed out that remedial work is required to the War Memorial in Chilmark Churchyard. The memorial is Grade II listed and so specialist work would be required and it was understood the Parish Council might be asked to make a contribution.

### Litter Bins

Councillors heard that a litter bin for Forbes Field had been purchased out of Forbes Field funds and would be positioned near the entrance to Forbes Field. The PC would pay for it to be emptied once a month. Meanwhile, the dog poo bin at Mooray was filling up fast despite being emptied twice monthly. Councillors discussed the possibility of purchasing a bigger bin for the site but it could prove expensive. The Chair noted that the amount use it was getting indicated it was having a positive effect on the environment in that part of the village.

### Flooding Issues

Cllr Carl Jacobs, Flood Warden, noted that while groundwater levels remained high the big problem in recent weeks had been the inundation of sewers with floodwater. The result was a mixture of floodwater and diluted sewage backing up out of manhole covers in parts of The Street. One resident asked if it would be possible in future to warn residents of the sewage escape, given the proximity of the school and the number of dog walkers using the route. Cllr CJ said Wessex Water had been proactive and were doing the best they could. They had recently jetted through the sewerage system in The Street and this had alleviated the problem.

### Traffic Survey Results

The PC had received the results of the latest two traffic surveys on the Tisbury Road and the Fovant Road, both of which are subject to 60mph speed limits. The Tisbury Road survey, near the entrance to Eyewell Farm, had revealed an average speed of 34mph. The Fovant Road survey, by Portash, showed an average speed of 24mph. It was agreed on the basis of these results that Wiltshire Highways was unlikely to recommend any speed reduction measures.

### Annual Assembly / Next PC Meeting

The Annual Assembly will take place on Wednesday 8 May, 7pm in the Reading Room, followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

### Latest Planning Applications / Decisions:

**Ref: PL/2024/00797** – Proposed works to trees in Conservation Area  
Winterbourne House, The Street, Chilmark, SP3 5AU  
1 - Robinia tree - cut back branches overhanging into Laburnum Cottage to boundary  
2 - Conifer tree - cut back branches overhanging into Laburnum Cottage to boundary  
3 - Alder tree - cut back branches overhanging into Laburnum Cottage to boundary  
Applicant: Mr Nick Webb  
Decision: No Objection – 26 February 2024

**Ref: PL/2024 00466** – Removal/variation of conditions  
Manor Farm, Chilmark, SP3 5AF  
Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) on PL/2023/00101 to allow for external changes to the building and works within the surrounding application site.  
Applicant: Callen-Lenz Associates Ltd  
Decision: Approved with Conditions – 27 February 2024

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**Ref: PL/2023/11191** – Consent under Trees Preservation Orders  
Black Dog Inn, Salisbury Road, Chilmark, SP3 5AH  
12 Ash Trees, all require to be felled due to Ash dieback  
Applicant: Future Holdings Ltd  
Application withdrawn by applicant – 28 February 2024

**Ref: PL/2024/02021** – Proposed works to trees in Conservation Area  
St Margaret's Church, Barberry, Chilmark SP3 5AR  
Cherry Tree - Remove branches on lower part of the tree on both sides to maintain balance  
Applicant: St Margaret of Antioch Church  
Case Officer: Beverley Griffin  
*PC Position: No Objection*  
Decision: No Objection – 22 March 2024

**Ref: PL/2023/10702** – Lawful Development – Existing Use  
Barn at Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark, SP3 5AJ  
Use of land and buildings for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the adjacent residential property, Bevisfield.  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Wolseley-Brinton  
Case Officer: Becky Jones  
*PC Position: Object*  
Decision deadline extended to 28 March 2024

**Ref: PL/2024/00419** - Removal/variation of conditions  
Bevisfield, Cow Drove, Chilmark, SP3 5AJ  
Vary Condition No 3 on PL/2022/00888 - to add an additional Dormer window (of the same design as those to each side) above the porch on the front (east) elevation (Proposed replacement dwelling (revised design) and erect detached garage).  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs C Wolseley-Brinton  
Case Officer: Hayley Clark  
*PC Position: No Objection*  
Decision deadline: 29 March 2024

**Ref: PL/2023/10721** – Full Planning Permission  
Pasture Land North of Stockley Wood, Stockley Wood, Ridge  
Works to create a wetland habitat for biodiversity and environmental benefit.  
Applicant: Fonthill Farms  
Case Officer: Julie Mitchell  
*PC Position: No Objection*  
Decision deadline: 23 April 2024

**Ref: PL/2024/01717** – Householder Planning Permission  
Angoni (re-named Lily Pad), Frog Lane, Chilmark, Salisbury, SP3 5BB  
Rear and side extension to existing bungalow, minor alterations to porch and replacing existing porch roof with sloped roof.  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Fisher  
Case Officer: Megan Donovan  
*PC Position: No Objection*  
Decision deadline: 23 April 2024

**To view details of any of the above applications or permissions, visit:**  
[development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/](https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/) and enter the planning application number in the search bar.

### Chilmark Duck Race!

Come and join us at 3pm on Easter Monday (1 April) for one of the highlights of the Chilmark calendar - the 2024 Duck Race! We will be selling ducks outside Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop Primary school from 3pm, and the race should kick off at about 3.30pm.

There will be delicious home-made cakes as well as ice creams, tea and coffee and prizes galore. All in aid of Chilmark village playground.

This year's exciting line-up also includes a homemade/junk model boat race and design competition. Open to all, anyone who wishes to enter should bring along their boat to display in the *best design* competition, followed by a race down the Winterbourne to see whose is the fastest!

Fingers crossed for a beautiful day like last year. We can't wait to see you there!

NB: Card reader available for card payments. All proceeds to Chilmark Playground Management Committee.  
**Olivia von Halle**

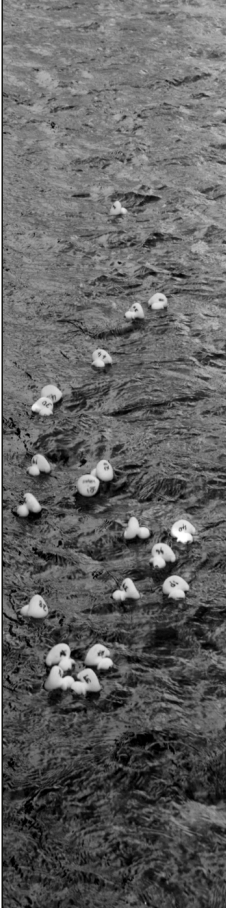
### Village Litter Pick

The first Chilmark litter pick of the year will take place on Saturday 6 April, 10am-12 noon, starting at the Claybush Playing Field. Litter pickers and rubbish bags will be provided. All help welcomed.



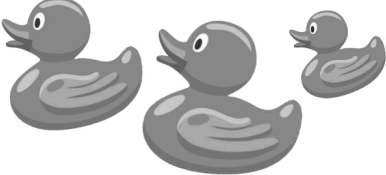
Please put Saturday 8 June into your diary for an evening of racing and canapés in the Reading Room.

Reading Room Committee The next meeting will take place at 6pm on Monday 15 April .  
**Morag Philpott**



Chilmark Playground Management Committee

## Chilmark Duck Race



**Easter Monday  
1 April, 3pm**

*Buy your ducks  
outside Chilmark School  
from 3pm*

Plus bring your own home made boat - prizes for design & winner of the race!

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### Chilmark Horticultural Society

The AGM of the Chilmark Horticultural Society (CHS) took place in the Reading Room on 13 March. Todd Jex was re-elected as Chair and Mike Scott as Treasurer for the forthcoming year. Neil Pattenden and Sally Butcher were re-elected as committee members and two new members - Josie Nunn and Bev Small - were welcomed on to the management committee. More members are needed; large discounts for RHS Gardens entry are available to CHS members. If you're interested in joining the committee, please contact Mike Scott: [mike.scott@scott-ryle.com](mailto:mike.scott@scott-ryle.com)

### Calling all gardeners!

Chilmark Horticultural Society will be holding a plant stall at Chilmark Church Fete on Saturday 29 June this year. We would be delighted if you were able to donate some of your surplus plants to us. All sorts of plants would be welcome: something you've divided up in your garden, a plant that you couldn't resist buying but couldn't find a home for, bedding or vegetable plants that you have left over when you've finished your planting – in fact, anything that grows. Indeed, if you have a few spare seedlings, perhaps you could plant up an extra tray of them for us to sell. All plants can be delivered to the stall on the morning of the Fete and would be most gratefully received.

**Sally Butcher**



### St Patrick's Day Pop-Up Pub

The Black Dog Working Party want to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our pop-up pub in the Reading Room on Saturday 16 March. The *pub* was packed for most of the evening, full of people catching up over a drink and watching the England rugby game. The result did not seem to dampen spirits and it was great to recreate the *pub buzz* that we all miss.

As it was St Patrick's Day weekend, Sophie Eden played some live Irish music towards the end of the evening and handed out song sheets for a good old sing along. The bar took just over £650 which is brilliant. We also received some lovely feedback not only on the night but also by email the next day from various people. We will look to create some more pop-up pub nights and other events in 2024. A big thank you again for the support.

**The Black Dog Working Party**



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## The Village Voice – looking to the future

Chilmark and Ridge residents are invited to an open meeting of The Village Voice committee on Monday 8 April, 6.30pm, in the Reading Room. One of the Agenda items will be succession planning and the future of The Village Voice. It has always been the intention of Sarah and Glen Miller to step down from their respective Editor and Design roles after the 100th issue (10 years) of The Village Voice, ie in September 2025. By planning well ahead, it is hoped a new team can be found to take on production of the VV after that date. Please come along if you're interested in the future of the newsletter and / or have some experience of editorial production and layout design. All ideas and options will be considered, and everyone warmly welcomed.

## Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

February seems a long while ago now but huge thanks to all those who turned out to support our first Lent lunch held in aid of RE:ACT. We had a record turnout and Rich McSweeney from the charity wrote: *a fantastic total of £218.40 so once again a huge thank you to everyone who contributed.* The Coffee Kitchen will be back to its usual format of serving coffee, tea and homemade cakes on Wednesdays 10 and 24 April from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet up with friends and neighbours; it is very informal and it doesn't matter whether you pop in for 5 minutes or come for the whole time. As usual, everything is free but there is the opportunity to donate to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless. Any queries, please contact Lynn Menzies 01722 717925 / [angus.menzies1@btinternet.com](mailto:angus.menzies1@btinternet.com) **Lynn Menzies**

## Food Bank Collection

The Salisbury Trussell Trust were very pleased to collect the Chilmark and Fonthill Book Swap March donations which weighed in at 114.7 Kg. They send a big thank you to everyone who generously contributed.

What has been rather touching in the run up to Easter is that our village school Council (the pupils) decided to collect and donate Easter Eggs for less fortunate children who may otherwise not receive an Easter Egg. I will be collecting and delivering these before the end of term in time for Easter Holidays.

Our April collection dates are between Saturday 13 April and Wednesday 17 April. As you all know, only in-date non-perishables, please, to be left by the Font. I will notify via the Village Voice email nearer to the date a list of what is particularly needed.

## Angi Stoop

## Still waiting for that delivery?

In recent weeks there have been an increasing number of courier and postal deliveries in Chilmark being delivered to incorrect addresses, rather a problem if you are expecting something urgent which has arrived but not with you. Or maybe you haven't received a bill or hospital appointment that turns out to have been urgent. The root of the problem normally lies with the delivery service but if we can help correct these errors ourselves so much the better.

Living in a neighbourly village, when we receive something that's not for us, we hopefully drop the item round to the correct address but what if we are away and a package that's not for us gets left on our doorstep and just sits there. Just one recent example of this was a parcel that was left in full view on a doorstep for almost a

week before it was found, addressed to someone else! The error discovered, the package was eventually taken by a villager to the correct address which was less than 100 yards away.

How can we help? If you are going away, even if you are not expecting any post or deliveries, please just tell your neighbour so that if something turns up on your doorstep your neighbour could take it in for you and if it's not for you, please contact the person that it was intended for. Thanks.

**John Perou**



## Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

March has been a busy month and there were exciting events in the lead up to the Easter Holidays. Sycamore Class have visited Stonehenge and Oak Class have welcomed visitors to enhance their learning around *people who help us*. Their

visitors included Theresa, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse. She ran an interactive session with the children to explain what her job involves. This included how to feed babies and how to put nappies on correctly.



Janey Middleton came in to make posies with Year 6 children ahead of the Mothering Sunday service at the church. This coincided with celebrating Word Book Day so the children were in fancy dress.

The netball team have been enjoying some recent success, winning overall at a recent tournament in Shaftesbury with other local schools. From this they qualified for a North Dorset event at Sherborne Girls School where they won three out of four games, and came in 4th place overall.

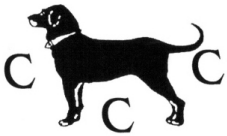
The whole school have been busy collecting Easter Eggs. Angie Stoop has already made a visit to collect eggs for the Salisbury Trussell Trust Foodbank and will return next week to pick up more donated eggs.

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### Hunt Meet

The South & West Wilts Hunt met at Cleeves Farm, Chilmark, on Saturday 9 March. Local horseback followers at the meet included Martha Whipp-Long on Spot (left) and Tiah Berry on Shadow.



### Chilmark Cricket Club

The Chilmark Cricket Club AGM took place in the Reading Room on 3 March. Carl Jacobs stepped down as Chair after eight years in the role but he will continue as fixtures secretary, plus assisting with juniors and ground maintenance. Brand King was elected to succeed Carl; his challenge is to become the first CCC chair on the board for 100 runs! Pete Corbin and Reg Allen stepped down from the committee while Anne Pettigrew and Chriss Eden agreed to join the Club as Vice Presidents. Claire Allen's offer to coordinate Match Teas again was warmly welcomed - if anyone is happy to contribute to teas, please let Claire know: [allenclaire155@gmail.com](mailto:allenclaire155@gmail.com)

There are 22 fixtures planned for the 2024 season, consisting of 5 T20s, 15 Home and 7 Away matches. The first match of the season will be the usual Horningsham Away fixture on Saturday 21 April, 1pm start. The other two matches in April are as below. Let's keep fingers crossed for a drier April:

**Wednesday 24 April**, 6pm – Fonthill (T20) – Away

**Friday 26 April**, 6pm – Authors (T20) – Home



### Chilmark Churchyard Tidy-Up

Many thanks to the 19 people who turned up on the morning of Saturday 9 March and worked so hard, clearing brambles and ivy, cutting hedges, and generally getting the churchyard ready for the spring. Thanks also go to those who took much of the waste into their own green bins, and to all our church neighbours for their understanding with respect to the bonfire necessary to dispose of the remainder. The combined effect of mercifully dry weather, excellent refreshments laid on by Susan Lewis, and the accompaniment of the children's choir practicing inside the church, kept spirits high throughout the morning! Much was achieved.

We hope villagers enjoy this community area as a place for remembrance, an area of tranquillity, and a habitat for nature. Two more working mornings are planned for this year to continue to maintain the setting appropriately. The next one is planned for Saturday 1 June and we once again extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to help out.

**Grant Philpott**





## The Village Voice



*Above - Mike, Marie and their friend Ivy  
Right - Two types of Moss (and a Barrett)  
Below - The happy team at elevenses  
Previous page - the best dressed gardener in Chilmark*



## St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark

### *St Margaret's Bells*

It was with sadness that I accepted the resignation of the Bell Tower Captain Linda Jones, the Tower Correspondent Angus Menzies, and Treasurer David Kinnison. I am very thankful for the many years that they have ensured the bells of St Margaret have been rung not only on Sundays but also for weddings, funerals and marking special occasions such as the death of the late Queen and the coronation of Charles III. They have also rung year after year, seeing out the old year and welcoming in the new. Thank you to all those who have rung; it has been greatly appreciated.

### **Revd Elaine Brightwell**

#### *Who'll toll the bell?*

(Cock Robin, Anon)

With regret the officers of the ringing band at St Margaret's have all decided to stand down: that is, myself as Tower Captain, Angus Menzies (Tower Correspondent) and David Kinnison (Treasurer), with immediate effect.

We have all worked tirelessly in our roles for 10 years and more and are now finding it rather onerous and time-consuming. In addition, we all have other commitments. We are a very depleted ringing band and in recent months it has become incredibly difficult to get a band together both for practices and weddings. Indeed, many practices have been cancelled of late due to a shortage of available ringers. We have relied for some time on assistance from other towers such as Tisbury for which we are very grateful. However, they now have several new learners and quite understandably need to focus on getting them trained. We have had no interest from the village in learning to ring at Chilmark despite our efforts to recruit anyone, and it has been a considerably long time since we had any new members.

We have tried hard to keep the band going but it is becoming increasingly difficult and I think we have now reached an impasse. Unfortunately, there is no one who is willing to take on any of the Officers' roles and with only four ringers left in the band it is felt that ringing should be suspended for the time being. Hopefully in future there will be a renewed interest in ringing the bells.

I am extremely grateful to Angus and David for all the support they have given me over the last 10 years. My thanks are also due to the past churchwardens.

**Linda Jones**

#### *Church Electoral Roll*

It is time for the annual revision of the church Electoral Roll. Inclusion on the Roll entitles an individual to take part and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and thus have a say in the running and affairs of the church. If you are already on the Electoral Roll there is no need to reapply; if you would like to be included on the Electoral Roll, there are forms available in the church or from me. These should be completed and returned to me by Sunday 28 April. If you have any queries or are not sure whether you are already on the list, please do get in touch.

**Lynn Menzies**, Electoral Roll Officer

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## Salisbury Diocese Finances

The Salisbury Diocese is responsible for 432 parishes. Those parishes are primarily in Wiltshire and Dorset but they also include the Channel Islands. The Diocese

charges fees to each parish; that income is known as Share. The calculation of Share is loosely based on the numbers of people who worship regularly and/or contribute financially to the work of the church. Parish Share contributions go mainly towards the cost of clergy salaries.

In our local area, 14 parishes are rolled up into the Nadder Valley Benefice. There is no financial hierarchy and no one is empowered to tell each parish what to do. Effectively, commercially, each parish runs itself and sends in the results of their efforts to the Diocese. In our Benefice we had three full-time clergy but in January this was reduced to two. Obviously, this type of flat organisation would not succeed in the commercial world. No company runs with 432 tiny subsidiaries all repeating the administration and financial management in so many tiny outposts, it makes absolutely no sense. The Diocese is very capital rich and in the last published accounts showed assets of £128m. They do not hold much of that capital in cash or near liquid assets; cashflow is difficult. They are losing money on a year-by-year basis and are having to sell capital assets to make ends meet.

The Diocese requested Share of £13.8m in 2022 and not all of it was paid; we (Chilmark) are not alone in being unable to meet our Share request. They spent £15m and lost £1.4m in 2022. That followed on from a loss in 2021 of £1.5m and a predicted loss for 2023 of £1.6m. In 2024 they have suggested that if everyone paid 8% more by way of Share then the losses will be eliminated but things are not that simple, as the unpaid Share was not factored into that calculation. They have also introduced an element of relief for parishes unable to pay their Share. That was not factored into the break-even pronouncement either. They will likely lose money again in 2024.

At the Church Commissioner level, funds are bountiful. They have over £10 billion in reserves. They see themselves as an endowment fund. They successfully generated £900m in 2023 in investment gains. The relationship between the Church Commissioner funds and the Church of England (on the ground and in the parishes) is far from straight forward. It is not a parent organisation in the normal commercial sense. Nevertheless, some of that income will be used to support failing Dioceses, but Salisbury is not considered to be a failing Diocese. There are 42 Dioceses around the country and many of them are in a far worse state than Salisbury.

**Johan Denekamp**

## Church Cleaning Rota 2024

If you feel you are able to help / join the Rota, please ring me on 01722 716675.

Many thanks, **Judith Barrett**

April	Group
7th	one
14th	two
21st	three
28th	four
May	
5th	five

## TEAM CLERGY

### Revd Elaine Brightwell, (Team Vicar)

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## NADDER VALLEY BENEFICE – CHURCH SERVICES – APRIL 2024

Date	7 <sup>th</sup> April		14 <sup>th</sup> April		21 <sup>th</sup> April		28 <sup>th</sup> April		5 <sup>th</sup> May
SUNDAY	Easter 2		Easter 3		Easter 4		Easter 5		Easter 6
<b>Southern Area</b>									
ANSTY	–	–	1115 PC	MH	–	–	1115 AAC	JMH	–
COMPTON	0930 PC <sub>T</sub>	EB	–	–	–	–	–	–	0930 PC <sub>T</sub>
FOVANT	0800 HC <sub>O2T</sub>	EB	0930 to Sutton	–	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub> Patronal	EB	0930 PC	TM	0800 HC <sub>O2T</sub>
SUTTON	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	EB	0930 MP	MH	1600 AAS	EB	0930 to Fovant	–	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>
SWALLOW -CLIFFE	1115 PC <sub>T</sub>	MH	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	JA	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	LAY	1115 PC <sub>T</sub>
<b>Northern Area</b>									
BARFORD	1115 AAC +APCM	EB	0930 MP <sub>CW</sub>	LAY	0930 PC <sub>BCP</sub>	MG	0930 AAC	CF	1115 AAC
BAVERSTOCK	–	–	–	–	–	–	1800 Anzac Service	+AR/EB	–
CHILMARK	1115 AAC	JN	0930 AAS	JA	1115 AAC	EB/JA	1115 MP/M <sub>BCP</sub>	LAY	1115 AAC
DINTON	0930 AAC	MH	–	–	0930 AAC	EB/JA	0930 M <sub>CW</sub>	EB	0930 AAC
T. EVIAS	–	–	1115 AAC	JN	–	–	–	–	–
T. MAGNA	–	–	–	–	–	–	1115 AAC	EB	–
<b>Western Area</b>									
CHICKLADE	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
HINDON	0930 PC	JN	0930 AAC	JN	1800 E <sub>BCP</sub>	JN	0930 PC	SE	0930 PC
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E <sub>BCP</sub>	JN	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH	0930 M <sub>BCP</sub>	JN	–	–	1700 E <sub>BCP</sub>
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>	SE	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	JMH/JD	–	–	1115 M <sub>BCP</sub>	TM	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub>
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JA	0930 PC	JMH/JD	0930 PC 1800 E <sub>BCP</sub> Choral	JMH JA	0800 HC <sub>BCP</sub> 0930 PC	JMH JMH	0930 AAS

**AAC** All Age Communion    **AAS** All Age Service    **BCP** Book of Common Prayer    **CW** Common Worship    **CbE** Communion by Extension  
**E** Evensong or Evening Prayer    **HC** Holy Communion (said)    **PC** Order 1 Communion (with hymns)    **PC<sub>o2T</sub>** Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)  
**PC<sub>o2T</sub>** Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns)    **M** Mattins or Morning Prayer    **MPR** Morning Praise

**+AR** Bishop of Ramsbury    **+SL** Bishop of Salisbury    **+RC** Bishop Richard Chartres    **AP** Andrew Poppe    **AJ** Alan Jeans    **CF** Colin Fox    **EB** Elaine Brightwell  
**JA** Judy Anderson    **JD** Julie Dunstan    **JMH** Juliette Hulme    **JN** Jo Naish    **KR** Katharine Rumens    **MG** Michael Goater    **MH** Mark Hayter  
**PC** Patricia Clegg    **PM** Paul Mellor    **NW** Nigel Worn    **SE** Simon Evans    **TF** Tina Fox    **TM** Rev Canon Tony Mond

## The Village Voice

### Tisbury Surgery News

A patient enquired recently how Tisbury Surgery is funded. That's not an easy question to answer but we thought it might be of interest to give a basic outline of how funding for GP practices (*primary care*) as opposed to hospitals (*secondary care*) works. Over 90% of initial patient contacts with the NHS are made via general practice for which we receive around 8% of total NHS funding.

Tisbury Surgery is an independent business and, like most GP practices, is contracted to provide services to the NHS under the GMS (General Medical Services) contract and this governs how we deliver *core* medical services. The practice receives around £100 per annum for each registered patient – irrespective of how many times a patient is seen.

This amount needs to cover the cost of the surgery premises, which must be financed and maintained, staff, light and heating bills (which we all know about only too well) along with staff training, insurance, healthcare supplies, medical and office equipment and all the other paraphernalia involved in running a business. These costs are NOT covered by any NHS bodies.

Surgeries may opt to provide additional services and here at Tisbury Surgery we offer, for instance, NHS health checks, coil and implant clinics, vaccination services, and participate in training new registrars (the GPs of the future), and much more, for which we are funded separately although some of these services are now under threat due to changes being made by our Integrated Care Board in the next financial year. These services need to be funded separately to allow us to employ staff with specialist knowledge and to purchase the required medical items to provide the services.

Simply put, the Practice must cover its costs in order to provide a service. We therefore charge, for instance, for firearms certificates and insurance reports. These are not covered by the GMS contract and mean that a clinician needs to dedicate time over and above his usual work to complete these tasks.

We are hugely fortunate at Tisbury to have wonderful staff – either seen or unseen by patients – who do their best to provide an excellent service, led by Dr Adam Smith. We would like to thank all the patients who bear with us when the computers crash, or we are training new staff, or are faced with the unplanned departure of a registrar and consequent loss of around 90 appointments a week! Then, just add in the *winter pressures* and increased demand! This makes it even more important, PLEASE, that you cancel your appointment if you need to do so, as we have an ever-increasing number of *Do Not Attends* – therefore restricting access for other patients.

**Rosie Eacott**, Practice Manager

### Tisbury Flower Group

The Flower Group will be welcoming Sue Wall to their monthly meeting in Hinton Hall, Tisbury, on Tuesday 30 April, 7pm. Sue is a wonderful demonstrator who will be presenting floral arrangements under the title *Reuse and Recycle*. Visitors are always welcome for a small fee, so come along to enjoy learning about flowers. We have many ways of enhancing your love of flowers through Demonstrations and Workshops. Learn a new skill and meet new people.

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month except December. We look forward to seeing you. Tea and Coffee

will be available from 7pm and there will be a Raffle to win one of the arrangements.

For further information contact Bernadette Watson on 01747 228371 or blwatson4@gmail.com

### Ansty May Day

Make sure Monday 6 May, 1-5pm, is in your diary for Ansty's annual May Day celebrations. There will be dancing round Ansty's historic Maypole, a May Day procession and crowning of the May Queen, along with performances from the White Horse Morris dancers and local musicians. Food trucks, bars and stalls will be on hand, and money raised will go to the local charities Julia's House and Salisbury Hospice. Please bring cash. The ceremony is held at the Maypole on Ansty High Street. Parking is limited; disabled parking accessed via the A30 entrance to the village.

### Lantern Making Workshop

Local residents of all ages are invited to attend a free and fun lantern making workshop with artist Susie Newman in Fovant Village Hall on Saturday 27 April, 12 noon-4pm. Get creative with willow sticks and tissue to bring your lantern to life. The process takes about two hours so please arrive by 2pm (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult). All materials provided and any level of creativity welcome. Refreshments available by donation. This is a free event, organised by Celebrating Age Wiltshire, but spaces are limited. For more information and to book please call Susie on 07779 997724.

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## Tisbury Fire Station Needs Your Help

### Can you Respond?

Tisbury fire station are looking for four new recruits to join their team. We've got a great team here at Tisbury, but we don't have enough people to provide cover all the time. We have had occasions where our neighbouring stations at Shaftesbury and Mere have had to come into Tisbury and surrounding villages to deal with incidents because we've not had enough crew available. We have particular challenges on weekdays and at weekends, and more recruits would help fill those gaps.

Our new station commander, Sarah, is really keen that we get the word out to encourage people to consider becoming an on-call firefighter. Providing cover doesn't mean sitting at the fire station, it's about having a pager and being able to respond when it goes off. You do need to be within a reasonable distance from the station, but you know when you are on-call and can manage your time accordingly. We have firefighters currently responding from Teffont, Hindon and Tisbury so you don't have to live just in Tisbury to respond.

Lots of on-call firefighters respond from work during the day. I'd urge anyone interested in joining the Service to have a chat with their employer to see if they would support this. As well as giving the local community their help, they would benefit from all the training that's provided. As firefighters we learn advanced first aid, leadership skills, health & safety knowledge and sometimes even gain an LGV licence!

We've got two recruitment events coming up, on Wednesday 24 April between 5.30pm and 8.30pm, and then on Saturday 27 April between 10am and 2pm. We'd love to see anyone interested in supporting the local community by being an on-call firefighter, come along and have a chat!

## Recycling & Waste Collections

April 2024

### Tuesday 2

**Blue lid** – mixed dry recycling  
**Black box** – glass & recycling  
**Green lid** – chargeable garden waste (no household compost)

### Wednesday 10

Household waste – **Grey bin**

### Tuesday 16

Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

### Wednesday 24

Grey bin

### Tuesday 30

Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

For more information what and how to recycle, visit:  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling)

## Fonthill House Gardens

The second Fonthill House Gardens Open Day of 2024 is on Sunday 28 April, between 12 noon and 5pm. Lord Margdale has kindly agreed to open his gardens in aid of the local youth work charity, Seeds4Success (S4S). Based in Mere, S4S provides coordinated youth work opportunities to support young people across South West Wiltshire. During the past year it has supported over 250 local children and young people. One of their projects included wonderful work to help clear Chilmark's Winterbourne ahead of the flood season.



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# The Village Voice

## Wiltshire Police News

From the Police & Crime Commissioner

### Villages and Rural areas not immune to threat of Child Exploitation

I was astonished to learn recently that those criminal gangs who groom and exploit children and young people to carry out criminal activities on their behalf are now using virtual rewards to take advantage of them. This takes the form of credit in online video games, so no longer should parents only be on the lookout for new trainers, designer clothes and expensive technology if they're worried their child is being exploited, but also online enticements such as avatars and virtual currency.

Children and young people are especially vulnerable to being exploited by criminal gangs because of their age and the harm caused to themselves, their families and their communities can be devastating with violent incidents often escalating. That's why my office has backed the *Check Your Children* campaign developed by Owen's World, a charity set up by family and friends following the death of Owen Dunn who was fatally stabbed in Swindon in December 2022. Owen was carrying a knife at the time of the stabbing, and now his family are asking parents and guardians to look out for any signs that their children may be involved in knife or gang crime.

We've developed a video to explain the signs of exploitation, the reality of serious violence in Wiltshire and where they can seek further guidance and advice if they're concerned. We often think of drug and knife crime happening in our city and bigger towns, but our villages and more rural areas are not immune from the threat of county lines and serious violence, and sadly nor are the children and young people that live there.

So, my plea to parents, guardians, grandparents, and other caregivers, please *Check your Children*, don't shy away from asking the difficult questions of your children and seeking support from schools, police, Crimestoppers and the NSPCC if you need it. To watch the video and find out more about how to keep your children safe, visit: <https://bit.ly/checkyourchildren>

**Philip Wilkinson**

## Coming up at the NewVic, Tisbury

**Sunday 21 April, 7pm:** Exhibitions on Screen - John Singer Sargent, directed by David Bickerstaff. Through interviews with curators, contemporary fashionistas and style influencers, Exhibition on Screen's film will examine how Sargent's unique practice has influenced modern art, culture and fashion. Filmed at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Tate Britain, London, the exhibition reveals Sargent's power to express distinctive personalities, power dynamics and gender identities during this fascinating period of cultural reinvention. Alongside 50 paintings by Sargent sit stunning items of clothing and accessories worn by his subjects, drawing the audience into the artist's studio. Running time: 90 minutes.

**Friday 26 April, 2pm & 7pm:** Oppenheimer, the multi-award winning 2023 biographical thriller film written, directed and co-produced by Christopher Nolan. It stars Cillian Murphy as J. Robert Oppenheimer, the American theoretical physicist credited with being the *father of the atomic bomb* for his role in the Manhattan Project—the World War II undertaking that developed the first nuclear weapons. Running time: 3 hours. Screened with an interval.



**Sunday 28 April, 5pm:** ROH Ballet - Swan Lake. Tchaikovsky's sensational score combines with the evocative imagination of choreographer Liam Scarlett and designer John Macfarlane to heighten the dramatic pathos of Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov's quintessential ballet classic. Running time 200 minutes (TBC). Two intervals. For more info / to purchase tickets for any of above, visit: [www.newvictsbury.com](http://www.newvictsbury.com)



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