
THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

A warm welcome to the 100th and final issue of *The Village Voice*, in its current guise.

It's been a pleasure to produce the monthly Chilmark newsletter for the past 10 years and our thanks go to all those who have made this possible. There are too many to name individually but they include our volunteer contributors, distributors and proofreaders, our advertisers, our donors - including Chilmark Parish Council for its annual grant - our tireless printer and of course The Village Voice committee. Without the support of all these, there would have been no VV each month. So, thank you all, especially for your kind words of appreciation.

This issue takes a look back in pictures at some of the key events in village life since our first issue in September 2015. We hope you enjoy it. Also, on p11, you will find an item about the future of The Village Voice which we hope might inspire someone to take the project forward...

Best wishes for a very happy summer,

The Editorial Team



Chilmark Church Fete

Congratulations to all concerned for running a fantastic Church Fete in the grounds of the Old Rectory on Saturday 28 June. What weather, what a turnout, and what a result: more than £3,000 raised, breaking previous records for the Fete. Thanks must go to Hugo and Olivia von Halle for hosting the event in their beautiful garden and to Felicity and Neil Pattenden for all their organisation and hardwork, plus of course the stall holders, bakers, plant growers, Pimm's mixers, tea servers, raffle donors, tent erectors, tables and chairs movers and numerous helpers, not to forget Sophie Eden at the keyboard and John Perou behind the mic.



Sophie and John



Olivia and Hugo

The Fete was opened by Toby Wicks, CEO of the Chilmark-based disaster response charity RE:ACT. Children from Chilmark School braved the heat to dance round the Maypole; parents put themselves in the stocks to have wet sponges hurled at them by gleeful youngsters; the Rat was splatted, the Horticultural Society's plant stall was packed with healthy foliage and blooms, and long queues formed at the hugely popular raffle. All in all, a wonderful occasion to feature in the final Village Voice.



Toby Wicks



The Village Voice - Directory

The Village Voice

This final issue of The Village Voice, along with back issues, will continue to be available to read online or download at www.chilmarkvillagevoice.co.uk - there will be no further items uploaded to this site.
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The Village Voice - Diary

		July Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 1st	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Wednesday 2nd	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Thursday 3rd	7pm	Chilmark Parish Council meeting	CRR
Friday 4th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sunday 6th	1.30pm	CCC v Wiltshire Queries	Cleeves Farm
Tuesday 8th	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Wednesday 9th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Wednesday 9th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Wednesday 9th	6.30pm	CHS Organic Garden Talk	CRR
Friday 11th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Tuesday 15th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 16th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Friday 18th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sunday 20th	11.15am	Farewell Service to Revd Elaine	Chilmark Church
Sunday 20th	1.30pm	CCC v HSCC	Cleeves Farm
Wednesday 23rd	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Wednesday 23rd	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Friday 25th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sat 26-Wed 30th	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
Wednesday 30th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Thursday 31st	6pm	CCC v Horningsham (T20)	Cleeves Farm
		August	
Wednesday 13th	10.30- 12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Saturday 16th	6.30pm on	CCC Open Air Movie Night	Cleeves Farm
Wednesday 27th	10.30- 12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR



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Parish Council News

To read the latest draft minutes and future agendas, visit: www.southwiltswilts.com/site/chilmarkparishcouncil

The next meeting of Chilmark Parish Council is on Thursday 3 July at 7pm in the Reading Room. Please note that in future all PC meetings will take place on the first Thursday (as opposed to Wednesday) of every other month. Hence the remaining dates for 2025 are *Thursday 4 September* and *Thursday 6 November*. The first meeting of 2026 will be on *Thursday 8 January*. To read the latest minutes and future agendas, visit: www.southwiltswilts.com/site/chilmarkparishcouncil

Chilmark PC Planning lead Rex Siney writes:

As the councillor tasked with overseeing planning matters within Chilmark and Ridge, I would like to thank the overwhelming majority of our community for following Natural England's and others' advice regarding protecting birds and their nesting sites. Your attention and care in this matter are greatly appreciated by the Parish Council and the wildlife that makes our trees and hedgerows their home.

Although many people are familiar with best practices, a reminder can still be beneficial. This might also provide some insights for those who are still adapting to the rhythms of country life (after five years as a resident of Chilmark, I still consider myself one of them). For these reasons, I wanted to share guidance from Wiltshire Council concerning the upkeep of trees and hedgerows. The advice pertains to those submitting formal applications, but the wording is pertinent regardless of whether formal consent is required:

'...the work hereby permitted should be carried out in accordance with good practice as set out in the BS 3998: 2010 British Standard Tree Work - Recommendations. Key aspects of BS 3998: 2010 include:

- *Wildlife: Emphasising the importance of minimising disturbance to nesting birds.*
- *Environmental Considerations: The need to minimise environmental impact during tree work.*
- *Veteran Trees: The management of veteran trees, recognising their unique value for biodiversity, heritage, and landscape.*
- *Client Awareness: Encouraging clients to be aware of the potential advantages and disadvantages of different tree work options before making decisions. The recommendations also highlight the importance of using qualified professionals, which the Parish Council wholeheartedly supports.*
- *When contemplating such works, please remember that under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, disturbing or harming any protected species or their resting place is an offence.*

Natural England makes the same case:

The key here is timing and avoidance of (wherever possible) bird nesting season, which is generally considered to run from March to August. During this period, birds are particularly vulnerable to disturbance as they build nests and raise their young.

The Forbes Field team, which includes Mungo, Johan, and others, exemplifies effective management of our shared environment. They take great care to avoid pruning work during the breeding season, and there are no ill

effects from observing this window. We know they are not alone. The vast majority do.

On behalf of Chilmark Parish Council, I hope clarification around the times to avoid will assist us in managing our land in a way that respects our fellow neighbours and protects our wildlife, our most treasured natural resource. With thanks and gratitude to everyone who has taken the time to read this advice, Rex Siney, on behalf of Chilmark's Parish Council

If you have any planning matters you want assistance with or wish to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please contact Rex Siney: Village End, The Street, Chilmark rex@siney.net or 07951 594911

Latest Planning Applications / Decisions

Ref: PL/2025/04724 – Proposed works to Trees in Conservation Area
Dial House, Becketts Lane, Chilmark SP3 5BD
Yew hedge – reduce height by 3 metres and crown raise
Applicant: Mr John Rooke
Case Officer: Sue Morgan
Parish Council position: No objection
Wiltshire decision deadline: 30 June 2025

Ref: PL/2025/05040 – Proposed works to Trees in Conservation Area
Anvil Cottage, Chilmark SP3 5AP
Eucalyptus tree – fell
Applicant: Mr Errol John
Case Officer: Sue Morgan
Parish Council position: No objection
Wiltshire decision deadline: 1 July 2025

Ref: PL/2025/05066 – Proposed works to Trees in Conservation Area
2 The Street, Chilmark SP3 5AR
Hazel tree - reduce by 50%; Willow tree - pollard
Yew tree - reduce by 40%; Oak tree - reduce and re-shape
Applicant: Mr John Rooke
Case Officer: Sue Morgan
Parish Council position: No Objection
Wiltshire decision deadline: 2 July 2025

Ref: PL/2025/05068 – Full Planning Permission
The Old Post Office, The Street, Chilmark SP3 5AR
Change of use of former B1 use floorspace to C3 residential use (retrospective) with the erection of rear porch, installation of two roof lights and solar panels. Conversion of curtilage outbuilding to form an annexe to the dwellinghouse with associated works.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lewis
Case Officer: Sarah Hill
Parish Council position: tbc
Wiltshire consultation deadline: 17 July 2025

To view details of the above applications, visit: development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/ and enter the planning application number in the search bar

Chilmark's drains – those were the days

Chilmark was not on main drains until the mid 1970s. Most houses had their own system of waste disposal. The bigger houses had septic tanks in their gardens, which worked well on the whole. The smaller houses on the Street discharged their liquid waste into the stream – always cloudy on wash days. They had chemical toilets (Elsans) or earth closets (privies) for the rest. Several houses, including ours (Bridge Cottage, The Street) still

have the privies in their gardens. Seats removed, they are useful for storing firewood or tools.

Our septic tank gave trouble in the winter when the water table was high. Ominous gurglings made us think that sewage might come back into the house. A call to the Mere & Tisbury District Council resulted in a tanker arriving to pump out the tank. As the dirty stuff was pumped away, clean water flowed in. The gurglings continued, but less ominously.

The arrival of main drains caused quite an upheaval. A deep trench was dug down Dog Drove, the Street and on to Lower Mooray and over the hill to Tisbury. Tiresome for those catching trains who had to go round by Fonthill. The Bridge Inn Stores (in the Street) complained their trade was affected.

Ninety houses have been built in Chilmark since the late 1960s. How many more can the drainage system take?

Anne McGrail



Forbes Field reviewed

I am pleased to have this opportunity to review the progress achieved in Forbes Field over the past three-and-a-half years. In 2008, Diana Forbes bequeathed her three-acre field to the village for 'children to enjoy'. Realising her wish was not addressed seriously until the Parish Council invited proposals from villagers in late 2021, with the field having been let out for horse grazing during most of the interim period. In early January 2022, I submitted a four-page initial concept, and set up a working group to develop a fully researched and resourced plan. This effort involved extensive consultation within the village, including a questionnaire to those living in Hops Close, botanical and soil surveys, receiving professional advice from the Environment Agency, Wiltshire Council and the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, fund-raising from individuals and securing grants through the government's Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme. In September 2022, the PC gave us the go-ahead, with the working group transforming into the Forbes Field Management Group (FFMG). Throughout we have explained our intentions for the field to the PC which has explicitly endorsed them.



The first task conducted by volunteers of the Friends of Forbes Field was to clear large swathes of fast-spreading blackthorn and bramble that made much of the field inaccessible. We then planted a community orchard, other

small plots of native trees and hedging strips, designed to provide not only fruit, but also to boost amenity and a variety of habitats. Improving biodiversity has been a prime consideration throughout, evidenced by our work to promote wildflower regeneration and to attract a wide cross-section of wildlife through the installation of bat and bird boxes, for example. In addition, we have erected new gates and fencing alongside Hops Close, repaired the water outflow into the Winterbourne to reduce the risk of flooding in The Street, and have established a new water point next to the orchard.



We have run eight field days involving dozens of enthusiastic supporters from the village and individuals keen to assist us from local charities such as REACT and Seeds4Success. With the backing of the Forbes family, we erected a stone cairn at the field's highest point to honour Diana Forbes' legacy. Three prominent information panels portray the project, and list those who have generously pledged trees. We have hosted popular village events such as the celebration of the King's Coronation in May 2023 and VE80 in May 2025. School groups have visited to learn about nature, and notably to plant the Coronation Grove of seven Whitebeams. Our website forbesfield.org documents the project.



In sum, Forbes Field is already providing clear environmental, ecological, educational and social benefits to the village. The field we enjoy today, a mixture of chalk meadow, open space for walking and play, orchard and other tree planting, reflects thousands of volunteer hours on behalf of our community. So do visit the field, let us know your views and, in particular, how we can encourage children to make greater use of the Field, as Diana Forbes would have wished - and tell us how you can contribute. Finally, on behalf of the FFMG, our heartfelt thanks to all those involved in making the Forbes Field project such a conspicuous success.

Mungo Melvin - mungo.melvin@live.co.uk



On Saturday 21 June we ran Race Night in the Reading Room, attended by around 30 people. Eight races were run throughout the evening, whilst canapés were served. Much hilarity was had, especially when certain horses won, such as *Breaking Wind*. The racegoers' turnout was immaculate, with special mentions to several, but first prize went jointly to Morag & Grant Philpott. The RR committee worked exceptionally hard and delivered a lovely evening, with the canapés receiving lots of compliments. Many thanks to our race sponsors and to everyone who attended. The upkeep of the Reading Room relies on the support of these events. If there are any suggestions for other events, we would love to hear them.
Alison Whipp-Long - alisonwhipp1@gmail.com

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen will be opening its doors on Wednesday 9 and 23 July and 13 and 27 August from 10.30-12noon in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to pop in for coffee, tea and delicious homemade cakes. There is no charge but donations to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless are gratefully accepted. Do come and join us - it's a great way to meet old friends and new neighbours and catch up with village news. It's also a very enjoyable way to make money for charity.
Lynn Menzies - 01722 717925/
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Food Bank Collection news

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a fantastic collection in June. I delivered 100.2 kg of goods to Salisbury Food Bank which was almost double what we managed to collect during April; so really thrilling and hugely appreciated, especially as general donations have diminished since Christmas but are still very much in demand. It was also pleasing to see so many tins of nourishing meat and fish which the food bank had particularly mentioned they were short of.

Our next collection dates are **Saturday 26 July to Wednesday 30 July**. As usual, in-date and non-perishable items only, please, to be left by the font in Chilmark Church, between 9am and 5pm daily. There will be no collection in August.

Angi Stoop

Black Dog latest

The Black Dog will be serving pub lunches from its kitchen for three days each week (Thurs, Fri & Sat) starting on Thursday 3 July, 12 noon. In addition, opening days at the

pub have now been extended to include Tuesdays. The new Opening Hours are as follows:

Tues: 4pm - close

Wed: 4pm - close

Thurs: 12 noon - close

Fri: 12 noon - close

Sat: 12 noon - close

Sun: 12 noon - close

Rocky's Pizza is a regular pop-up fixture on Wednesdays, serving hand-stretched Neapolitan pizzas and Nepalese meals from Gymkhana are served on Sundays.

Chilmark Horticultural Society

Organic Gardening Talk

A reminder that we are holding a talk on Wednesday 9 July in the Reading Room, commencing 6.30 pm. Our speaker this time is Nicola Hope, who will be giving us lots of tips and advice on gardening organically. Nicola has worked at many prestigious gardens, including Highgrove. We are delighted to welcome her to Chilmark.

Sherston Gardening Club say: *Nicola's talk was full of ideas and recommendations on how we can all benefit from gardening more organically, was beautifully illustrated and gave experienced and novice gardeners alike lots of advice. Thank you, Nicola, for giving us such an inspiring talk.*

Light refreshments, including botanical cocktails, will be available. Tickets, costing £8 each (£5 for CHS members) are available from CHS Treasurer Mike Scott. Places are limited, so please do book early.

Annual Flower Show

A reminder that the Annual Flower Show will take place on Saturday 13 September in the Reading Room. Full details are being finalised and will be communicated via the weekly village emails. Who will grow the best runner beans, biggest potatoes and tastiest tomatoes this year? Who will be crowned king or queen of cake baking or preserve making? We are hoping for lots of entries this year, so please do watch out for further information in the next few weeks.



RHS

Summer in the Garden

There always seems to be an endless round of weeding, watering and deadheading to be done in the summer, but it can be a relaxing and rewarding activity. Working our way around the garden with trowel and secateurs in hand, it's a great opportunity to really observe and enjoy everything that is growing. All our hard work in the spring is now paying off, and hopefully our gardens are looking beautiful.

It is worth giving ponds some attention. Clear any blanket weed and algae by using a small net or even just swirling a stick around. Leave any material collected at the side of the pond for 24 hours, to enable any creatures time to return to the water. The material can then be added to your compost heap. Keep the pond water topped up if possible. Some ways to discourage algae growth in your pond include installing some kind of fountain, introducing ramshorn snails, or floating a mesh bag of barley straw on the surface.

If you have been growing annuals, for example Ammi, Poppies, Sunflowers etc, seed heads will be appearing later in the summer. It's a great time to collect seed to save ready for next year. Have a stock of small paper envelopes to hand, and make sure the seed head is dry before

removing it and shaking seeds into your envelope. Don't forget to label your envelopes and keep them in a cool dry place until ready to sow next spring.

Since this is the final issue of the Village Voice, may I take this opportunity to thank you for reading my gardening tips each month. Members of the Chilmark Horticultural Society will continue to receive my ramblings via the quarterly newsletter, and Sarah Miller has very kindly offered to include an occasional tip in the weekly village emails. Wishing you all a very happy summer in your gardens,
Josie Nunn



Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

Mr Smith, Head Teacher, will be leaving the primary school at the end of this term. After nine years leading the school on its improvement journey to achieve a *Good OFSTED*, he is leaving to embrace a new challenge. He has taken up a senior leadership role in a specialist school in Dorset and will be starting in September as part of their plan to build a primary department within an existing setting. Mrs Hale, Elm Class, will be stepping up into the Headship role from September and is looking forward to the exciting new challenge.



June has been a busy month as we approach the end of the academic year. We have had sporting success as runners up in the local Kwik Cricket competition held at Fonthill Park. Congratulations to Semley who were the overall winners but it took a Super Over to decide the result and Team Chilmark played very well. Elm Class put on an excellent performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat under the direction of Mrs Chapman.



Sycamore Class braved heavy showers last week at the Fonthill Hill estate country day. They enjoyed a trailer ride and learnt about many aspects of farming including sheep shearing.



Oak Class had an amazing trip to the Etches Museum in Kimmeridge. The trip brought their recent topic about Mary Anning to life. The children were able to handle real fossils, saw animations of animals from thousands of years ago and built their knowledge further through exciting activities. We were particularly proud of how the children confidently shared their prior knowledge with the museum staff. One group of children even saw Steve Etches himself working on the recent plesiosaur discovery in his workshop, made famous by the BBC documentary *Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster*, which was very exciting.





Chilmark Cricket Club

A jaunt across the Salisbury Plain rounded out May, as Chilmark took on Collingbourne for the first time. Runs were sprinkled throughout the batting lineup, with Brand King (50*) and Desmond Shawe-Taylor (28*) topping the charts. 178 felt about 20 short on a fast outfield, but Sam Packer's four maidens and two crucial wickets kept Chilmark in the hunt. Sam Moss also chimed in with two, but it wasn't quite enough, as the hosts got home with four overs to spare. Darren Lee then left his helmet behind in the changing rooms.

Chilmark CC 178-5 (B King 50*; D Shawe-Taylor 28*) defeated by Collingbourne CC 179-5 (S Packer 2-14; S Moss 2-29)

Diana and Liv Packer took the headlines when Hugh Pym's Douglas Jardines came to town next. The former was at times unplayable as she sent down four overs against the opposition's best batsmen. It culminated with a glorious in-swinging yorker that knocked back middle stump. Not to be outdone, Liv spun her way into Chilmark folklore with a double wicket maiden. The prospect of chasing 235 was made significantly easier following Max Allen's 40 ball century. His retirement was an act of mercy and allowed a far more genteel run chase to unfold. Desmond Shawe-Taylor (22) chipped in and Diana Packer (31) proved her all-round credentials, before Will Packer (50*) got it done as the rain came.

Chilmark CC 235-4 (M Allen 101*; W Packer 50*) defeated Douglas Jardine 234-9 (S Moss 4-11; L Packer 2-7)

George Stevenson was the chief destroyer against the Lobsters, taking four wickets in a brutal spell of bowling. New player Ruchir Ketkar (1-16) also took his first wicket, while Seb Trent (1-16) should have had two, only for the ball to slip through Darren Lee's guilty fingers. Despite the opposition trying to undermine Chilmark efforts with the offer of free beer during the tea break, the modest total of 175 proved a relatively easy chase. Desmond Shawe-Taylor continued his rich run of form to score a first ever half century, before James 'Rocket' Stevenson (27) and Ben Eastmond (27*) brought it home. Chilmark CC 176-6 (D Shawe-Taylor 55; B Eastmond 27*) defeated Lobsters CC 175 (G Stevenson 4-14; B Eastmond 1-10)



Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely & Desmond Shawe-Taylor

Chilmark alumni Archie Small's Fulham Pigeons winged into the village next. Desmond Shawe-Taylor, having the season of his life, cracked a second consecutive half century, and then celebrated while umpiring by awarding a dubious LBW decision against a teammate. This writer is

not bitter at all. Jonny Sanderson (39) and a scintillating Jovin Mann (48*) got amongst it too. Early wickets had the Pigeons on the back foot, before Archie defied technique and logic to crack an impressive half century. For a while he even threatened to conjure an upset for the Pigeons. But four wickets from Ruchir Ketkar and another four from player of the match Mann ensured Chilmark maintained the pecking order.

Chilmark CC 213-7 (D Shawe-Taylor 64; J Mann 48*) defeated Fulham Pigeons CC 166 (R Ketkar 4-33; J Mann 4-33)



Jovin Mann goes in to bat

Retrospective

With the Village Voice winding up, we thought it'd be a good opportunity to reflect on (close to) 10 years of Chilmark Cricket Club reports. Looking back, one of the first bits of copy was a report on the end of season dinner held at the Black Dog in 2016. It's fairly standard stuff - statistics, award winners, a brief review of the salmon main - but it also offers a snapshot into the people that were involved in the club back then - people that are no longer around. There was John Wilcox, who helped found the club back in 2002, and remained a vice president until his passing in 2018. Also present were Joan Edney and Shealagh Fowler, stalwart supporters of the club who have both also passed on in recent years.

On a lighter note, however, there was mention of a *joker of the year* award. It was given to *Frog Lane's seventh best cricketer* - Ben Fowles for dropping four catches in one match. Rather cruelly, it then goes on to say *he celebrated his triumph by eating someone else's desert*. In hindsight, Fowles was perhaps unfairly maligned in these pages over the years. He did, after all, occasionally shine. It's just that five wickets against some old men and a couple of kids out at Damerham is not as newsworthy as stubbornly leaving your bat and pads on the pitch at Longbridge Deverill when you disagree with the local six and out rule. Not long after that end of season dinner review, came a preview of season 2017. In a bid for relatability, we decided to provide player profiles. Yes, these included statistics on how many runs players had scored and wickets they'd taken. But we also included more important information, like the status of their haircuts. Take Ricky

Corbin, whose carefully manicured bonce was described as TFI Friday, or Ned Pattenden's, which was christened Brexit. There was also space to warn anyone sitting in Reg Allen's chair at the Black Dog that they'd be challenged to an arm wrestle by the great man himself, should he arrive and find you sitting in it (still true to this day).

One of the other highlights during this period was the club's 20th anniversary, which we celebrated with a game against our favourite opposition, Douglas Jardine, and then a dinner in the Pelham's barn. It was a raucous occasion enjoyed in great spirits. It was there that we also launched the club book: *Plenty of Time: 20 Years of Chilmark Cricket Club*. If you haven't got a copy, you really should, not least of all because Carl Jacobs is still trying to recoup the printing costs. And anyway, you're probably in it somewhere.

The Village Voice has been a great medium for keeping the club in the village consciousness over the last ten years. With Sarah's wise guidance we landed on a tone that captured the village cricket spirit - equal parts humour, sport and coronation chicken sandwiches - with a strong sense of community tying it all together. Delightfully, this season has seen that manifest into strong local support, with many villagers coming down to enjoy a drink and sandwich in the sun, while their neighbours chase a small leather ball to all parts of an old sheep paddock.

The Village Voice may be done, but club match reports are not. Most weeks we send out a shortish report on the most recent game along with some fancy stats and a couple of photos. It's compulsive reading. If you're not on the mailing list and would like to be, drop us an email at chilmarkcc@gmail.com. Otherwise, see you at the ground.

Brand King

Chilmark Cricket Club Presents

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venue - Cleeves Farm

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The Village Voice - the future

As you will be aware, The Village Committee had hoped that someone might step forward with a view to taking on future production of the village newsletter, in one guise or another. So far that hasn't happened. However, our wonderful printer for the past 10 years - Alyn Smith of Spectrum, Wilton - has kindly offered a possible solution, as follows: *My thinking is that if there is someone who wants to continue a printed version but does not have the ability to put it together - I can do that. If I'm sent all the necessary text, information etc, I can assemble a newsletter. It might only be 2 or 4 pages, but people might appreciate it. I enjoy doing that kind of thing so it would be no hardship and I'd only charge a minimal amount on top of the printing.*

This is a generous offer from Alyn and we hope it might inspire someone, somewhere, to feel brave enough to put their hand up! The funding and scope of such a newsletter would need to be discussed and approved by The Village Voice committee - our current advertisers have all been given notice and a Parish Council grant has not been applied for this year - but it certainly is an option to be considered. In the interim, thank you to all those readers who have asked for their names to be added to the *Chilmark this Week* email list, and also to those of you who have requested a hard copy version of the weekly email. The fact that only *four* households in the village have requested hard copies suggests there might be less demand for a hard copy monthly magazine than originally anticipated. Who knows? Either way, please feel free to contact Sarah to discuss - sarah@raggedapple.co.uk

The Village Voice - a resident writes:

From a single page newsletter distributed through the Parochial Church Council, way back before the millennium, a village magazine was born. The page numbers grew as more information was included in our homespun newsletter, culminating with Diana Forbes' memories of Chilmark life. By the time the Millers arrived in Chilmark the staplers were overwhelmed so, with a new editorial team, the newsletter was propelled into a 21st century edition *The Village Voice*. A professional illustrated monthly magazine backed up with Chilmark This Week.

Chilmark's Village Voice is an excellent means to keep the village coordinated with news and information of all Church, Reading Room, School, clubs and charity events - and whatever else impinges on our lives throughout the year. This exceptional template requires replacement editors as Sarah and Glen stand down. Chilmark has been remarkably fortunate to have enjoyed an outstanding publication with *The Village Voice*. Thank you, Sarah and Glen
July 2025

Get Flood Ready

Wiltshire Council is inviting residents to join an online meeting with flood preparation experts on Wednesday 23 July at 4.30pm. The businesses *Flood Tec* and *Flood Kit* won't be selling products, nor is Wiltshire Council endorsing them over any other business. However, their involvement in the November 2024 Get Flood Prepared event in Salisbury proved invaluable to many. The Environment Agency, Highways and Community Resilience Officers will also be joining the online meeting. For more info, email: Karen.Linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

St Margaret's Chilmark

New Benefice arrangements
The re-organisation of the Nadder Valley Benefice was finally signed off by the Church Commissioners at the end of May, just as the June issue of the Village Voice went to press. From Sunday 1 June, the Nadder Valley Benefice and its team ministry ceased to exist; it was replaced by the Lower Nadder Benefice and the Upper Nadder Benefice, the latter of which Chilmark is now part of. The Revd Elaine Brightwell wrote as follows:
This process began in October 2023 so we are all relieved that it has now been agreed formally by the Church Commissioners. It has been a long road to say the least. In terms of the everyday life of the parish there will be some change. I will no longer be the Parish Priest for Chilmark, as you join with the parishes of the new Upper Nadder Benefice. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve you for the past eight years. As I said at the annual parochial church meeting, you will not be without a priest. Revd Joanna Naish will have oversight of the Parish, supported by the rural dean Revd Mark Hayter. Feel free to contact Jo should you need to. Services will continue as will any weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Patronal and Farewell service
Sunday, 20 July 11.15am - this is the annual service marking Chilmark's Patronal Festival, ie the Feast Day of St Margaret of Antioch. This will be a special service to say goodbye and thank you to Revd Elaine, followed by drinks. All are very welcome to attend.

Healing Service
Come and join us for a time of quietness and prayer to find *Wholeness and Healing* on Wednesday 9 July, 4pm, in St Andrew's Chapel, at St John's Tisbury. We invite you to join us for our monthly period of contemplation - to pray for yourself and those in need of our support.

Focus Point
Dear friends,
After exploring how superior Jesus is to all things, the writer of Hebrews challenges us to be among those who have faith and so be saved, but what is faith? The author anticipates our question and answers with one of the best known verses in the Bible: *faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 10:1).*

Faith is a step into the unknown, that often begins with someone becoming aware that there are mysteries of this world that cannot be explained. We have active minds that ponder over and theorise as we seek to understand. All this is in the context of the knowledge we have of the world around us. Then gradually, or in a specific moment, we realise that we are ready to make the decision to believe, even though our knowledge of God is inevitably incomplete. This may be triggered by personal experience of God, or a transformation in the life of someone we know. This leads us to make a commitment, we gradually become certain of something we cannot see, we can't put our finger on it, or explain it rationally, we just know that it is true and, what is more, the most treasured, precious truth we could ever imagine.

I don't think that there is a better example of faith than Abraham, who was 75 years old, living comfortably in the land of Ur of the Chaldeans when God called him out. This was totally unexpected; he lived in a world where people made idols and worshipped them. He was the first of his people to be called by God. I sometimes wonder what his

family, and especially his wife Sarah, thought; it was too late to be called a mid-life crisis!

The promise did not come immediately, they were called to live in tents and to wonder for many years and yet Abraham believed that one day God would give him a new land. Even though he and Sarah were old and without children, he believed God's promise that he would one day have as many descendants as there are stars or grains of sand.

What gave him such faith? We don't know but at some point in his life, or at several points, Abraham made the decision to trust God, step out of his comfort zone and in doing so, opened the way for God to bless him and his family and indeed all the families of the world.

Faith is stepping out into the unknown and trusting what we cannot see. If you would like to know more, then visit any church and we will be pleased to talk.
Reverend Denise Binks

Church Cleaning Rota
A vacancy has arisen on our rota of cleaners, so I would be more than happy if you feel you could join our happy band. Please contact me on 01722 716675 if you are willing. Many thanks to Karen Harris for her help over the past months, and I wish her well as she moves into Dorset.
Judith Barrett

July	Group
6th	six
13th	seven
20th	eight
27th	nine
August	
3rd	ten
10th	one
17th	two
24th	three
31st	four



Elaine, June 2017

UPPER NADDER BENEFICE
At present the post of Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice is vacant. We are grateful to those who are covering services in the benefice during the current vacancy.

Revd Jo Naish Associate Priest
revdjoannanaish@gmail.com 01747 871820

Revd Mark Hayter Rural Deane of Chalke
revmarkh@icloud.com 01722 785176

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Ann Kirk 01747 820542

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Fr Jonathan Creer - tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com
Sacred Heart, Tisbury: Holy Mass, Sunday 9am - Weekday, Thursday 6pm
All Saints', Wardour: Holy Mass, Sunday 10.30am - Weekday, Tuesday 9.30am

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Organist David Davies davidracheld@gmail.com 01722 714440
Bells Angus Menzies angus.menzies1@btinternet.com 01722 717925



Upper Nadder Benefice Services JULY 2025									
	6 July		13 July		20 July		27 July		3 August
	Trinity 3		Trinity 4		Trinity5		Trinity 6		Trinity 7
ANSTY	-	—	1115 AAC	MH	—	—	Patronal PC 11.15	+TT MH	-
CHICKLADE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HINDON	0930 PC	MH	0930 AAC	JN	1800 E _{BCP}	JN	0930 PC	PC	0930 PC
CHILMARK	1115 AAC	MG	0930 AAS	JA	1115 AACPatronal	JN	1115 MP	LAY	1115 AAC
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	MH	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	0930 M _{BCP}	JA	—	—	1700 E _{BCP}
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	1115 M _{BCP}	TM	-	-	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY Paul G	0800 HC _{BCP}
SWALLOW-CLIFFE	1115 PC _T	MH	1800 E _{BCP}	JA	0800 HC _{BCP}	MH	1115	LAY	1115 PC _T
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JN	0930	TM	0930 PC 1800 Choral ES	JN JA	08.00 HC _{BCP} 0930PC	MH MG	

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**, Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
PC_{02T} Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns) **M** Mattins or Morning Prayer **MP** Morning Praise
+AR Bishop of Ramsbury **+SL** Bishop of Salisbury **+RC** Bishop Richard Chartres **AP** Andrew Poppe **AJ** Alan Jeans **BB** Barry Blackford **BH** Barney Hopkinson
CF Colin Fox **DB** Denise Binks **EB** Elaine Brightwell **FrJ** Father Jonathan **JA** Judy Anderson **JD** Julie Dunstan **JN** Jo Naish **KPM** Paul Mellor
KR Katharine Rumens **MC** Michael Camp **MG** Maggie Guillebaud **MH** Mark Hayter **PC** Patricia Clegg **PG** Paul Gorford **NW** Nigel Worn
SE Simon Evans **TF** Tina Fox **TM** Rev Canon Tony Monds

Tisbury Surgery

The mobile breast screening van, which visits every three years, will be returning to the Nadder Centre in Tisbury this summer and screening is scheduled to commence around the end of June/beginning of July. All women aged 49 years 8 months to 70 years and 11 months who are registered with a local GP will be contacted by the Breast Screening Unit, Princess Anne Hospital in Southampton, and invited to attend. Anyone aged 71 and over can self-refer by calling 02381 204959 or by emailing BSUApts@uhs/nhs.uk - If second stage screening and subsequent treatment is required, this will be carried out at the Breast Imaging Unit at the Princess Anne Hospital, Coxford Road, Southampton SO16 5YA.

The local NHS commissioning team has agreed to fund an ear irrigation service for a clearly defined criteria of people that they feel are less able to manage their own wax build up, resulting in a reduced quality of life and therefore increased risk of deteriorating overall health. The way in which patients are identified is by using a scale of frailty and confirming that symptoms limit activity and/or cause them to need support with activities of daily life. For those who feel they meet the criteria and are suffering from wax build up, please phone to book an initial consultation with the nurse who will look in your ears, assess your suitability and book you for ear irrigation if required. We will recommend the use of olive oil drops for 7-10 days prior to ear irrigation.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Dr Tom Marshall who will be leaving us in July but are delighted to welcome Dr Mark McNair who will be joining us around the same time - more details to follow next month. Sister Tracy Slater, our specialist diabetic nurse, is also sadly leaving us - we wish her a very happy retirement and Sister Trudy Silk will be taking on her role and is already shadowing Tracy's clinics before she leaves - so some of you may already have met her. We wish Tom and Tracy the very best for the future.

Dr Adam Smith

Tisbury Flower Group

This month we are promoting a *special offer* of just £15 to subscribe to our Group from July to December, with the Flower Levy waived for the first NAFAS demonstration for all new Members. We have a number of events planned for the remainder of 2025 which would cover this great offer as below:

- This month on Tuesday 29 July, 7pm, we are welcoming another skilled NAFAS Demonstrator - Melanie Smith who will be presenting *We are off to the Dolomites*. In addition you may like to bring along an arrangement depicting a *mountain* theme (optional)
- On Tuesday 26 August, 7pm, we are holding a workshop entitled *Improving Skills of Flower Arranging*
- The September meeting is replaced with our annual outing on Tuesday 1 September; this year we are off to Compton Acres
- On Tuesday 28 October, 7pm, there will be a further workshop - *Flower Arranging Skills* - and the meeting will also include our AGM
- On Tuesday 25 November, 7pm, we will welcome Liz Pelley, another wonderful NAFAS demonstrator, presenting *Tiz the Season* - in addition you may like to enter into the spirit of Christmas and bring along your own *sparkly Christmas arrangement* (optional)
- Tuesday 9 December - we will be celebrating

Christmas, raising our glasses and enjoying a meal (venue yet to be decided)

For more information please contact: Bernadette Watson 01747 228271 / blwatson4@gmail.com or Sally Hughes 01747 820700 / hughessal@btinternet.com

Teffont Viillage Show

It's that time of year again and we're delighted to announce that this year's Teffont Village Show will be on Saturday 23 August from 2-5 pm at The Manor, Teffont Evias, SP3 5RJ. Please put the date in your diary. We are getting excited to welcome everyone - there will be the usual fun and laughter for everyone - everything from dog races and tug o' war to Teffont's Famous Tea Tent for yummy tea and cakes, delicious BBQ and the Pimms, Wine and Ale Stall. There will also be raffles, with fantastic prizes, and an array of local stalls. We are also delighted to have a new attraction - an early 1900s hand-turned children's carousel to add to a fun afternoon! What better way to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon. If you don't fancy walking, there will be free car parking adjacent to Teffont lake - what3words: magnum.fidget.albums

Focus Magazine

Tisbury's Focus Magazine is a community magazine produced under the authority of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St John's Church, Tisbury. It covers Nadder Valley villages including Swallowcliffe, Ansty & Chilmark - as well as Tisbury - and is published, produced and distributed by a team of volunteers; 16 homes in Chilmark currently receive it each month, kindly distributed by Judith Barrett. The annual subscription for 12 issues is £10, running from May to April each year. If you're interested in receiving Focus each month, please contact:

Anne Martin on 07742 728024 or distribution.focus@gmail.com - it is also available to purchase in Tisbury Post Office and Coffee Angels in Tisbury High Street.

Meanwhile, in the absence of Chilmark's own newsletter, (ie post Village Voice) the Focus editorial team are happy to receive submissions from Chilmark residents, provided they are of community-wide interest. If you have an item you wish to submit, the deadline is the 10th of the month - please send to: focustisbury@gmail.com or contact Focus Editor **Monica Carlile** on 07714 366989.

TisTalk

Tisbury's community podcast *station* is keen to sign up new listeners in the surrounding Nadder Valley villages. The weekly episodes - each about 25 minutes long - include interviews with local people covering a wide range of interests, as well as a weekly *WhatsOn* listing. Recent episodes featured Chilmark School's new pet tortoise, an interview with Elizabeth Forbes about measures to encourage swifts back to the area, and a piece about reopening plans for the South Western pub near Tisbury Station next year. The podcast *drops* on the internet each Monday and is advert-free as well as being FREE to listen to. All those involved are volunteers. For more information, visit: tistalk.buzzsprout.com or sign up for the weekly email at: tistalkradio@gmail.com.



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Wednesday 2 Grey bin - household waste

Tuesday 8 **Blue lid** - mixed dry recycling
Black box - glass & recycling
Green lid - chargeable garden waste (no household compost)

Wednesday 16 Grey Bin

Tuesday 22 Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

Wednesday 30 Grey Bin

August 2025

Tuesday 5 Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

Wednesday 13 Grey Bin

Tuesday 19 Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

Wednesday 27 Grey Bin

Putting the wrong things in the recycling bin may result in it not being emptied.
For more information about what and how to recycle, visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Wiltshire Household Recycling Centres - summer opening times

- Amesbury: every day except Tuesday & Wednesday, 9am-4pm Mills Way, Boscombe Down Business Park, Amesbury, SP4 7RX / 01980 623 160
- Salisbury: every day except Thursday, 9am-4pm Stephenson Road, Churchfields Industrial Estate SP2 7NP / 01722 322309
- Warminster: every day except Wednesday & Thursday, 9am-4pm Furnax Lane, Warminster, BA12 8PE / 01985 211427

Before visiting your local Household Recycling Centre (HRC), check the following page to see if your items can be disposed of: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres-what-you-can-bring

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louise.oakley@wiltshire.police.uk
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georgina.russell@wiltshire.police.uk
PCSO Stewart Hunt
stewart.hunt@wiltshire.police.uk
Emergency: call 999 - Non-urgent: call 101
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In the Shadow of War 1939-1945

The 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War will be marked by an evening of music, song, readings and poetry. There will be two performances of *In the Shadow of War 1939-1945* in Dinton Village Hall on Friday 31 October and Saturday 1 November. The evening will celebrate the service of the men and women of the county and remember those who died during those fateful six years of war.

The Wilton Royal British Legion Band will be joined by singers of the Nadder Valley Remembrance Choir. The choir will sing popular songs of the time and lead the audience during a sing-along. There will be a short Act of Remembrance.
Tickets £20 from: ITSOWenquiries@gmail.com or 07803 165448.

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The Village Voice

Much has happened in Chilmark since the first issue of The Village Voice in September 2015. Highlights include the last performance of CADS - Chilmark's Amateur Dramatics Society - marking the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016, the discovery of a Cannabis factory in Chilmark's Cold War nuclear bunker in 2017, and that other C event that changed life for all as it swept through Britain from March 2020 on.

For Chilmark residents there were enduring positives to come out of Covid: the start of the fortnightly Coffee Kitchen in the Reading Room, the monthly food collection for Salisbury Food Bank and the introduction of fortnightly watercress deliveries to the village, all thanks to the efforts of unsung volunteers. It is those unobtrusive doers who have kept Chilmark ticking over, quite literally in the case of the church clock winder Mike Read who, despite no longer living here, regularly drives to the village to ensure our hourly chimes are on time. Our thanks go to all you discreet doers, be you polishing brass, auditing village committee accounts or opening and closing the church each day - you know who you are.

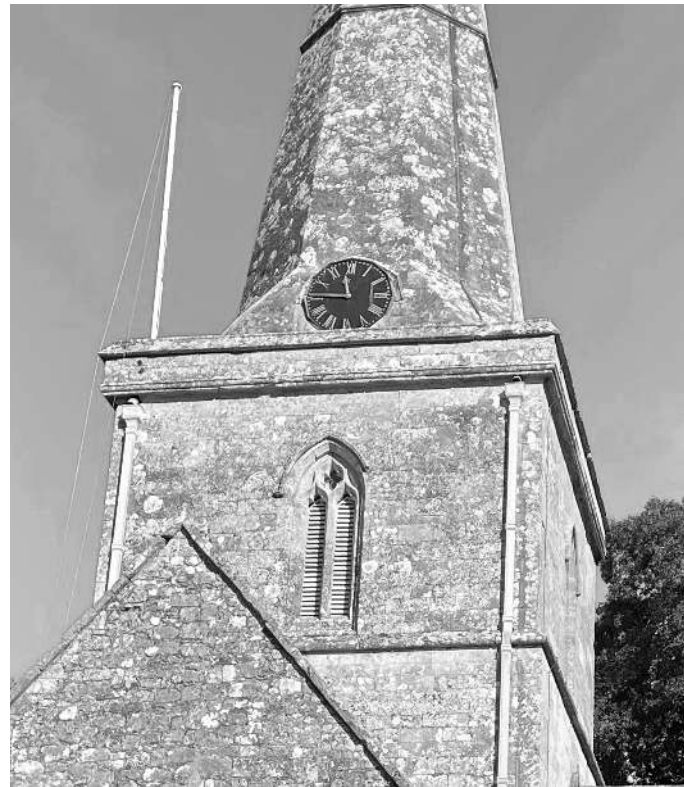
Other key moments were the Chilmark 400 Fayre in July 2019, marking the 400th anniversary of the village's first fair, the sighting of a white-tailed eagle in 2021, the retirement of the Parish Council's long-serving chair and clerk, the arrival of a new headteacher and a new vicar, and now their departures, and the passing of familiar faces.

The Black Dog was a thriving pub in the early days of The Village Voice, only to be closed and sold by Wadworth Brewery in 2019. Re-opening under new ownership during Covid, the pub was closed again and put back on the market in 2023, at which point the Parish Council stepped in to ensure it was listed as a Community Asset by Wiltshire Council. It is heartening for the village to have The Black Dog open once again. Long may that last.

Floods and storms came and went, the latter taking mature trees with them; more recently young trees have been planted with the gradual development of Forbes Field as a community orchard and green space to be enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all those involved in this project - of one thing we can be sure: the trees planted by residents will be here to witness life in Chilmark when we have long since moved on to another place.



Patrick and Mary Boyles



Mike and Jo Scott





Mike Scott



Sir Peter Jennings



John Wilcox

Three Chilmark residents played a key role in the creation of The Village Voice. **Mike Scott**, who'd served as Editor for the previous five years of Church & Village (the VV's predecessor) indicated a wish to hand over the reins. This coincided with a determined effort on the part of **Sir Peter Jennings** to relieve Chilmark's cash-strapped PCC (Parochial Church Council) of the newsletter's monthly productions costs - at the time the newsletter was photocopied in Hinton Hall, Tisbury, and then collected for collation by Stephanie Lucas' industrious stapling team, HQ'd at Becketts, Chilmark.

An advertising-based funding model was devised - with Mike Scott kindly agreeing to be Treasurer - and it was agreed the publication should be launched with a new title, under the editorship of Sarah Miller with Bev Small as Deputy. Enter the late **John Wilcox**, former journalist, and writer in chief for Chilmark Amateur Dramatics Society (CADS), a man with a passion for cricket and huge enthusiasm for life. John won the competition to name the new mag The Village Voice. He also made a generous founding donation towards the VV's initial running costs. Glen Miller designed a new look and layout and printing firms were approached for quotes - thanks to a recommendation from Patrick Middleton, Spectrum in Wilton took on the job and have never let us down.

