

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

Quiz Night

Friends of Chilmark School are hosting a Quiz night on Thursday 5 June, 7pm, in the Reading Room, with dinner included. Tickets £10. Contact Hannah Trent: hannah.trent@hotmail.com

Cricket Juniors Training

Summer training for Chilmark's young cricketers, aged 8-12, gets underway on Sunday 8 June, with weekly hour-long sessions on Sunday mornings, running through to the end of July, p14.

Race Night

Race Night in the Reading Room is back on Saturday 21 June, 7 for 7.30pm. Time to get those bets on and dress to impress Royal Ascot style. Delicious canapés will be served all evening, p5 & 16.

Fete Help Please

A reminder that all help would be welcomed with setting up of Fete Tents at the Old Rectory on Thursday 26 June, 6pm, and then taking them down *after* the Fete on Saturday 28 June. Beer will be on offer and the more helpers the merrier, p6.

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Welcome to the June issue

The 80th anniversary of VE Day was celebrated in style in Chilmark with an event in Forbes Field where prizes were awarded for the best WWII style costume, p4 & 5. Our thanks go to Anne McGrail for sharing her memories of the first VE Day, p5. After the Forbes Field event, residents headed up to the Black Dog where they were treated to an impromptu accordion set of wartime songs, courtesy of Sophie Eden. It is terrific to see The Black Dog back in action after a lengthy period of closure.

The newly elected Parish Council held its AGM on 7 May, following the Annual Parish Assembly which attracted a good turnout of residents, p4. Annual reports were received from eight village organisations and the PC Chairman's report for 2024-25 can be read in full on p16. This included positive news about the long-term future of the Claybush Playing Field.

This issue includes a piece from newly invigorated Chilmark Horticultural Society, with exciting save the date alerts for an Organic Gardening talk in July, and the Annual Flower Show in September. Ahead of both of these, we look forward to the Chilmark Church Fete in the grounds of The Old Rectory on Saturday 28 June, p5.

After the last Village Voice

As you are likely aware by now, the next issue – July-August 2025 – will be the final issue of The Village Voice under the current editorship. Given no-one has yet expressed interest in taking on production of a replacement newsletter/magazine for Chilmark, the VV committee is keen to ensure that as many residents as possible will have access to the continuing *Chilmark this Week* emails. To this end, a loose insert is included in this issue for readers to complete if they do not have internet access. Thank you.

Chilmark this Week email

If you wish your name to be added to the *Chilmark this Week* email circulation list – all email addresses treated in confidence & not shared – please contact: sarah@raggedapple.co.uk

With best wishes for a very happy June,

The Editorial Team



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Copy deadline 20th of each month. Please note that there will be one issue for December & January (copy deadline 20 November) and one issue for July & August (deadline 20 June). Items will be welcomed from any individual or village organisation and should be sent to the Editor. However, newsletter content remains at the discretion of the Editorial Team and on some occasions will be space dependent. If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, please contact the Treasurer.

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		June Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 3rd	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Wednesday 4th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Friday 6th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sat 7-Wed 11th	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
Sunday 8th	10-11am	Cricket Club Juniors Training	Cleeves Farm
Tuesday 10th	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Wednesday 11th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Wednesday 11th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Friday 13th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sunday 15th	10-11am	Cricket Club Juniors Training	Cleeves Farm
Sunday 15th	1.30pm	CCC v Fulham Pigeons	Cleeves Farm
Tuesday 17th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 18th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Saturday 21st	7 for 7.30pm	Reading Room Race Night	CRR
Sunday 22nd	10-11am	Cricket Club Juniors Training	Cleeves Farm
Wednesday 25th	9am	Kettlercise	CRR
Wednesday 25th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Thursday 26th	6pm	Church Fete Setting Up	The Old Rectory
Friday 27th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Friday 27th	6pm	CCC v Deverills T20	Cleeves Farm
Saturday 28th	2.30 - 4.30pm	Chilmark Church Fete	The Old Rectory
Sunday 29th	10-11am	Cricket Club Juniors Training	Cleeves Farm
Sunday 29th	1.30pm	CCC v Hornsingham	Cleeves Farm

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Parish Council News

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Chilmark Annual Assembly & PC AGM

The Annual Parish Assembly took place in the Reading Room on Wednesday 7 May, followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council meeting. In addition to the seven newly elected Parish Council members – list below – some 15 members of the public were present, plus Wiltshire Councillor for the Nadder Valley, Bridget Wayman. Annual reports were heard from:

Chair of the PC Sir Richard Packer

Wiltshire Cllr Bridget Wayman

Forbes Field Chair Mungo Melvin &

Treasurer Johan Denekamp

Reading Room Chair Alison Whipp-Long

Village Voice Chair Patrick Nixon

Carl Jacobs on behalf of **Chilmark Cricket Club**

Claybush Playground Committee Chair Olivia von Halle

Sir Richard Packer on behalf of the **Chilmark Parochial Church Council**

Mike Scott on behalf of the **Chilmark Horticultural Society**

All these reports will soon be available to read on the Parish Council website (as above). PC Report on p16.

The Chair reported that work to replace the fencing around the Claybush Playing Field was due to start soon, at the expense of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE). Meanwhile, Charity Commission approval for the transfer of ownership & responsibility for the playing field from the SDBE to the Parish Council was still awaited.

The members of the newly elected Parish Council are as below:

Sir Richard Packer, Chair

Sir Raymond Jack, Vice Chair

Carl Jacobs, Flood and Snow Warden

Johan Denekamp, Forbes Field

Hugo von Halle, Highways, Frickers Paddock Playground

Rex Siney, Planning

Janie Whipp, Emergency Plan and Maintenance

Grant applications to the PC from Village organisations will be considered at the July meeting. Applications should be sent to the clerk, Sofya Samokhina:
chilmarkpcclerk@hotmail.com

Latest Planning Applications / Decisions

Ref: PL/2025/03264 – Proposed works to trees in conservation area

The Dial House, Becketts Lane, Chilmark, SP3 5BD

Row of Yew trees - reduce height by 3m and crown lift

Applicant: Mr John Rooke

Parish Council position: No objection

Decision: No objection 13 May 2025

Ref: PL/2025/00466 – Listed Building Consent

Church of St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark, SP3 5AP

Repair and restoration of the listed war memorial situated in the churchyard

Applicant: Chilmark Parish Council

Wiltshire Council decision: Approved with *conditions* 2 May 2025

Conditions as below:

Notwithstanding the details in the submission, the shaft and cross of the memorial shall not be subject to any cleaning methods other than light dry brushing by hand. Reason: in order to limit damage to the memorial.

No lettering of the memorial shall be recut until the extent of work necessary has been established and the local planning authority has confirmed in writing that it is acceptable. Reason: in order to preserve the original lettering and fabric of the memorial.

It was also noted that a *Faculty* from the Salisbury Diocese will be required before the work can be carried out.

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



80th Anniversary of VE Day Celebrations

During the late afternoon of Thursday 8 May, about 80 people gathered in Forbes Field to celebrate VE 80, eighty years to the day of the German unconditional surrender, bringing an end to the Second World War in Europe. Blessed by warm early summer weather, serenaded by some contemporary 1940s swing music and fortified by great food and drinks from the BBQ and bar run by the Reading Room Committee, a really good time was had by young and old alike. The event was open to all from Chilmark and Teffont: from the latter, we welcomed David Robinson who brought along his immaculately restored WWII Willis Jeep.



An undoubted highlight of the celebration was the playback of an extract of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's memorable radio broadcast to the nation on 8 May 1945, which was followed by me giving a short speech to honour the fallen and to stress the contemporary relevance of the nation's *fight against tyranny*. We then awarded themed prizes such as spam and camp coffee to the gentlemen and ladies who wore the most convincing WWII costumes.



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We would like to thank all who made this such a successful event. In particular, we are very grateful to Carl Jacobs of the Cricket Club (tents); Henrietta Cockrell, Becky Lee, Alison Whipp-Long, Rich Mann and Dathan Trent of the Reading Room Committee (bar and BBQ); Heidi MacCormack and Neil Pattenden of the Forbes Field Management Group (prizes and bunting); and last, but by no means least, Janie Whipp of both the Reading Room Committee and the Forbes Field Management Group, who organised and coordinated the whole event with Alison Whipp-Long.



In sum, I think we can all be proud of our VE 80 celebration in Forbes Field, which is becoming a valued community asset. As one senior resident noted, it was 'wonderful to see all the trees coming into leaf and growing so well. Chilmark is a remarkable village.' So do make good use of the Field in the future: it is open to all to enjoy. Diana Forbes, who so kindly donated her field to the village in 2008, would surely endorse that message.

Mungo Melvin

VE Day Memories

Our thanks to Anne McGrail for sharing her memories of the first VE Day, 80 years ago.

I was 15 years old when WW2 ended in 1945. We were living in a tiny village in Devon. Celebrations for VE Day were rather subdued. A party in the vicarage garden – fish paste sandwiches, cupcakes with hundreds & thousands sprinkled on them and orangeade for the children. No dancing in the streets or raucous parties. We were all aware that the hardest part of the war was still to come, especially because my father Rowland was in the army in Burma. He did not come home until July 1946; we had not seen him for nearly seven years. He remained a

withdrawn and solitary figure until his death 30 years later.

The chief change to life after VE day that I remember was the lifting of the Blackout. For five and a half years it had been illegal to show the smallest chink of light from windows and doors which were shrouded in heavy blackout curtains. Air Raid Wardens would come round regularly and bang on the door if a light was showing; you could be fined. Now all that had changed, as Vera Lynn sang *When the Lights go on All Over the World*.

Anne McGrail



Saturday 21 June is *Race Night* in the Reading Room. As last year, there will be 8 races to bet on, £1 per bet. Dress to impress because there is a prize for best turned out (the event coincides with the last day of Royal Ascot 2025 so you might find some inspiration on ITV Racing). Tickets are £12, which includes a welcome drink and delicious canapés throughout the evening. Doors open at 7pm with the first race off at 7.30pm. Please contact: jkchsc@me.com for tickets.

For those unable to attend but wishing to support the Reading Room, there is availability to sponsor a race for £10. Businesses can name a race and we will promote them, or simply name a race after your loved one, child, sibling, parent, cat, dog, guinea pig or whatever! For this great honour, please contact Becky Lee on: darrenharrylee@btinternet.com

Alison Whipp-Long

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

First, a huge thank you to those of you who have helped and supported the Coffee Kitchen in any way over the last few months. Gordon Parry from Salisbury Trust for the Homeless has written to thank us for our latest contribution of £489.70: *This brings the total donations to date to £4,210.83, for which we are hugely grateful.*

The Coffee Kitchen will be open on Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 25 June from 10.30am to 12noon in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to pop in for a chat over tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes. Everything is free but donations to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless are gratefully received. Please do come along, especially if you are new to the village; it is a great way to meet new neighbours and catch up with old friends. Any queries, please contact Lynn Menzies:

01722 717925/ angus.menzies1@btinternet.com

Lynn Menzies

Food Bank Collection news

Including our school's donation, Chilmark's collection during April weighed in at 53 kilos. All was greatly appreciated by the Salisbury Food Bank and subsequent recipients. Thank you to everyone who gave generously. I thought you may be interested in the following information I received:

Salisbury Foodbank is an independent local charity supporting people in the postcode areas of SP1, SP5 & SP9. We have an independent board of trustees, who live in and love Salisbury and South Wiltshire. Like many food banks across the UK, Salisbury Foodbank is part of the Trussell community of food banks. With Trussell's guidance, we all come together to share what we're seeing, learn from each and build a compelling case for change.

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Our next collection dates have had to be changed, so please accept my apologies. The new dates are:

Saturday 7 June to Wednesday 11 June

Saturday 26 July to Wednesday 30 July

I very much hope this does not cause any inconvenience to anyone. As usual, in-date and nonperishable item only, please. Present shortages are for: long life fruit juice, tinned veg, meat/vegi meals (tinned curry, chilli, ham), tinned fruit, packet and sponge puds, shampoo/conditioner/2in1. Thank you all once more for your continued support.

Angi Stoop

Chilmark Church Fete

Saturday 28 June, 2.30-4.30pm at the Old Rectory

Plans for the fete are well under way and as ever it should be a happy and most enjoyable event. Our thanks again are due to Hugo and Olivia von Halle for their permission to have the occasion in such a beautiful garden. We have asked for kind volunteers to help with the setting up of the big tents on Thursday 26 June at 6pm and to dismantle them straight after the fete; we would be most grateful for strong assistants and advice. Beers will be on hand!

Before the fete, donations for the Denekamps' Bottle Stall and anything further for Ali Whipp-Long's Raffle Stall should be left at the Pattendens' house, 2 The Street. On the day itself, kind donations for the Plant Stall should be brought to the Old Rectory between 9.30am and 12 noon.

We are delighted that children from the Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop CE Primary School will be giving us a display of their dancing round the Maypole. We are still hoping that there will also be a display of juggling from people of all ages.

The fete will be opened by Toby Wicks PhD, Chief Executive of our Chilmark-based disaster response charity RE:ACT. He became the CEO of RE:ACT in 2021 following his position as Chief of Data & Analytics at UNICEF.

Felicity Pattenden

Raffle Prizes please

Last year's Raffle was hugely successful, with some amazingly generous prizes raising much needed funds for the upkeep of Chilmark's historic church fabric. We are hoping this year's Raffle Table can be equally successful and would welcome any donations you/your business can give, large or small. All contributors will have their name / business card or flyer advertised on the Raffle Table board on the day. With many thanks in anticipation.

Please contact: Ali Whipp-Long on alisonwhiplong@gmail.com or 07854 550363.

Alison Whipp-Long

Fete Tea and Cake Stall

We would be delighted to receive any home-baked cakes for the teas and for the cake stall at the Church Fete. Whether sweet or savoury, large or small, gluten or dairy free all contributions will be extremely welcome. Please could you cover all cakes this year and include a list of ingredients. Cakes can be delivered on Friday 27 June to Eddie Young (07470 047099) or directly to the Old Rectory on the morning of the Fete, between 10am and noon, or shortly before the fete starts.

Morag Philpott

Plant Stall

The Chilmark Horticultural Society will again have a plant stall at the Church Fete and we would be very grateful for your donations. If you have any spare plants, please do bring them to the stall before 11am on the morning of the Fete. Thank you.

Josie Nunn

Chilmark Horticultural Society

Plant Sale

We were delighted to see so many of you at our plant sale in the Reading Room in May. Committee members had been busy since January, sowing seeds, potting on, dividing plants, taking cuttings and watering. Oh my goodness, so much watering! The day of the sale dawned warm and sunny, and by 10am plants of all shapes and sizes were filling up the tables. Delicious cakes were adorning the refreshments table, and at 10.30am the doors opened to our first customers. Before long there was a lengthy queue, which seemed to continue for most of the morning to be honest.

Tomato and courgette plants were eagerly snapped up. Apologies to those seeking runner beans - noted for next year. Boxes and bags were filled with the various annual and perennial flowers available - Cosmos proving ever popular, but customers also trying some different varieties like Statice, Amaranthus and Physalis. The atmosphere in the Reading Room was lovely - lots of chat and laughter - as many took advantage of the refreshments on offer. Some customers seemed to be stocking new gardens, and one very keen person had planted their purchases and returned the empty pots to us before the sale was over! More than 80% of the available stock was sold, much to the relief of the growers, who really hoped not to take them all home again. We are hugely grateful for your support to make the sale so successful and look forward to doing it all again next year.

Organic Gardening Talk

On Wednesday 9 July, 6.30 for 7pm in the Reading Room, we will be hosting a talk by Nicola Hope on *Organic Gardening - Happy Plants, Happy People*. Nicola is a consultant organic horticulturalist, garden designer, writer and speaker. She holds the prestigious title of RHS Master of Horticulture and is based in Malmesbury in the Cotswolds. A professional organic gardener, Nicola has been self-employed for the last 15 years, and prior to that worked alongside inspiring gardeners in special gardens including Highgrove, Lake House, The Abbey House and Cole Park.

Nicola comes highly recommended, having spoken at a number of Wiltshire gardening clubs. She promises that her talk will include lots of useful tips for growing vegetables, fruit and flowers. Doors open at 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start. Once again Bev Small and Sally Butcher will be serving their delicious botanical cocktails and canapés. Tickets will be £8 each (£5 for CHS members). Please contact Mike Scott on 07799 437074 or Mike.scott@scott-ryle.com to reserve your seat, as numbers will be limited.

Annual Flower Show

Just a reminder that we are excited to be holding our Annual Flower Show on Saturday 13 September in the Reading Room. There will be an extended range of categories to enter, and full details will be published in the July edition of the VV, but in the meantime please put the date in your diaries and get growing!

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Society Membership

It is not too late to join the Society for the current year. There are a range of benefits, and the annual fee of £10 per person really helps to support our efforts to put on a range of events in the village. Do contact Mike Scott (as above) for further information.



RHS

June in the Garden

All the roses should be coming into flower now, and there are lots to see around the village. If, like me, your roses are eaten by deer, the RHS recommend interplanting with strong scented plants like lavender. I may well give that a try this year.

Have you put up any shading in your greenhouse? We have tried both shade paint and shade netting and they definitely seem to help keep the temperature down a little. It will also be time to pinch out side shoots on cordon tomatoes. If the side shoots are three or four inches long, you can try potting them up in small pots of peat-free compost. Tomato plants for free!

Don't forget to stake any tall perennials, ideally before they get too floppy. There are all sorts of ring and grow-through supports available to buy online or at the garden centre, but the wise amongst you (sadly not me as I forgot) will have saved prunings from dogwoods cut back earlier in the year.

The weather has been lovely for a few weeks now, but this means it is very dry, so we are all busy watering. When water is short, we're advised to focus on plants in containers, and those newly planted this year.

Hope you're all getting pleasure from your gardens, especially with the light evenings.

Josie Nunn



Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

The whole school took part in a special *Joseph & the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat* workshop before half term. The children enjoyed lots of multi coloured activities and rounded off the day watching the film version of the musical and enjoying a rainbow ice lolly. Thank you,



Mrs Chapman, for organising such a special day which introduced the younger children to the story. On 18 June, Elm Class will be performing the musical and rehearsals are well under way.

Also before half term, Year 6 completed their SATs tests for which Mrs Hale had prepared them well. The children came in early for a special breakfast to set them up for the day and, as a reward at the end of the week, they had a trip to the woods for den building.



Chilmark Cricket Club latest

April wrapped up with a T20 fixture at Donheads. The hosts were good enough to lend a few players to make up for a Chilmark squad largely unwilling to do it on a sunny Wednesday evening in Ludwell. But it was one of those that was, that scored the runs. George Stevenson continued his superb early season form by bashing the ball around the park and then retiring. In his place came the next new thing from the assembly line of Chilmark talent, in Seb Trent. Batting for the first time for the senior team, the youngster showed no nerves as he hooked, drove and defended his way to seven valuable runs. With Ricky Corbin (11) and Brand King (10*) chipping in, Chilmark put on a solid 99 in the 20 overs.

Stevenson was as effective with ball as he was with the bat, taking a wicket and going for just 11 runs in his four overs. Sam Moss (0-21) then had a rare wicketless outing, but the co-coach of the junior club got to watch one of his proteges, in Trent, bowl a great first ever spell for the seniors. Sending down loopy leg spinners as if such things were easy, his four overs, which included a maiden, went

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for just 15 runs. Though his spell was done, Trent's contributions weren't, as he fielded swiftly at third man and fired a throw in to help effect a run out. Brand King then came on to take two quick wickets and put the game to bed.

Chilmark CC 99-5 (G Stevenson 33; R Corbin 11) defeated Donheads CC 79-5 (B King 2-2; G Stevenson 1-11)*

Newcomers to Cleeves Farm, Urchfont CC were in town next for the first Sunday afternoon game of the year. Ricky Corbin (5) came and went, while Jonny Sanderson (11) again looked good, only to fall victim to one that kept low. When Brand King then went for a third ball duck there were fears of a classic Chilmarkian collapse. However, Sam Packer and Max Allen had other ideas, as they put on a blistering 167 run stand. Both batsmen retired after reaching their centuries, leaving Ed Lewis (4), Sam Moss (22), Darren Lee (17) and Seb Trent (6*) to bolster the total.



Max Allen and Sam Packer

Chasing 299 for victory was always going to be a challenge for Urchfont but whenever King (1-33) attempted to bowl his slower ball they usually got six runs closer. Revenge eventually came though, thanks to a low catch at slip by Corbin, whose own bowling (0-12) was parsimonious. Sam Moss (1-26) kept the foot on Urchfont's larynx, while Ed Lewis (0-43) made up for his expensive bowling by taking three catches. Darren Lee benefited from one of those, but it was Seb Trent's first over at his home ground that got the crowd on their feet. With his second ball, a perfectly pitched leg spinner, he had the batsman mishit one straight to the reliable mitts of Corbin at mid-wicket. Two balls later he spun one through the gate, before rounding out the over with a third wicket, thanks to a nice one-handed catch by Lewis at backward square leg. With that, the game was all but done. The Doc chipped in with a late wicket, and there was a run out that is best not described to save the blushes of all involved, as Chilmark got home with 140 runs to spare.

Chilmark CC 298-6 (M Allen 100; S Packer 100*) defeated Urchfont CC 159-9 (S Trent 3-12; D Lee 2-19)*

Fonthill Park then arrived at Cleeves Farm for the second leg of this season's local derby. Bowling first, Chilmark had early success when George Stevenson ripped out the opener's middle stump. He then had Fonthill's number three jumping around with a few spicy deliveries, including one that left a nice purple mark on his chest. But that seemed to unleash the beast. The batter put together a blistering 151 as he pushed Fonthill to an eye-watering score of 316. Chilmark skipper Ned Pattenden tried every bowler in his team that wasn't wearing the 'keeper's pads to stem the flow, but other than four wickets for Sam Moss, and a couple for Rocket (2-30), it was not a good day for the bowling averages.

Expectations were muted when Chilmark's openers went out to start the chase. But runs came early. Brand King (12) raced out of the blocks, then yorked himself trying to



Seb Trent

defend, before Darren Lee and Ed Lewis launched a counter-attack. When Lee (34) was caught by Ash the fishmonger on the boundary, George Stevenson arrived to increase the rate further. His innings featured seven consecutive boundaries as Chilmark hearts dared to dream. But when he was bowled, and then his dad, Rocket (3), was run out, thoughts turned to the leftover cakes in the club kitchen instead. But new bat Marin Chalavatzis was having none of it. Combining with Lewis for a 107-run stand, the pair took the game to Fonthill and kept the unlikely target within reach. When Chalavatzis (34) was caught on the boundary, Chilmark were within 73 runs of victory with seven overs remaining. Alas, it was too much for the tail, as the pressure of the total finally told. Jez Howell (0) was caught short trying to push his rickety knees for a second two in as many balls, Pattenden (1) lost his stumps, Seb Trent (0) went a similar way after dancing down the pitch, and Sam Moss (7) was run out by his son James (1*), who bravely batted despite copping a powerfully struck ball on his leg earlier in the day. They stuck around long enough to help Lewis to a 72-ball century though, to put a silver lining on a hard-fought defeat.

Fonthill Park CC 316-9 (S Moss 4-59; G Stevenson 3-37) defeated Chilmark CC 271 (E Lewis 116; G Stevenson 36)
Brand King



Ed Lewis

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In Memory of Joan Edney

We were sad to learn of the death of Joan Edney, aged 92, who lived in Hops Close, Chilmark, for much her life until 2022 when she moved to be near her son Andrew. A grandmother, and great grandmother, Joan was brought up in Weymouth during WW2 where, as children, they used to climb through the beach defences to swim.

Married to Peter Edney, they initially live in Semley where Peter was a shepherd. When ill health overtook him in the early 1970s, they moved with their three children to Hops Close; Peter died aged 41 in 1976. Joan was admired for her energy as she became a busy village resident, involved in many societies and activities, including the choir and CADS (Chilmark Amateur Dramatic Society) and bellringing. She was a member of the then thriving WI and the Mothers' Union and also a long-serving member of the PCC as well as a governor at Chilmark School, where she read with the children.

In 1980, for the 700th anniversary of Chilmark Church, Joan was on the Festival of Flowers & Music Committee and was one of 29 residents providing flower arrangements for the event. A stalwart member of the Village Voice distribution team, and its predecessor Church & Village, Joan helped with numerous church fete teas and she was famed for her Carrot & Coriander soup at Lent lunches.

As well as volunteering in the village, Joan was locally employed at Salisbury Investment Castings and then in the civil service with Land Command at Wilton, whilst also cleaning and babysitting. She was always active and was a great walker and swimmer, joining Jan Cannons and her good friend Shealagh Fowler on early morning expeditions to swim at Warminster pool. Joan and Shealagh became staunch supporters of Chilmark Cricket Club when it was formed, subsequently being made Honorary members as acknowledgement of their loyal attendance at club matches.

Felicity Pattenden remembers:

Joan was a good singer and signed in at the founding and first meeting of the Hindon & Chilmark Festival Choir in early January 1989; she was a regular and enthusiastic soprano for many years. In 1995 she joined CADS (Chilmark Amateur Drama Society) and went on the boards for the show - Chilmark Remembers - to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE Day. I always knew when the subsequent funny shows written by John Wilcox were a

success, as I could hear Joan's wonderful roars of laughter from the audience: this was going to be a hit!

Anne McGrail remembers:

It seemed completely appropriate when John Wilcox arranged for Joan Edney to be the Chilmark resident *presented* to Prince Charles at the unveiling of the Millennium Cross in 2000. She was a real doer in the village, in a low-key way. She was an exceptionally kind person and also very capable. Born to a different generation, I think she would have been quite high powered.

Linda Jones, former Bell Tower Captain of Chilmark Church, writes:

The bellringers of St Margaret's were very sorry to hear that Joan Edney had passed away. She was a loyal ringer and supporter of the Chilmark band for over 34 years, since its inception in 1976/7. As well as attending practice nights, Joan rang the bells regularly for Sunday services and for weddings. She also took part in several Quarter Peals. Joan was Tower Correspondent for the band until she had to give up ringing in 2011 when her health started to decline. Joan was subsequently made an Honorary Life Member of the Salisbury Guild of Ringers. Our thoughts are with her family.

Funeral Arrangements

There will be a service in the memory of Joan Edney, followed by the burial of her remains, at St Margaret's, Chilmark, on Friday 4 July, at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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St Margaret's Chilmark

From the Register

13 December 2024 – Rosina Eliabeth Cridge
Burial of ashes in the churchyard

3 May 2025 – Susan Pauline Acheson
A service of Interment of ashes in the church and churchyard

Churchyard Tidy

Please make a note of Saturday 21 June, 10 am to 12 noon, for the second Chilmark churchyard tidy of 2025, weather permitting. All helpers will be warmly welcomed. Please bring your own tools. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you. For further information, contact
Grant Philpott - grphilpott@yahoo.com

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners took place in St Margaret's on Sunday 18 May, followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. PCC Secretary Sir Richard Packer writes:

'The biggest issue is the proposed division of the current 14 parish Nadder benefice into two, with Chilmark being in the same new benefice as Tisbury and Fonthill Bishop. Further, the Revd Elaine Brightwell is expected to be the priest allocated to the other benefice which would leave Chilmark with a vacancy. Not only has no progress been made on filling the vacancy but the division of the benefice, originally expected towards the end of last year, has not yet been agreed (by the Church Commissioners). Such is bureaucracy!

Otherwise, there were no major developments in the APCM; we still have no churchwarden; Neil Pattenden and Johan Denekamp were again co-opted to the PCC; and new members were elected in Elizabeth Forbes (of the Forbes Field family) and Ken Brown.'

Focus Point - The Swifts Are Back

*Fifteenth of May. Cherry blossom. The swifts
Materialize at the tip of a long scream
Of needle. 'Look! They're back! Look!' ...*

*They've made it again,
Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's
Still waking refreshed, our summer's
Still all to come —
And here they are, here they are again...*

Ted Hughes - Swifts, from Season Songs

They were early this year. But from the Quarry to Lady Down View, down the High Street to Victoria Hall, they came with characteristic speed, fresh from their epic migration.

Being newish to Tisbury and to rural life, I'm struck by the apparent joy of all those who noticed. And how important it is that we *do* notice and delight in our natural world, if we are to safeguard the 'globe's working' and allow the 'creation to wake, refreshed', year after year - and, indeed, ensure the swift's return.

Enjoying the gift of great beauty that surrounds us—slowing down long enough to find solace and refreshment amid our personal preoccupations and global anxieties, allowing our lives to be informed by the splendour and

spirit of nature—is no small thing. It shapes us in the very way of life needed to protect those swifts and to open to a deeper Spirit.

This month, the churches celebrate Pentecost - the coming of another, greater 'bird'. The Holy Spirit is often depicted as a dove. The famous dove in our Old Testament scripture is the one returning to Noah with an olive branch: a sign of peace after great devastation. In the Gospel of Luke, a dove descends upon Jesus at his baptism, declaring him deeply loved by God.

That same Spirit is still at work in the world. Wherever we find gratitude, peace, creativity, or love – that Spirit is present. At Pentecost, we rejoice in the gift of Christ's Spirit— which inspires, strengthens and transcends all our best efforts to live well for the sake of our greater good.

In a world lurching from crisis to crisis, we need the greater Spirit more than ever. At Pentecost, we celebrate and receive afresh the Spirit of a man who, returning from his own epic journey, offers us not just a seasonal arrival, but a constant, all-seasons presence of love—and an eternal Peace.

Look! They're back!

If only we might anticipate and host the Spirit with equal joy and enthusiasm.

Julie Dunstan

Licensed Lay Minister, St John's Tisbury

Healing Service

Come and join us for a time of quietness and space to find *Wholeness and Healing* on Wednesday 11 June, 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 who need our prayers.

Church Cleaning Rota

If you feel that you can help, join the Rota, please contact me on 01722 716675. Many thanks.

Judith Barrett

June	Group
1st	one
8th	two
15th	three
22nd	four
29th	five
July	
6th	six





TEAM CLERGY

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Chilmark, St Margaret of Antioch

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(Proposed) Upper Nadder Benefice Services JUNE 2025

Date	1 st June		8 th June		15 th June		22 nd June		29 th June		July 6 th
	Sunday After Ascension		Pentecost		Trinity Sunday		Trinity 1		Trinity 2 Benefice Service		Trinity 3
ANSTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICKLADE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HINDON	0930 PC	JN	0930 AAC	MH	1800 E _{BCP}	TM	0930 PC	MC			0930 PC
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FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	1115 M _{BCP}	JA or MG	-	-	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY Paul G	-		0800 HC _{BCP}
SWALLOW-CLIFFE	1115 PC _T	MH	1800 E _{BCP}	JA	0800 HC _{BCP}	MH	1115 Hymns and Pimms	LAY	1000 PC _T	JN	1115 PC _T
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JA	0930 PC	MG	0930 PC 1800 Choral ES	MH	0800 HC _{BCP} 0930 PC	EB TM			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_T** Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
PC_{O2T} 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
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Recycling & Waste Collections

June 2025

Wednesday 4	Grey bin - household waste
Tuesday 10	Blue lid - mixed dry recycling Black box - glass & recycling Green lid - chargeable garden waste (no household compost)
Wednesday 18	Grey Bin
Tuesday 24	Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

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

NB: Batteries and electricals contaminating bins can cause fires

Waste within one of the Wiltshire collection vehicles caught fire during April. Thanks to the prompt action of the crew there were no injuries or significant damage to the vehicle. Please never put batteries or electricals in any bin, instead make use of the kerbside services available to you:

- Recycle batteries by leaving them in a clear sealed bag on top of your blue-lidded bin or next to your blue sack on collection day.
- Electricals smaller than a shoe box can be collected at the kerbside, by placing these next to your recycling bin in a supermarket carrier bag.
- Recycle larger electricals by bringing them to a recycling centre.

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

Garden Waste collections

It's time to renew your garden waste collection. To ensure you avoid missing a collection, this paid for service must be renewed by 30 June. As part of the garden waste collection service, Wiltshire will compost bark, cut flowers, grass cuttings, hedge clippings, house plants, leaves, shrub prunings, twigs and small branches, untreated sawdust, wood shavings, and weeds. The cost of the service is £75 per bin for a year. Your payment will cover the emptying of one 180 litre bin, every two weeks, until 30 June each year. You may request as many bins as you wish, each charged at the same rate and paid as separate payments:

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Tisbury Flower Group

Tisbury Flower Group have had a great few months. In April, we attended the willow workshops with many other groups at the Stephenson Hall in The Close, to help make the wicker teardrops for display at The Salisbury Cathedral *Spirit of Water* Flower Festival. We even managed the odd willow fish or two!

At the time of writing in May, we were still in full flow preparing for the Flower Festival collecting and conditioning foliage to create the Nadder River out of flowers, part of the Five Rivers display. Hopefully you went along and enjoyed the stunning displays, created by many talented groups and individuals. Thanks to all who donated your much-loved plants and leaves for this event.

We hope you enjoyed our floral displays in St John's Church for the VE Day Celebrations. We joined in with others setting up displays for the event; there was a great community spirit and we all had a lovely afternoon.

We are a lively group who meet every month on the last Tuesday of the month, except December. However, in June we are celebrating the arrival of the summer with our Members Annual Garden Party, so we will not be meeting as usual in Hinton Hall. We look forward to welcoming new members and visitors at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 29 July, 7pm in Hinton Hall, Tisbury - please do come and join us. Or give us a call today and join our group now. At the July meeting there will be a beautiful floral demonstration by a well-known NAFAS demonstrator, further details to follow in next month's issue.

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

Flora & Fauna in Chilmark

2025 has proved an interesting year for wildlife spotting in Chilmark. Reports so far include sightings of a pair of Mandarin Ducks (native to China) on the Winterbourne at the Mooray end of the Street; 8 Mallard ducklings with their parents and a young trout in the same stretch of water, and increased sightings of Ratty (aka water voles) at the Lower Mooray end of the *stream*. Alongside these, there have been nightly hedgehog visitations to a growing number of gardens in the village. All encouraging and, as a backdrop to this, the phoenix-life recovery (so far) of the Barberry cherry tree that was felled in a winter storm and then replanted. Watch this space!

Fonthill House Gardens – final opening

A reminder that the stunning Fonthill House Gardens will be open to visitors on Sunday 8 June, 12 noon to 5pm, for the third and final charity event of 2025. This opening is in aid of The Lady Garden Foundation, a national women's health charity that raises awareness and funding for the five gynaecological cancers. Tickets £12 on the gate, or £10 booked in advance. Free entry for children under 12. Come along, enjoy a beautiful day out, and help make a difference. As well the gardens, you can enjoy delicious food, artisan stalls and a spectacular raffle. If you are planning to book your tickets in advance, then please have these ready for inspection when you arrive at the gate, either as a screenshot or a printed version. We very much look forward to seeing you. Booking at: shorturl.at/ORFJC



Hello old friend!

Black Dog News

Customers at The Black Dog were treated to an evening of Morris dancing courtesy of White Horse Morris on a Wednesday night during May. The pub continues to open five days a week, Wednesdays through to Sundays, plus Bank Holiday Mondays. Pop up Pizzas are now a regular fixture on Wednesday evenings, and Nepalese food is served every Sunday. Other regular pop-ups include take out Thai, Fish & Chips, Hot Dogs, and Persian food. To see what's coming each week check out the Black Dog on Instagram or Facebook. There is widespread appreciation of having a functioning pub back in the village. Well done all concerned.

Chilmark Cricket Club Juniors

Summer training for Chilmark's Juniors is on offer again this year, starting Sunday 8 June and running through to Sunday 27 July. The weekly sessions will last an hour, starting at 10am prompt. All 8-12 year olds - Years 4-7 - are welcome. Cost is £45 for the eight sessions. Please contact Hannah Trent to reserve a place: cricketjuniors@yahoo.com



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Chilmark Parish Council Chairman's Report, 2024-25

To start with the overall view, Chilmark is a beautiful location happy to be blessed with many houses built of the local stone made famous by Salisbury cathedral. It is an active place. It has a church, well attended at the major festivals, a cricket club as well as a pub – just rescued. Further, the Reading Room is the home of many activities, there is an annual fete and the Horticultural Society is of long standing, and so on.

I will just touch on the principal issues which have most concerned the PC over the last year: I will put flooding top of my list. The village is positioned geographically such that if there are long periods of heavy rain, the drainage system cannot cope and trouble ensues. The name *Frog Lane* and the indicator on the Winterbourne of the 1990 flood level show that the problem is of long-standing. In recent years there have been more periods of heavy rain than usual and several householders have suffered as a consequence. In recent years the PC has made determined efforts to improve the situation by persuading Wessex Water to improve the lining of the sewage system, keep ditches, culverts and drains clear and by engaging with local farmers in remedial action, as well as giving practical help with sandbags etc. Our current Flood Warden, Carl Jacobs, has been particularly active. The facts of life mean the possibility of flooding will always be present in Chilmark, but the PC has been and is active in improving matters.

Next, I will turn to the future of the Playing Field and Playground. The shenanigans on this over the last year could fill a book. Skipping most of them, we have now arrived at a position where those responsible for the school are happy to transfer ownership of the Playing Field to the PC without charge, and to repair the fence at their expense before they do so. Thus, in principle, we can see a future where continued public access to the Field at most times is guaranteed and we have the opportunity to construct a Playground with a secure future. All this has been strongly supported by villagers.

Another success story has been Forbes Field. Envisioned by Mungo Melvin a few years ago and put into effect by a large energetic group, including many villagers. A somewhat run down, but well-positioned, field generously left to the PC by a long-term resident, Diana Forbes, has been transformed into a major village asset with open space and many fruit trees with all the costs being met by private donations. We have recently seen the benefits at blossom time.

Last year I referred to concerns over the future of the Black Dog which had closed. Happily, it is now up and running again.

Less satisfactory is the position on Barn Hill parking. The background is that dwellings have been constructed, some by Wiltshire Council, which, with the benefit of hindsight, allowed insufficient provision for parking. Something can be done to increase the provision of parking spaces to a limited extent; and we are pursuing that possibility. Unfortunately, there are some parts of the story which greatly annoy some of those involved, not without justice, and an outcome which leaves everyone happy is difficult to discern.

My final subject is finance. For many years Chilmark's precept – that is the amount collected from you all annually to pay for our activities – was well below that of other comparable local villages. That became increasingly untenable. We have few reserves and expenditure began to reach – or exceed – income. In 2025 we also faced

potential new expenditures on the Playing Field and on a new device for speed measurements on the B3089. We – the PC – concluded that the best way forward would be a one-off large percentage increase in the precept for 2025/26 to remain on top of the situation. Of course, the increase only amounted to a very few thousand pounds in total, but that still has to be paid by you, Council Taxpayers. We discussed the matter openly at two PC meetings and, at our request, the Village Voice also highlighted our intentions. We received no protests about them so we went ahead with the increase. Of course, we hope – and dare I say it expect – to avoid another large percentage increase in precept in the foreseeable future.

Sir Richard Packer

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