

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

Village Litter Pick

The first village litter pick of the year will take place on Saturday 22 March, 1-3pm, meeting at The Black Dog. Litter pickers and black sacks will be supplied and all helpers warmly welcomed. The more the merrier.

Mobile Library visits

Wiltshire Council is keen to remind residents of the monthly visits to Chilmark by the county's mobile library. The library, which stops at Hops Close from 2.55-3.20pm on a Tuesday every 4 weeks, can be used by anybody who already has a Wiltshire Library card; you can also join free of charge via the mobile library. See Diary for dates.

Wildflower Talk success

Chilmark Horticultural Society was delighted to welcome 35 guests, plus six committee members, to the Spring Talk in the Reading Room in late February. Guests were treated to delicious botanical cocktails and canapés and an informative slide show about Britain's wildflowers, along with free packets of garden seeds.

Village Voice website

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Welcome to the March issue of The Village Voice



Parish Council vacancies

The Chairman of Chilmark Parish Council, Sir Richard Packer, has asked us to flag up forthcoming parish councillor vacancies at the four-yearly election on 1 May 2025. Existing PC members Morag Philpott, Bev Small and Peter Young will not be putting themselves forward for re-election which means there will be vacancies for three candidates. A total of seven people can be elected unopposed to the Parish Council. Anyone who might be interested in becoming a PC member should read the guidelines and advice on p4 of this issue.

Future of village newsletter

A number of residents are asking about plans for a village newsletter following publication of the final issue of The Village Voice under the current editorial team in July. We are still looking for someone who wants to take the project forward; if you're interested, please get in touch

via the VV email address (left hand column). In addition, our wonderful printer for the past 10 years, Alyn Smith of Spectrum Print in Wilton, is retiring at the end of the summer and so, if a new hard copy newsletter is to be established, a new printer will be needed. Our existing advertisers have all been advised that the July-August issue of The Village Voice will be the final one. We remain optimistic that Chilmark will continue to have a publication of some sort in the future, even if in a different format and under a different name. Other nearby villages have successfully navigated brief spells without a newsletter; and options for the future include those adopted elsewhere, such as bi-monthly or quarterly issues.

Looking ahead, I confirm that for the foreseeable future (ie beyond the last issue of The VV) I will continue emailing out the *Chilmark this Week* updates that I started during Covid in 2020. As for the past five years, these will include all forthcoming events and any news items, planning applications etc, considered of interest and / or importance to the village. If there are concerns that residents without access to email are missing out, then a neighbourly system could surely be devised where weekly emails are printed out for affected residents. Certainly, an option to consider?

Other Chilmark news

Included in this month's issue is a feature about a Chilmark resident who was one of the first British women to die on active military service, during the 1914-18 Great War, p10. This a timely discovery given the approach of the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8 May – see Forbes Field news on p5.

Best wishes for a happy start to spring,

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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The Village Voice - Diary

		March Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 4th	7pm	Social Stitchers	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Wednesday 5th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 5th	7pm	Chilmark Parish Council Meeting	CRR
Friday 7th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 8th	10am-12noon	Churchyard Tidy	Chilmark Church
Wednesday 12th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 12th	10am	Nominations open for PC Elections	CRR
Wednesday 12th	12-1.30pm	Coffee Kitchen Lent Lunch	CRR
Friday 14th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 15th	10am-12noon	Fonthill Book Swap	Fonthill Bishop Reading Room
Saturday 15th	7 for 7.30pm	Supper & Quiz Night	CRR
Tuesday 18th	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Tuesday 18th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 19th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Friday 21st	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sunday 23rd	12noon-5pm	Fonthill House Open Gardens	Fonthill House
Wednesday 26th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 26th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Friday 28th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sat29-Wed 2 Apr	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
Sunday 30th	11.15am	Mothering Sunday Service	Chilmark Church
		April	
Wednesday 2nd	4pm	Nominations close for PC Elections	

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Parish Council News

To read the latest draft minutes and future agendas, visit:
www.southwiltshire.gov.uk/site/chilmarkparishcouncil

The next meeting of Chilmark Parish Council is on Wednesday 5 March, 7pm, in the Reading Room. Items on the Agenda include an update on flood prevention following the flooding of Frog Lane via the Playing Field at the end of January, plus the resulting erosion of the unadopted road at Claybush. There will also be updates on the provision of additional parking at Barn Hill, the transfer of ownership of Claybush Playing Field and possible anti-speeding measures on the B3089 Salisbury Road. All residents are welcome to attend; anyone wishing to raise any questions should arrive promptly for the Public Forum at the start of the meeting.

Latest Planning Applications / Decisions

Ref: PL/2024/09739 - Householder Planning Permission
The Dial House, Becketts Lane, Chilmark SP3 5BD
Erection of outbuilding (shepherds hut) for use for purposes incidental to the residential use of the existing dwelling.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mann
Parish Council position: no objection
Wiltshire decision: approved with conditions, 18 February 2025

Ref: PL/2025/00519 - Householder planning permission
Damson Cottage, 88 Ridge, Chilmark, SP3 5BS
Single Storey Rear Extension
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Grant
Case Officer: Megan Donovan
Parish Council position: no objection
Wiltshire decision deadline: 24 March 2025

Ref: PL/2025/01270 - Proposed works to trees in conservation area
Frog Cottage, Frog Lane, Chilmark, SP3 5BB
T1 Common Spruce - Fell
Applicant: Mr Dave Surtees
Case Officer: Julie Kelly
Parish Council Position: no objection
Wiltshire decision deadline: 24 March 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
Case Officer: Andrew Minting
Parish Council position: support
Wiltshire consultation deadline: 2 April 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

Parish Council Elections

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to make a difference in the way your local area is run? This is your opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of our parish.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

- **Make a Difference:** Help guide the development and growth of our community.
- **Be a Voice for Residents:** Represent the views and concerns of local people.

- **Support Community Projects:** Help plan and oversee initiatives that improve our village and surroundings.

Who can be nominated?

- If you live in the parish or have strong connections to the community.
- If you have an interest in local issues and a desire to make a positive impact.
- If you are willing to dedicate time and effort to attend council meetings and work on projects.

How to nominate yourself: to nominate yourself as a candidate for the upcoming election, visit the *Information for candidates* webpage at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-elections-candidates - alternatively, contact Chilmark Parish Council Clerk at chilmarkpcclerk@hotmail.com – who can send you the link to the form. Candidates and agents will be able to use an online booking system to book an informal check of nomination papers. The booking system will not be available until closer to the election. The location of the delivery of nomination papers will depend on the electoral area you are standing in. A list of election areas and the delivery location will be available when the booking system is made available. The following Council Offices will be used for the delivery of nominations:

- **Bourne Hill, Salisbury**
- **County Hall, Trowbridge**
- **Monkton Park, Chippenham**

Candidates with queries relating to the election can contact: candidates@wiltshire.gov.uk - it would be helpful in managing village affairs if those who have submitted nomination forms, or intend to do so, could notify the clerk, Sofya Samokhina - at address above - along with the current chair, Richard Packer: sirrichardpacker@gmail.com

If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of Chilmark Parish Council positions - which is seven - then there will not be an election; however, all candidates do need to submit the form. We encourage you to consider standing for election and making a lasting impact on your community. Your voice can help shape the future of our parish!

Key election dates

- Publication of the Notice of Election – **11 March 2025**
- Nominations Open: **12 March 2025**, 10am (nominations can be delivered between 10am and 4pm on working days)
- Nominations Close: **2 April 2025**, 4pm
- Deadline to register to vote: **11 April 2025**, midnight
- Deadline to apply for or cancel a postal vote or change an existing postal or proxy vote. This is the deadline for receiving new postal vote applications, cancelling an existing postal vote, changing a postal vote arrangement, changing from a proxy vote to a postal vote and changes to existing proxy votes: **14 April 2025**, 5pm.
- Deadline to apply for a new proxy vote: **23 April 2025**, 5pm
- Deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (a free voter ID document in the absence of passport or driving licence): **23 April 2025**, 5pm
- Deadline to appoint polling and counting agents, **24 April 2025**
- Polling Day, **1 May 2025**, 7am-10pm

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Forbes Field Gets Ready

Although the pace of activity in Forbes Field has slowed down in recent months, reflecting completion of our major works programme and the winter season, we have not been idle. On

Wednesday 5 February we undertook our annual tree pruning day. With professional tree surgeon Mark Savage in the lead, Johan Denekamp and Janie Whipp assisted in cutting back a couple of the old Crab Apples in the community orchard. Then they pruned equally carefully the younger trees we have planted over the past three years. As a result, the orchard not only looks better, but it will also bear greater fruit in the future. With help from other members of the Management Group, the opportunity was also taken to tidy up the field. We were glad to note very little litter and thank all users of the field, including dog owners, for making good use of the bin at the entrance.



We are planning other activities this year. There is scope to add a few trees to the orchard this spring, but nothing has been decided on this yet. We have some landscaping work to do around the rustic cairn at the top, south-western corner of the field. We are also looking at laying some elegant paving slabs in the vicinity of the main information panel. All this work is designed to enhance the visitor experience of the Field, and hence to attract villagers to make good use of it.

In close association with the Reading Room Committee, we are planning on running a village event to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. This will probably take the form of a BBQ and bonfire, and – to be confirmed – be held in the Field on the late afternoon of Thursday 8 May in line with national commemorative events that day. Details will be published in The Village Voice nearer the time.

Finally, do visit the Field and make use of this valuable community asset, which has now taken good shape.

Mungo Melvin

Chairman, Forbes Field Management Committee

We are supporting Salisbury Hospice Charity



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CHILMARK COFFEE KITCHEN

invites you to a

Lent Charity Lunch

Wednesday 12th March

12.00-1.30pm

in the Reading Room

Come and join us for soup and accompaniments

Everyone welcome-just pop in!

No booking required and entrance is FREE

Donations to Salisbury Hospice Charity gratefully received

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

This month Chilmark Coffee Kitchen will be open on Wednesday 12 March and Wednesday 26 March. The 12 March event will be one of our popular Lent lunches; soup, bread and accompaniments will be available from 12 noon to 1.30 pm in the Reading Room, and the event will be held in aid of Salisbury Hospice. The 26 March event will be one of our regular coffee mornings when coffee, tea and homemade cakes will be on offer with the opportunity to donate to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless. Entry to both is free and there is no requirement to book. Everyone is welcome to pop in for as much or as little time as they wish; do come along to meet up with friends and neighbours. Anyone able to offer to make soup or any queries, please contact Lynn Menzies on: 01722 717925 angus.menzies1@btinternet.com



Chilmark Reading Room

The Reading Room's popular Supper and Quiz Night is taking place on Saturday 15 March, 7 for 7.30pm. Supper will include Holtwood Community Farm Sausages with mash & gravy; vegetarian & gluten free options available; please state when booking tickets. Teams of six people but do feel free to buy single tickets; teams can be put together on the night! Tickets £15 from Henrietta Cockrell - jkchsc@me.com

SUPPER & QUIZ NIGHT

**Chilmark Reading Room
Saturday 15 March, 7 for 7.30pm**

***Holtwood Community Farm Sausages
served with mash & gravy. Vegetarian &
gluten free options available - please
state when booking tickets.***

Tickets £15

**Teams of up to 6 people but please
feel free to buy a single ticket - we can put teams
together on the night!**

***Please email Henrietta Cockrell to buy tickets
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Food Bank Collection news

Like always I need firstly to thank Chilmark residents for your generosity during the January food bank collection; this weighed in at 76.6 kilos which was two kilos more than stated in the village email as we had a late bag of goodies delivered!

Moving on to our March collection: this will run from Saturday 29 March through to Wednesday 2 April. As always, please donate in-date and non-perishable foodstuffs. However, this month at the top of the list of needed items are toilet rolls, deodorant and any tinned meat products, as well as long life fruit juices and steamed puddings. Thank you for all that you do, it really is making big difference.

Angi Stoop

Chilmark Horticultural Society AGM

A healthy attendance at the AGM on 6 February saw the existing committee re-elected for another year. The committee is looking forward to seeing the results of the first CHS talk of the year, using a renowned external speaker to gauge interest in having a programme of talks. It is also planned to have a discreet CHS plant sale at the Reading Room in the spring on Saturday 10 May. The Chilmark Flower Show will also take place in the Reading Room, on Saturday 13 September, featuring the usual village competition across a range of classes as well as delicious refreshments on offer during the afternoon. The committee was gratified at the level of support they received from the village in 2024.

Mike Scott



March in the Garden

There is definitely a feeling of spring across our beautiful village. How lovely to see snowdrops, primroses and even early daffodils. Whilst we must of course continue to expect frosts, rain and gales, the longer days give us a little more opportunity to tackle garden tasks.

The RHS reminds us that March is really our last opportunity to prune roses. It is the perfect month to plant onion and shallot sets, and if you chitted some potatoes as suggested in our February article, now is the time to plant those too.

Why not plant up a container this month with some summer flowering bulbs? Lilies, Gladioli and Eucomis are popular choices. Also, if you stored any dahlia or begonia tubers over winter, these can now be potted up and watered ready to start them into growth.

Could you help with the RHS Daffodil Diaries? The RHS is asking us to record where daffodils are blooming across the UK, and also to keep a look out for three rare varieties. Please do visit the RHS website for details of how to help and more information. Perhaps you have a rare variety growing in your garden! Visit: www.rhs.org.uk/science/daffodil-diaries

Josie Nunn



Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School
Sponsored walk for school Playground equipment

Mr Smith completed an 88-mile Coast to Coast hike over the February Half Term, following the path of Hadrian's Wall. This was to raise money for the children to have their old wooden climbing frame replaced with new equipment.

The journey began at the coast near Carlisle, following the National Trust path, along the river and into Carlisle itself. On the hike were three others, all friends of Mr Smith and as ex-serving members of the Forces, raising money for their own cause: Help the Heroes.



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Packs were heavy -18-22 kg - as we were all carrying enough food for the trip plus our camping equipment. Conditions on *Day One* were also made more challenging due to snow, which fortunately did not stick!

Day Two was a steady climb into the Pennines but also saw the first of the Wall and the milecastles, which were interesting to see. The Wall was remarkably intact, although evidence was clear that it had been used over the years as building materials for farms, and even one 13th century castle.

Day Three crossed the most remote areas of the Wall; high winds but no rain. It was cold but the views were well worth the effort.



Day Four was less fun - some rain, large sections of the path were on roads and sore feet would have felt better if we were on softer ground. But the good news was that the packs were much lighter by this point, as rations had been used over the previous days.

As requested by the pupils, photos were taken, and the pupils have had fun seeing them shared on the school's Instagram account. Missing are the *Day Four* pictures of me, as I looked at least 20 years older!

The target for the fundraising is £5000. School Friends have gifted the project £2000, and the hike has raised just over £1500. The School would like to thank everyone who contributed, or would like to do so. The Go Fund me page has now closed but Mrs Rennard in the office is happy to help anyone who would like to add to the children's playground project - 01722 716348.

Adam Smith, Head Teacher



Chilmark Cricket Club latest

Chilmark Cricket Club held its AGM at the Black Dog in February. It was riveting stuff. Ricky discussed the accounts, Carl brandished the fixture list, and Fowlsie, like a broken record, begged for an away honours board. The latter wasn't even voted on. It's been the best part of four years since he allegedly took five wickets for eight runs against a team of children and old men out at Damerham, and with each of those years the feeling that critical elements of the story are being left out grows stronger. And I'm here to tell you, they are. Of those eight runs, six were wides. And the pitch was a mare. It helped that the opposition warmed up in The Compasses Inn beforehand, too. Well, maybe not the kids, and to be fair, Fowlsie probably joined them, but the point remains – it's a suspicious achievement.

The season ahead promises more unlikely heroics. Many of them are likely to occur against the Fulham Pigeons, a team of jovial lads armed with music, cheer, and very little cricketing prowess. If ever there's a day to fill your boots.

Then there's Dinton who, as everyone west of Phillips House well knows, are heathens. Fonthill are a far more civilised bunch but they've been consistently strong the last few years, so we'd prefer it if they took it easy this time round. Who else? Berwick St James. It's been 20 years since the two clubs crossed paths, a gap that is down almost entirely to a bloodied head given to one of their batsmen by a Chilmark bowler.

The year was 2005 and a 70-year old Berwick batsman was facing down teenage Chilmark tearaway Harry Packer. The pitch was a gift - not your typical half rolled custard track that was common at the time (and sometimes still is). No, the bounce was true, with the kind of carry that slaps painfully into wicketkeeper's gloves. But that only happens if it doesn't hit something along the way. Like a 70-year old's unprotected head.

But bygones be bygones and all that. I'm sure they haven't been plotting their revenge for two decades.

Packer is long gone, too. In his place we have bowlers like Windmill Will Thompson, whose idiosyncratic action last season bamboozled a batsman so much that he forgot to swing and lost his stumps. We also have Darren Lee, who had barely played the game before his 2009 debut, but now finds himself, 16 years later, with more wickets to his name than anyone else. He's also the only Chilmark bowler to be hit for six sixes in an over.

With every new season comes the promise of new anecdotes. Fancy a game? Speak to one of the players next time you're in the Black Dog, or contact the club by email: chilmarkcc@gmail.com

Brand King



St Margaret of Antioch, Chilmark

Readers may notice that for the 2nd month in succession there is a new layout to the monthly church rota, in which services are listed under the headings of *Proposed Upper & Lower Nadder Valley Benefices*. This arrangement – as explained by Revd Elaine Brightwell in December – sees Chilmark included in the Upper Nadder Valley Benefice, along with the parishes of Ansty, Hindon with Chicklade & Pertwood, Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford, Swallowcliffe and Tisbury. The proposal is currently being considered by the Church Commissioners. If approved, following a yet to be held six-week public consultation period, the existing Nadder Valley Benefice of 14 parishes will be dissolved, with the Revd Brightwell becoming rector of the new *Lower Nadder Valley Benefice*. In turn, the process of finding a rector for the new *Upper Nadder Valley Benefice* will begin. In the coming month (March) the Revd Brightwell will not be taking any of the services at St Margaret's.

Church and Roll - doing things differently

Sunday 23 February was Church as usual - but different! A warm welcome awaited the 9.30am congregation in Chilmark Reading Room. We sang, we prayed, we listened - and after *Church* we chatted with people who don't often come to St Margaret's, which was in some ways the best bit of all. And we enjoyed delicious breakfast treats: croissants and the promised sausages in *rolls*.

Mothering Sunday - 30 March 11.15am

The next of the *special* services is Mothering Sunday in Chilmark Church - commemorating the Annunciation portrayed in those beautiful paintings we mostly see on Christmas cards, with the Angel *announcing* to the Virgin Mary. This used to be the only day in the year when *workers* were allowed to go home to visit their mothers, traditionally picking wildflowers on the way to give to them. In St Margaret's, children at Chilmark School prepare posies to give to their Mums in church - but this is the day we can all celebrate our own Mums, past and present.

Churchyard Tidy

The first Chilmark churchyard tidy of 2025 is on Saturday 8 March, 10am to 12 noon, 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

Looking about in the Churchyard

The piece below was written by 9 year old Nicola Rooke (daughter of John & Wendy Rooke of Mooray Cottages) when she was a pupil at Chilmark School in 1978. It was subsequently reproduced in a booklet celebrating the 700th anniversary of Chilmark Church in 1980:

On Monday 4th September we went up to the church to look around for things. I found an old bent nail. The trees are dark and shadowy. There are deep tunnels and they are very dark and creepy. The trees are like soldiers standing in a row. There are mysterious caves underneath the ground. The sun is in the blue sky and shining right through the clouds. The birds are singing in the trees, they make such a lovely noise. The ivy creeps up the trunks. The breeze is very gentle and it's lovely to have some. I love a gentle breeze now and again. In the churchyard there are tombs where people are buried. We saw a grey cat wandering round the churchyard. The flowers are swaying and dancing about in the gentle breeze.

From the Register in Chilmark

Further to last month's list of baptisms in St Margaret's 200 years ago, this month we include marriages that took place in Chilmark Church 400, 300 & 200 years ago, respectively.

1625

17 October - John Dorie to Katherine Pike

1725

5 April - Abraham Hayes to Elis Wilson, of Wilton

6 April - Mark Spary to Elis Smith

3 May - John Beckett to Jane Goodfellow

7 May - James Mold to Lucy Goodfellow, of Fovant

10 May - Thomas Fricker to Mary Sturges

7 June - Henry Wilkins to Catherine (no surname recorded), of Downton

25 June - Robert Cook to Mary Williams, of Hatch

1 December - Thomas Dolding to Mary Grey

1825

24 February - Edward White, of Hindon, to Margaretta Lane

6 December - John Jay to Jane Yates

15 December - George Young to Elizabeth Payne

22 December - William Kellow to Sarah Bowles

Wholeness and Healing

Come and join us for a time of quietness and space to find *Wholeness and Healing* on Wednesday 12 March, 3pm, at St John's Tisbury, in St Andrew's Chapel. We invite you to join us for our monthly period of contemplation - to pray for yourself and those in need of our support. All welcome.

Church Cleaning Rota

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

Judith Barrett

March	Group
2nd	eight
9th	nine
16th	ten
23rd	one
30th	two
April	
6th	three



Two new cherry trees have been planted near the church



TEAM CLERGY

Revd Elaine Brightwell, (Team Vicar)

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Parish Priest responsible for Hindon with Chicklade and Pertwood
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CHURCHWARDENS

Chilmark, St Margaret of Antioch

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(Proposed) Lower Nadder Benefice Services MARCH 2025											
	2 nd MARCH		6 th MARCH		9 th MARCH		16 th MARCH		23 rd MARCH		30 th March
	Sunday Before Lent		Ash Wednesday		Lent 1		Lent 2		Lent 3		Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
BARFORD	To Compton		0930 HC +Ashing	EB	0930 M _{CW}	LAY	0930 HC _{BCP}	EB	1000 To Teffont	–	0930 AAC MH
BAVERSTOCK	–	–	–	–	0930 PC	AJ	–	–	1000 To Teffont	–	–
COMPTON	1115 PC	+RC/ EB	–	–	–	–	–	–	1000 To Teffont	–	1115 AAS EB
DINTON	To Compton	–	–	–	–	–	0930 AAC	CF/TF	1000 To Teffont	–	0930 AAS JA
FOVANT	To Compton	–	–	–	9:30 To Sutton	–	–	–	1000 To Teffont	–	0930 AAC EB
SUTTON M'VILLE	–	–	–	–	0930 M _{CW}	MG	1600 AAS	EB	1000 To Teffont	–	To Fovant
T. EVIAS	–	–	–	–	1115 AAC	MG	–	–	–	–	–
T. MAGNA	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1000 AAC	EB/ JD	11:15 AAS MH

(Proposed) Upper Nadder Benefice Services MARCH 2025											
Date	2 nd MARCH		6 th MARCH		9 th MARCH		16 th MARCH		23 rd MARCH		30 th March
	Sunday Before Lent		Ash Wednesday		Lent 1		Lent 2		Lent 3		Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
ANSTY	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
CHICKLADE	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
HINDON	0930 PC	JN	1800 HC + Ashing	JN	0930 AAC	JN	1800 E _{BCP}	JN	1000 To Teffont	–	0930 PC JN
CHILMARK	1115 AAC	MG	–	–	0930 AAS	JA	1115 AAC	MH	1000 To Teffont	–	1115 M/MP _r LAY
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	JN	–	–	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	0930 M _{BCP}	MH	1000 To Teffont	–	1115 AAS JA
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 HC _{BCP}	EB	–	–	1115 M _{BCP}	JA	–	–	1000 To Teffont	–	1115 M _{BCP} JN
SWALLOW- CLIFFE	1115 PC _T	MC	1100 HC + Ashing	MH	1800 E _{BCP}	JA	0800 HC _{BCP}	JN	1000 To Teffont	–	1115 M _{BCP} LAY
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JA	1000 HC + Ashing	NW	0930 PC +Baptism	MH	0930 PC 1800 Choral ES	JN JA	1000 To Teffont	–	0800 HC _{BCP} EB 0930 PC MC

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_o** Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
PC_{o2} Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns) **M** Mattins or Morning Prayer **MP_r** Morning Praise

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Annie Moores - Courtesy Imperial War Museum

Chilmark's Great War heroine

The impending restoration of the war memorial in St Margaret's churchyard has led to the discovery that a Chilmark resident was one of the first British women to die on active military service. Annie Moores is the only woman named on the Grade II listed Chilmark memorial, erected in 1920 to mark the deaths of those villagers lost in the First World War. Research prompted by an enquiry from the Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee (the body tasked to grant permission for renovation works) revealed that Annie died aged 27 in May 1918, in a German bombing raid on Abbeville, France, and was subsequently awarded the Victory Medal and British War Medal.

Annie was listed as *Worker* in the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (QMAAC), the first all-women unit in the British Army. It was formed as the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1917 and then renamed in 1918 after Queen Mary became its patron. Women were restricted to *feminine* auxiliary roles, such as store work, administration and catering. They were initially confined to service in Britain, but this was quickly expanded to France.

It is understood Annie worked as a cook in the Corps. She was one of nine women to die on the night of 29-30 May 1918, when German aircraft attacked the QMAAC Camp 1 at Abbeville, with one of their bombs falling on a trench shelter. The Royal British Legion notes the nine were the first British women to die on active military service. A photograph taken by an unknown official Australian photographer show members of the QMAAC marching in the funeral procession for their comrades on 31 May 1918.
Picture next page

Killed alongside Annie in the bombing was 22-year old Margaret Caswell, also from Wiltshire, who had been sent to France in 1917 to work as a waitress in an officers' club at Abbeville Camp. Annie and her comrades were buried

at Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension on the Somme. Worker Marjory Peacock knew one of the dead girls and wrote of the funeral: *Graves in France were just long trenches so before Trixie (Worker Beatrice Campbell) was buried some of us went out into the woods and gathered daffodils and brought packets of hair pins from the canteen and went down into the grave and lined her part of it by pinning daffodils to the sides before she was buried.*

It has yet to be established exactly where in Chilmark Annie lived. Her parents Alfred and Mary were recorded as living in Ludwell at the time of her death. Probate states that Annie was *of Chilmark* and her elder brother Private Ernest Henry Moores, who died in France in 1915, is also on the Chilmark War Memorial. Four months after her death, a letter from the parents to an Army department shows them living at 96 Ridge, so it's possible that Annie and her brother lived there together before joining the forces and heading to France. No. 96 Ridge no longer exists, but 94 & 95 Frickers Lane, Ridge, are the pair of cottages opposite Ridge House and below the drive into Ridge Farm; hence it's likely No. 96 was attached to the Farm.

Annie was born at Stourton with Gasper, near Mere, in 1891 in what is part of Stourhead Estate. Her father was a *carter* on a farm and, in addition to her brother Ernest, she had two elder sisters, Minnie and Ada. The personal inscription on Annie's gravestone reads: SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD MARK X1V.8.

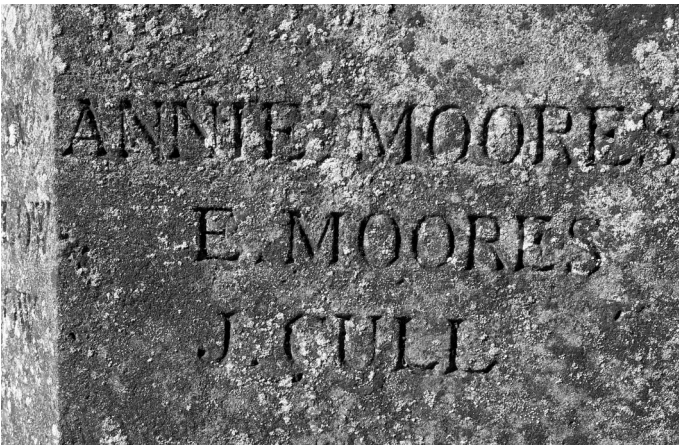
Our thanks go to Lynn Buckland, sister of Chilmark resident Grant Philpott, for researching much of the above information about the life and death of *Worker* Annie Moores. Naturally, we would be delighted to learn of any further detail.



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Chilmark's war memorial, made of Chilmark stone, bears the names of 21 villagers - including Annie and her brother Ernest - who died serving their country during the First World War, along with a further two killed in World War II. The application to repair and restore the memorial is currently being considered by Wiltshire's Planning Conservation department and the Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee. The War Memorials Trust has also been consulted about the proposed work and commented as follow: *In relation to cleaning, in line with best conservation practice, the shaft and cross should be excluded from any steam cleaning and instead cleaning restricted to the stepped base and pedestal. It is important not to over-clean such historic structures and the objective of any routine maintenance is not to return the memorial to like-new condition. Even minimal cleaning can only be carried out a finite number of times without compromising the surface of the stone. Furthermore, any 'cleaner' appearance is likely to be only short term. It is important to manage public expectations around the cleaning of the memorial and avoid being caught in a cycle of cleaning.*



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Tisbury Flower Group

On Tuesday 25 March, 7pm, we will be welcoming Jennifer Thompson to give a presentation arranging flowers under the title *Flowers in Rhyme*. Jennifer is a well-established NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) demonstrator. There is a *flower* supplement payable at this meeting and there will be a raffle to win Jennifer's beautiful arrangements. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings so why not come along and share our love of flowers and floral ideas, learn new skills and make new friends.

We meet in the Hinton Hall, Tisbury, on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) and we have further demonstrations, workshops and social events planned for the rest of the year. Keep a look out for our monthly details posted in and around Tisbury. Please note: visitors pay a small fee of £6; refreshments are served at all meetings and included in the fee. For further information please contact: Bernadette Watson 01747 228271 - blwatson4@gmail.com or Sally Hughes 01747 820700 - hughessal@btinternet.com

Fonthill House Open Gardens

A reminder that the first Fonthill House *Open Gardens* of the year is set to take place on Sunday 23 March, in aid of the National Garden Scheme. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see the Fonthill daffodils at their best. Opening times: 12 noon-5pm. Adults £8, Children Free. Light refreshments available including sandwiches, quiches, cakes, soft drinks, tea, coffee & wine. Tickets can be booked in advance: <https://shorturl.at/hTQFh>

Meanwhile, Salisbury Hospice is delighted to have been chosen by Lord Margadale as the charity to benefit from the opening of the Fonthill House gardens in April. This event will take place on Sunday 27 April, 12 noon-5pm.



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Recycling & Waste Collections

March 2025

Tuesday 4

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

Wednesday 12

Grey bin - household waste

Tuesday 18

Blue lid, Black Box, Green lid

Wednesday 26

Grey Bin

Putting the wrong things in the recycling bin may result in it not being emptied.

What you **can** put in your blue-lidded recycling bin:

Paper and cardboard

Paper (any colour)

Cardboard (any colour) such as cereal boxes, greeting cards (without glitter), food packaging and toilet rolls.

Corrugated cardboard

Directories and catalogues

Envelopes (no need to remove windows)

Kitchen and toilet roll tubes

Newspapers and magazines

Shoe boxes

Wrapping paper, non foil-lined and without glitter. You should check by scrunching it into a ball, if it does not bounce back it can be recycled.

*We use screens to sort the card and paper from other materials and wet fibre tends to fall apart during this process. Wet cardboard and paper also sticks to other items and is more difficult to separate and can cause blockages. To prevent paper and cardboard getting wet, these items should be inside the bin, but plastic and tin items and cartons can be presented next to the bin. You should remove all non-cardboard and paper packaging such as bubble wrap or polystyrene. You should recycle **shredded paper** at a Household Recycling Centre.*

Plastics

Bleach bottles

Drinks bottles such as milk, juice, squash

Cooking oil bottles

Hand wash and washing up liquid bottles

Laundry liquid and fabric conditioner bottles

Plastic food trays - meat, fruit and vegetable trays

Shampoo and conditioner bottles

Upright 'pump' type toothpaste tubes

Yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs

*No **black** plastics are accepted. You should rinse and squash bottles and keep the lids on. Rinse out food cans, trays and foil. You should scrunch all foil together before disposing.*

Metals

Foil and trays

Food tins

Drinks cans

Metal biscuit tins

Empty aerosols

Make sure aerosols are completely empty and depressurized; they may explode when compacted

Cartons

Custard cartons

Drink cartons

Food cartons, eg passata, soup, milk cartons

You should rinse and squash all cartons before disposal

What you cannot put in your blue-lidded recycling bin

Black plastics

Small electrical items and batteries (batteries can be left **on top** of your bin in a clear plastic bag)

Cardboard contaminated with food such as takeaway pizza boxes

Film lids from pots, tubs and trays

Cling film and plastic bags such as carrier bags, sandwich bags, freezer bags and bin liners

Crisps or sweet packets

Pet food pouches

Disposable drinks cups and plastic straws and compostable plastics including cups, trays, films, and cartons

Plastic packaging and polystyrene and plastic tubes such as toothpaste and hand cream tubes

Plant pots - you can take these to a Household Recycling Centre or return them to garden centres for reuse

Rigid plastic such as toys and garden furniture

Boxes with plastic windows - you should remove the window first

Foil-lined cardboard tubes such as Pringles tubes

Dirty cans or tins - you should rinse all recyclables first

Clinical and medical products

Books and textiles - you can recycle these at a Household Recycling Centre

Shredded paper - you can dispose of shredded paper in the household waste bin or recycle it at a Household Recycling Centre. Alternatively, you can compost this.

Coffee pods - you can recycle these at your local Household Recycling Centre

Foil lined wrapping paper or wrapping paper containing glitter, plastic bags and polystyrene packaging.

For more information about what and how to recycle, visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Household Recycling Centres - winter opening times

Wiltshire's Household Recycling Centres (**HRCs**)

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- Warminster: every day except Wednesday & Thursday, 10am-4pm





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Wiltshire Police News

From our Police & Crime Commissioner:

The transformation of Wiltshire Police's service will continue after my budget was approved by the police and crime panel early in February. This support will mean the police precept will rise by £14 a year, for a Band D property. It isn't a position I wanted but I was faced with £11m of savings if I didn't. Even with the rise, £6.8m of savings need to be delivered by transformation of police service delivery. I can reassure you Wiltshire Police will always have protecting the public, increasing public access and visibility and Making Wiltshire Safer at the fore of every decision.

It is a fact I am asking the Chief Constable to do ever more with less funding. I am asking her to improve the policing service, for more visible and effective policing but with less funding than the majority of Chief Constables. Wiltshire Police is delivering – we have the most police officers in a decade, increased outcome rates, crime decreasing in some crime types year-on-year, and communities seeing more visible policing with improving 999 and 101 response times. This comes at a cost and is why I had to ask for the maximum increase.

Of course, the financial challenges mean there will be tough decisions but not at the cost of frontline policing or the service received. The Chief Constable and I have committed to protect police officer numbers and police stations with public access. The Chief and I know there is more to do to make people feel safe and we will not stop ensuring Wiltshire Police is on that improvement journey and will lead the way as one of the most effective and efficient forces.

Philip Wilkinson

Countryside Road Safety Code

A Code for Countryside Roads has been launched by the National Farmers Union insurance company (NFU Mutual) in a bid to make rural roads safer for all users. The initiative is a response to the fact that each year a vastly disproportionate number of lives are lost on rural roads, with vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders continuing to shoulder a greater risk. The Code is supported by the farming unions of all four nations, the British Horse Society, Older Drivers Forum, the Farm Safety Foundation, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

Analysis of Department for Transport figures revealed there were 70% more deaths on Britain's rural roads in 2023 than there were on urban roads while collisions on rural roads are also around four times more likely to result in a fatality. Common hazards highlighted in the Code include:

- Higher and changing speed limits
- Blind corners, junctions and field entrances
- Narrow carriageways and single lanes with no hard shoulder
- Poor road condition
- Overgrown verges
- Undulating roads
- Limited / no road lighting or road markings
- Ice, compacted snow and fog on ungritted roads
- Mud and debris on the road
- Agricultural vehicles
- Livestock and wild animals
- Pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders
- Parked and stationary vehicles at passing points

To download the Code, visit: <https://shorturl.at/CILLI>

New Road Signs

Readers may have noticed the appearance of 10 new road signs on roads in Wiltshire, indicating that drivers are entering the Cranborne Chase National Landscape, and an international Dark Sky Reserve. The erection of the new signs has realised a long-held ambition of the National Landscape, to improve the *sense of place* and the public's understanding of the area and its boundaries. Seven of the signs are now erected on the side of 'A' roads in Wiltshire, on the boundary points of the National Landscape, and there are three on 'B' roads. The signs were designed by Wiltshire Highways.



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