

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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

Plant Sale

The Chilmark Horticultural Society is holding a Plant Sale in the Reading Room on Saturday 10 May, 10.30am to noon. Details on p4.

Church Fete Help, Please

Your help really is needed for this year's Chilmark Church Fete at the Old Rectory (Saturday 28 June) particularly with the setting up of tents on Thursday 26 June, 6pm, and then taking them down afterwards. Last year this task fell on the shoulders of too few people. Please do put the dates in your diary if you can help. Beers will be on offer, p5.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM of St Margaret's Chilmark is on Sunday 18 May, 12 noon, after the morning service. All parishioners are welcome to attend, p8

Chilmark this Week email

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1945 V·E DAY 2025

80th Anniversary
Thursday 8 May

Chilmark & Teffont
celebrate in Forbes Field
from 5pm

WW2 themed Dress Competition! WW2 themed Music!

Bar & BBQ!

Welcome to the May issue

This month gets off to a busy start in Chilmark with the Local Elections on 1 May, and then the Annual Parish Assembly on Wed 7 May, followed immediately by the Parish Council AGM. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected parish council, including three new members, p4. Thanks are due to the three retiring members – Morag Philpott, Bev Small and Peter Young - for their tireless work over the past four years on planning matters, highways issues, and emergency planning & litter collection. Much of this work goes under the radar but is greatly appreciated.

On Thursday 8 May there is a wonderful opportunity for the whole village to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) in Forbes Field. Chilmark is delighted to be welcoming Teffont residents to the event, and there will be a barbecue

and bar run by the Chilmark Reading Room committee. World War II period dress is encouraged for the occasion, and prizes will be awarded for best costumes, child & adult, p4.

Chilmark Cricket Club's 2025 season got underway in the last week of April and markers are already down for continuation of the long-running rivalry between CCC and Fonthill. Watch this space! Meanwhile, further offers of help with Cricket Teas for the coming season would be welcomed, p6.

After the last Village Voice

Thank you to those readers who alerted us to neighbours unable to receive *Chilmark this Week* emails. We are aiming to ensure that as many residents as possible have access to these updates following the final issue of *The Village Voice* in July. Hence, in the June issue (assuming that no-one steps forward in the interim to take the newsletter on) we will include a form to be completed by those who wish to receive hard-copy versions of the emails. In the meantime, we are delighted to report that our wonderful printer for the past 10 years – Spectrum Print of Wilton – has now found a new location from which to print as of September.

Best wishes for a wonderful May,
The Editorial Team



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The Village Voice Editorial Team

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The Village Voice - Diary

		May Dates for your Diary	
Thursday 1st	7am-10pm	Nadder Valley & PC Elections	Chilmark Reading Room (CRR)
Friday 2nd	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Tuesday 6th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 7th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 7th	7pm	Annual Parish Assembly/PC AGM	CRR
Thursday 8th	5pm	VE Day 80 th Anniversary	Forbes Field
Saturday 10th	10.30-12noon	CHS Plant Sale	CRR
Sunday 11th	1.30pm	CCC v Urchfont	Cleeves Farm
Tuesday 13th	2.55-3.20pm	Mobile Library	Hops Close
Wednesday 14th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 14th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Friday 16th	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Saturday 17th	10am-12noon	Fonthill Book Swap	Fonthill Bishop Reading Room
Sunday 18th	12noon	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Chilmark Church
Sunday 18th	1.30pm	CCC v Fonthill	Cleeves Farm
Tuesday 20th	7pm	Social Stitchers	CRR
Wednesday 21st	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 23rd	10.30am	Art Group Life Drawing	CRR
Sat 24-Wed 28th	9am-5pm	Food Bank Collection	Chilmark Church
Monday 26th		Start of Half Term week	Chilmark School
Wednesday 28th	9am	Kettlercise Class	CRR
Wednesday 28th	10.30-12noon	Chilmark Coffee Kitchen	CRR
Saturday 31st	1.30pm	CCC v Douglas Jardine	Cleeves Farm

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Parish Council News

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Parish Elections

The four yearly Parish Council elections take place on Thursday 1 May and we can confirm they will be uncontested in Chilmark, which has a maximum of seven councillors. As previously reported, three current members – Morag Philpott, Bev Small and Peter Young – are standing down from the PC as of 30 April and three other residents have put themselves forward for election. The candidates list which will be confirmed as elected on 1 May 2025 is below:

Denekamp, Johan Harmanus
Jack, Raymond Evan
Jacobs, Carl
Packer, Richard John
Siney, Rex Jonathan
Von Halle, Hugo Timothy
Whipp, Janie

Annual Parish Meeting & PC AGM

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council AGM will take place in the Reading Room on Wednesday 7 May, 7pm. The PC Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year will be elected at the AGM. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for all residents to hear annual reports from village organisations, particularly those receiving financial support from the PC, and also to raise any issues relating to the village. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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
Case Officer: Sue Morgan
Parish Council position: No objection
Decision deadline: 12 May 2025

Ref: PL/2025/00519 - Householder planning permission
Damson Cottage, 88 Ridge, Chilmark, SP3 5BS
Single Storey Rear Extension
Decision: Approved with conditions – 24 April 2025

Ref: PL/2025/02663 – Proposed works to trees in conservation area
Meadow House, The Street, Chilmark, SP3 5AR
T1 - Cherry: reduce upper canopy regrowth shoots (from previous pruning) by 2m all over. Pruning cuts not exceeding 75mm in diameter. Lateral branches may be reduced in length by up to 1.5m.
T2 - Crataegus: reduce upper canopy regrowth shoots (from previous pruning) by 2m all over. Pruning cuts not exceeding 75mm in diameter. Lateral branches may be reduced in length by up to 1.5m.
G1- Himalayan Birch: thin upper canopy of group and prune in height by 1m. Pruning cuts not exceeding 50mm in diameter.
Decision: No objection - 15 April 2025

Ref: PL/2025/02479 – Proposed works to trees in conservation area
Cross Farm, The Street, Chilmark, SP3 5AR
Holly Tree – Fell
Decision: No objection – 8 April 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 deadline: 2 April 2025
Status: under consultation

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



VE Day Celebrations

The Forbes Field Management Group and the Reading Room Committee are jointly hosting a VE80 celebratory event at Forbes Field on Thursday 8 May. Villagers from Chilmark and Teffont are invited to arrive from 5pm at which point the bar will be serving drinks. Food from the barbeque will be served from approximately 5.30pm. Period (Second World War-themed) dress is encouraged as there will be four prizes - two for children and two for adults - for the best costumes. There will be some Second World War-themed music as well. Attendees might wish to bring rugs and chairs to the event. A short playback of Churchill's victory speech of 8 May 1945 will take place at approximately 6.30pm and prize giving etc will be completed by 7pm. Thereafter, celebrations may continue in the Black Dog.
Mungo Melvin



A reminder that the Reading Room is running a bar and barbecue from 5pm on Thursday 8 May for the 80th VE Day Celebration at Forbes Field. We look forward to seeing lots of villagers. Little Chef alumni, Dathan Trent, will be firing up his legendary barbie and we will be very well stocked up.

Looking further ahead, please save the date and come along to the Race Night in the Reading Room on Saturday 21 June. 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. Tickets are £12, which includes a welcome drink and amazing canapés throughout the evening. Doors open at 7pm with the first race off at 7.30pm. Please contact jkchsc@me.com for tickets.
Alison Whipp-Long

Plant Sale

Chilmark Horticultural Society are delighted to invite you to a Plant Sale which will take place in the Reading Room on Saturday 10 May between 10.30am and 12noon. CHS management committee members have been busy growing, and a range of plants will be on sale, including annuals, perennials and vegetables, all ready for planting into your gardens and greenhouses. We hope to have some packets of seed available too. Do come along and grab a bargain or two. Supplies are limited, so come early for the best choice! Don't forget to bring along a box or bag to carry home your new plants. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available to purchase. We look forward to seeing you all.

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Chilmark Church Fete

Saturday 28 June, 2.30-4.30pm

With thanks to Hugo and Olivia von Halle, we are all invited to go to the lovely garden at The Old Rectory, The Street, on the afternoon of 28 June and enjoy the fete. There will be games, activities, ice-creams, teas, Pimms, bottles, plants, a raffle – and plenty more – all in aid of church funds and the Friends of the School. Do come and support this lovely event or offer to volunteer for stalls or new games! Does anyone fancy running a bric-a-brac stall, for example? It is great fun to organise a popular stall such as this and is always a great way to meet new and old friends.

By the way, June is the month in which to celebrate the special skills of JUGGLING. So, start practising and prepare yourselves to show us all you can do. There will be competitions to judge the best or most ambitious performances.

We shall put up the tent for the Fete on the evening of Thursday 26 June from 6pm, instead of the Friday as there is a cricket match on 27th. We would be hugely grateful if volunteers could please come and help. Beers will be on hand! Any queries and/or offers of help, please contact Felicity on 01722 716271 or fgpattenden@hotmail.com

Church Fete Teas and Cake Stall

We would be delighted to receive any home-baked cakes for the teas and 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. We would also be very grateful for some volunteers to serve tea and cakes during the Fete. If you could spare an hour, or even half an hour, please contact Morag Philpott (07470 380410) or Susan Lewis (07796 020401).

Plant Stall

Chilmark Horticultural Society will be supporting the village fete with a plant stall. We hope to have a range of annuals and perennials available. If you can spare a few plants to donate to our stall, we would be very grateful. Perhaps you have a few bedding plants left over, or some that have self-seeded where you don't want them? Or maybe you have some overcrowded clumps of perennials that could be lifted and divided? Whatever you can give would be much appreciated. Please bring donations along to the stall on the morning of the fete between 9.30am - 11am.

Bottle Stall

Johan and Lesley Denekamp are putting out a village wide plea for any donations for the bottle stall which has proved to be very popular over the years. If you could spare a bottle or two - wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks - they would be most welcome. Please deliver to the Pattens at 2 The Street (716271) or contact jdenekamp@msn.com to arrange for collection. Thank you.

Your wedding photos please

One idea for this year's Fete is to assemble a montage of wedding photos of as many people in the village as possible. It would be so nice to see what everyone looked like in their young days and the wedding day is when a photo would have been taken and everyone is smiling. Alternatively, it could just be a photo of the start of their relationship, too. All contributions please (one photo per couple) should be sent to Morag Philpott at: morag.philpott@btinternet.com

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen

Chilmark Coffee Kitchen will be opening its doors this month on Wednesday 14 and Wednesday 28 May from 10.30-12noon in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to pop in and enjoy tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes. As always, everything is free but donations to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless are gratefully received. Newcomers to Chilmark are especially welcome; it is a great way to meet other people living in the village. Any queries, please contact Lynn Menzies:

01722 717925/ angus.menzies1@btinternet.com

Lynn Menzies

Food Bank Collection news

Well Easter has been and gone and our last village contribution of 85kg to the Salisbury Food Bank was greatly appreciated. The collection helped towards the 114 Easter Hampers distributed by the Food Bank. These all contained six meals for a family of four. It is nice to know that 345 children and 228 adults benefited. The initiative was designed to help struggling families over the Easter school holiday. All the hampers included 578 Easter eggs as a treat, along with a recipe sheet to help families plan balanced meals. I thought you may like to see an example from this sheet:

Chicken and potato pie

Ingredient list: tinned chicken in white sauce x 2, tinned potatoes x 2, tinned peas x1, tinned sweetcorn x 1

Pre heat oven to 180 degrees or gas mark 4

Pour the chicken in sauce into an oven proof dish. Drain veg and add them to the dish; mix into the chicken in sauce

Drain potatoes and slice up

Place the slices of potatoes on top of the chicken and vegetables

Place in oven on 180 degrees for 25-30 mins or until the potatoes are golden brown and the chicken is hot.

Our next collection will run from Saturday 24 May to Wednesday 28 May. In-date non-perishable goods, please, to be left in the Church by the font for me to collect. Toiletries are also always greatly appreciated. I will let you know nearer the time what the Food bank is short of. A great big thank you again from me and all at the Food Bank.

Angi Stoop

Prize Winner

The Chilmark Horticultural Society competition for new members signing up before 1 April 2025 was won by Lisbeth Diaper. She is seen receiving her Garden Centre Voucher from CHS Treasurer Mike Scott. There are now 26 signed up CHS members and, with an expanded programme this year, we are hoping to sign up more.

Mike Scott





RHS

May in the Garden

As bulbs fade, our herbaceous plants are bursting into life. It's time for the *Chelsea Chop* again – cut back late flowering perennials like Sedums by a third to a half now, to prevent them flopping later in the summer.

Potato plants are traditionally *earthed up*, this month, which means mounding up soil around the stems as they grow. This protects the shoots from frost damage in late spring and ensures the developing potatoes aren't exposed to light, which turns them green and inedible. It's a simple process – once the shoots are about 23cm (9in) tall, draw soil up around them to form a ridge along the row, leaving just the top 10cm (4in) of the plants visible. As the stems grow taller, repeat the process several times, a few weeks apart. The final height of the ridge should be 20–30cm (8–12in). Follow a similar process for potatoes growing in containers, until the surface reaches 5cm (2 in) below the container rim.

Towards the end of May, when danger of any late frosts is past, summer bedding plants can be planted out in borders, containers and hanging baskets. This is also time to plant out any tender veg like tomatoes, courgettes and cucumbers. Don't forget to open your greenhouse vents and doors on warm days.

May is also a good month to lift and divide any overcrowded clumps of spring bulbs like daffodils. Be careful not to spear bulbs with your garden fork though!

Josie Nunn



Chilmark Cricket Club latest

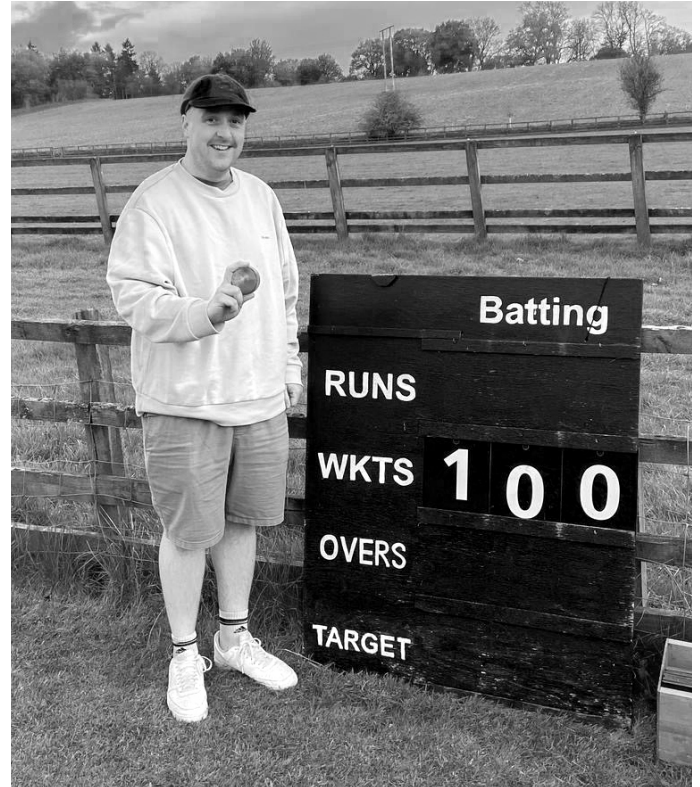
After weeks of glorious sunshine and relative warmth the season began under grey and chilly conditions at Fonthill on Wednesday 23 April. Rugged up, Chilmark made a brisk start, with George and James *Rocket* Stevenson racing out of the traps. In fact, the father/son pair didn't give anyone else a look in as they shook off the winter cobwebs to post an imposing 179 from the 20 overs. For George it was bittersweet though, as he looked bolted on for a century, only to be left stranded one short when his father accidentally hit a boundary while attempting to nurdle a single from the second last ball.

A confident Chilmark took to the field in the second half, with Ricky Corbin (0-26) and Max Allen (0-30) getting the defence under way. However, Fonthill's openers were untroubled as they raced along at ten an over. George Stevenson (0-37), Brand King (0-21) and Ben Eastmond (0-17) all tried to make an impression, but it wasn't until Sam Moss took the ball that wickets fell. Two of them in succession. When an Allen outfield catch brought him a third, and with a reborn Jez Howell (0-21) tying things up at the other end, Chilmark were back in it. Alas, the early damage was terminal, and Fonthill got home with two balls to spare.

Chilmark CC 179-0 (G Stevenson 99*; J Stevenson 75*) defeated by Fonthill Park CC 182-3 (S Moss 3-25).

Two days later a resplendent Cleaves Farm hosted The Authors for another T20 game. George Stevenson took the new ball for Chilmark and was at times unplayable. His four overs went for just 14 and came with a peach of a wicket that uprooted the opener's middle stump. Ben Eastmond (0-33) was less successful, but also unlucky, as the Doc dropped a catch at cover. Darren Lee (0-27) rolled his arm over for his first spell of the year and bowled his

first wide. He may have had a first wicket, too, but the Doc dropped the catch at cover. It was Jez Howell (1-35) who got the reward for his off-season training, nipping one into the batsman's stumps. He would have had a second, but the Doc dropped the catch at cover. Practice makes perfect though, and Ricky Corbin was the beneficiary as the ball finally stuck in the Doc's hands. For Corbin it was a 100th wicket for the club, making him just the sixth Chilmark player to reach the milestone. James Stevenson (0-17) kept things tight towards the end, and would have had a wicket, but the Doc dropped the catch at cover.



Ricky Corbin took his 100th wicket for the club during the game against the Authors. He's the sixth player to reach the milestone.

Chasing 144 for victory, Chilmark got off to a bright start as Brand King hit the first two balls of the innings back down the ground for four. At the other end, Jonny Sanderson (4) was looking good but had no luck as he middled one to the catcher at mid-off. Enter Max Allen. After smashing the ball first into his left foot, and then the right, the Frog Lane native took to smashing it out of the ground. Ten sixes came from his borrowed bat, as the run chase went from nervous, to steady, to comfortable. With King happy to take the singles, Allen raced past his 50 and to the cusp of a century, only to run out of runs to chase as Chilmark secured victory with three overs to spare.

Chilmark CC 145-1 (M Allen 95*; B King 35*) defeated The Authors CC 143-3 (R Corbin 1-11; G Stevenson 1-14)

Upcoming fixture this month:
Sunday 11 May at home to Urchfont
Sunday 18 May at home to Fonthill
Sunday 25 May away at Collingbourne
Saturday 31 May at home to Douglas Jardine
Brand King

Cricket Teas Help Please

The CCC Tea Coordinators would love further offers of help for cricket teas at Cleaves Farm matches during the summer. All help is hugely appreciated, particularly as

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Chilmark has its reputation to uphold for serving the best teas in Wiltshire!

For each match we look to provide 6 cakes, 5 rounds of sandwiches (or equivalent) and have two servers (plus one of the players will act as Tea Helper). CCC are happy to reimburse any costs for ingredients. Please could you let us know if you are able to provide a cake or sandwiches, or help serve, for the following matches:

Sunday 29 June

Sunday 6 July

Sunday 20 July

Sunday 24 August

Sunday 31 August

Saturday 13 September

Thank you in advance!

Lizzie & Carl Jacobs, lizziej1234567@aol.com

Summer Sports Camp

Chilmark youngsters will have the opportunity to take part in a sports camp in the village this summer. The camp is being run at Chilmark Cricket Club's Cleaves Farm HQ, by kind permission of Henry & Elizabeth Pelham, from Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August. It is aimed at Boys and Girls aged 6-13 with a variety of age-appropriate activities on offer. The coaches are all DBS checked and have first-aid training. The camp will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm each day but early drop-off and late pick-up (8.15-9.15am and 3.30-4.30pm) will be available. The cost of the camp is £35 per day or £150 for the whole week. Early booking is encouraged to avoid disappointment. Contact Ed Lewis on 07792 672917 or scan the QR code in the ad panel next column.

CHILMARK SPORTS CAMP

Boys & Girls
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Sign up early to avoid
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Variety of age - appropriate
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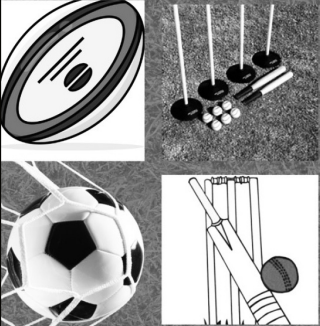
Venue:
Chilmark Cricket Club

Early drop-off and
late pick-up available
0815-0915 - 1530-1630

Cost : £35 per day or
£150 for the week

Contact Ed Lewis- 07792672917





Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop School

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter break and to have some sunny spring weather.

We have kicked off a busy term with Elm Class's exciting trip to the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne. The children stayed in a Viking Long House overnight and really enjoyed the unique experience. They learnt many ancient skills and making butter was a particular favourite. The children behaved really well, enjoyed the activities and we were very proud of them.

Later this term the Year 6 pupils will take their SAT tests ahead of moving to secondary school.

We held a Book Fair in the first week back which created excitement and we are always keen to refocus on our passion for reading. The Friends ran a pop-up café and the event was really well supported.



St Margaret's Chilmark

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Chilmark's Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 18 May immediately after the 11.15am All Age Communion service, to be led by the Revd Elaine Brightwell. It is an opportunity to hear the Annual Report from St Margaret's and also to raise any questions about church related matters. The new Parochial Church Council (PCC) will also be elected for the coming year. All very welcome to attend.

Flower Thanks

Once again, a huge thank you for helping to make the church look so lovely for Easter.

Janey Middleton

Farrant Singers Concert

The Farrant Singers, Salisbury's longest-established chamber choir, will be performing at St John the Baptist Church, Hindon, on Thursday 22 May. Tickets £12 from Hindon Shop, or at the door. Doors open 7.15 for an 8pm start.

Focus Point

As May comes in, I wonder how many people have already planned journeys and trips for the summer. Perhaps your choice is to explore somewhere new – a journey into the unknown and exciting, a different culture and climate. Or perhaps you prefer to keep things simple – to revisit friends and special places, secure in the knowledge that you will be met with joy – and, if we are honest, with some new experience there too.

The 'journey' has also become a metaphor to describe our spiritual and emotional progress through life. And for centuries, Christians and people of all faiths have made pilgrimage to particular sites. Perhaps our closest places on the national map would be Shaftesbury – the site of the burial of Edward, King and Martyr – or Salisbury, where the shrine of St Osmund can be found in our Cathedral.

A pilgrimage is a journey of intent. It has, usually, a physical intent. We aim to reach a particular place. We journey often with companions and part of value of the pilgrimage is both in the effort of the journey and in the shared conversations on the way. As I write, we have just completed the 30 or so miles of the St Edward's way with wonderful companions who opened our eyes to so much that we would not have otherwise seen (they also brought the best brownies we have ever eaten!)

But a pilgrimage may also have a specific spiritual dimension. In Medieval times, people would make a journey seeking forgiveness for sins, or for healing for themselves or others. Nowadays, it may be the challenge of the journey, and the value of the time for meditation or prayer that bring a sense of blessing.

It is a healthy thing to expect change. And it is so much easier if we live in the expectation of discovering new things, new places, new aspects of our faith and of the gifts of others. A sense of pilgrimage in life means that we greet every day, every place and every person with a spirit of welcome and a readiness to seek the good.

It's also a healthy thing to build a spirit of contemplation into our daily lives – to set aside time to reflect, to ponder, to pray and to pause. It leads to gratitude.

But most of all, it's an enormous blessing to be given the joy of encounter, with others, with ourselves and with God. I don't think it is any accident that Jesus' ministry was spent walking with others on road and hill and city. So, whether your journey is long or simply to the nearest coffee stop, may every step of your way this Spring be joyful.

Every blessing,
Revd Joanna Naish

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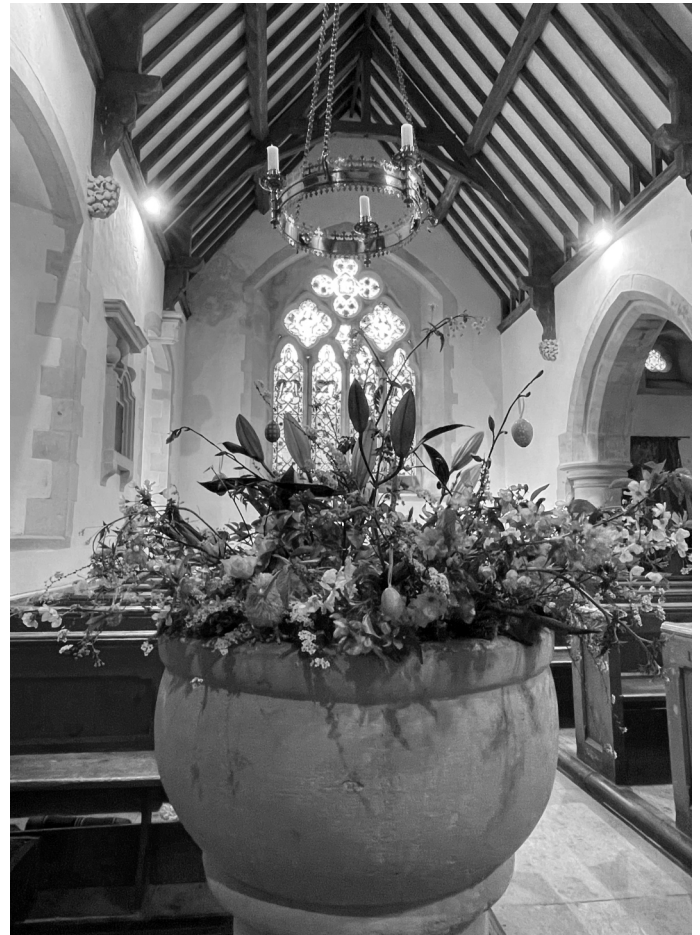
Come and join us for a time of quietness and space to find *Wholeness and Healing* on Wednesday 14 May, 4pm, at St John's Tisbury, in St Andrew's Chapel. We invite you to join us for our monthly period of contemplation - to pray for yourself and those who need our prayers. Please note our new time.

Church Cleaning Rota

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

Judith Barrett

May	Group
4th	seven
11th	eight
18th	nine
25th	ten
June	
1st	one





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(Proposed) Lower Nadder Benefice Services MAY 2025										
	4 th May		11 th May		18 th May		25 th May		29 th May	
	Easter 3		Easter 4		Easter 5		Easter 6/Rogation		Ascension Day	
BARFORD	1000 Celebration of Peace	EB	0930 M _{CW}	LAY	0930 H _{CBP}	EB	0930 AAC	EB	—	
BAVERSTOCK	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
COMPTON	1000 To Barford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
DINTON	1000 To Barford	—	—	—	0930 AAC	CF/TF	0930 M _{CW}	JA	—	
FOVANT	0800 H _C O _{2T}	EB	To Sutton	—	1800 ES	EB	0930 PC	PC	—	
SUTTON M'VILLE	1000 To Barford	—	0930 M _{CW}	MG	1600 AAS	EB	To Fovant	—	—	
T. EVIAS	—	—	1115 AAC	MG	—	—	—	—	—	
T. MAGNA	—	—	—	—	—	—	1115 AAC	EB	—	

(Proposed) Upper Nadder Benefice Services MAY 2025										
Date	4 th May		11 th May		18 th May		25 th May		29 th May	
	Easter 3		Easter 4		Easter 5		Easter 6/Rogation		Ascension Day	
ANSTY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CHICKLADE	—	—	—	—	—	—	0930 PC	JN	—	—
HINDON	0930 PC	JN	0930 AAC	JN	1800 E _{BCP}	LAY	0930 PC Martha's Down 0930 to Chicklade	—	1100 PC	JN
CHILMARK	1115 AAC	MH	0930 AAS	JA	1115 AAC +APCM	EB	1115 MP	LAY	—	—
FONTHILL BISHOP	1700 E _{BCP}	MH	0800 H _{CBP}	JN	0930 M _{BCP}	JD	—	—	—	—
FONTHILL GIFFORD	0800 H _{CBP}	JN	1115 M _{BCP}	JA	—	—	1115 M _{BCP}	JA	—	—
SWALLOW-CLIFFE	1115 PC _T	MC	1800 E _{BCP}	JA	0800 H _{CBP}	EB	1115 M _{BCP}	LAY	—	—
TISBURY	0930 AAS	JA	0930 PC	PC	0930 PC 1800 Choral ES	MG JA	0800 H _{CBP} 0930 PC	MH MH	1830 PC	NW

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) **PC₂** Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
PC_{O2T} Order 2 Communion traditional language (with hymns) **M** Mattins or Morning Prayer **MP_r** Morning Praise

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CF Colin Fox **DB** Denise Binks **EB** Elaine Brightwell **FrJ** Father Jonathan **JA** Judy Anderson **JD** Julie Dunstan **JN** Jo Naish **KPM** Paul Mellor
KR Katharine Rumens **MC** Michael Camp **MG** Michael Goater **MaG** Maggie Guillebaud **MH** Mark Hayter **PC** Patricia Clegg **PG** Paul Gorford **NW** Nigel Worn
SE Simon Evans **TF** Tina Fox **TM** Rev Canon Tony Monds

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Ansty May Day

A reminder that Ansty will be holding its traditional May Day celebrations on Bank Holiday Monday 5 May, 1pm until 5pm, around the Maypole in Ansty High Street. The event will be raising funds for Julia's House Hospice. All are welcome to join the festivities around the Maypole to watch the talented young Maypole dancers and the procession and crowning of the May Queen and her attendant. Enjoy live music, Morris dancers, stalls, a raffle, a licensed bar and hot food.

Hospice Family Fun Day

Salisbury Hospice's annual Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday 10 May, from 12noon to 9.30pm at Salisbury Rugby Club, Castle Road, SP1 3SA. Now in its 11th year, the event has become a firm favourite with families, the young and the not so young alike, providing entertainment for the whole family. Entry is free. Attractions include a beer festival, live music, Pimms & Prosecco, street food, football & touch rugby, children's entertainment and a grand raffle. To date the event has raised more than £130,000 for the Salisbury Hospice charity.

Tisbury Flower Group

May has arrived with longer days and warmer evenings. A lovely time of year to venture out for a stroll to the Tisbury Flower Group, who meet once a month on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) in the Hinton Hall. Don't forget to look out for our floral display at the Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival this month, which takes place on Tuesday 11 - Sunday 18 May.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday 27 May at 7pm, we welcome Caroline Vanstone, a skilled NAFAS demonstrator who will be presenting beautiful floral arrangements under the title *Lurking in The Garage*. There is a flower supplement payable at this meeting and there will also be a raffle to win Caroline's beautiful arrangements. In addition, there will be a floral competition, entitled *Element of your Garage*. Demonstrator evenings are really enjoyable and very interesting. Visitors are always welcome; do come along to our meeting and share your love of flowers and floral ideas and join in the fun. We look forward to meeting you. Visitors pay a small fee of £6, plus associated charge for the raffle. Refreshments are served at all meetings and included in the fee. For further information please contact:

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More Village History

The article entitled 'Changes in Village Life' by the late Maurice Flower, in the April (2025) issue, prompted requests for more village history pieces. This month we reproduce an article by the late Diana Forbes about John Flower, the son of Maurice Flower:

Memories of John Flower

When we first came to Chilmark in 1930, I was 10 years old, and my brothers were nine and eight. Maurice and Rosalind Flower lived at Cleeves Farm with their two boys, who were younger than us. John was three, and Martin newly born.

Maurice had a fine milking herd of shorthorns, which were brought in twice a day for milking, and the churns collected by lorry. Carthorses were used for working, and John always remembered hearing them from his bed, coming in for work in the morning from the fields, and galloping back down there after work for the night.

John's grandparents James and Lucy lived at Ridge Farm and had a famous flock of Hampshire Down sheep. The ram lambs were often exported to different countries, and buyers came to the farm from many places in this country and abroad. I have seen the prize show certificates displayed on the walls of some of the farm buildings.

Maurice had some good hunt horses at the Cleeves (Cleeves Farm) and used to ride round the farm and go to the local meets as a gentleman farmer in a black coat, as did John. Both Wilton and South & West Wilts (Hunts) bordered Chilmark and used to hunt over their land. I remember meets at the Black Dog and Teffont, and of course Fonthill House. John Morrison, later Lord Margadale, was master of the S & WW. As a family we attended the meets and followed on foot. I remember my brothers and I following along Cleeves copses as far as Chicks Grove and finding ourselves on the edge of Tisbury. We did not know where we were but walked up the hill out of Tisbury and finally reached home.

We were invited to tea at Cleeves, and also at Ridge, and played with the Flower boys. My father was invited to shooting parties at both farms and would bring home partridges or pheasants, and sometimes a hare, which we enjoyed.

In early January the shepherds at the Ridge (I think they were Mr Batchelor and Mr Taylor) would build lambing pens of hurdles thatched with straw, to shelter the ewes and lambs. These were often on Fonthill Hill above Ridge Farm. We used to be invited to see the lambs. The shepherds would sleep up there in a hut at night to look after the lambing ewes.

When the war broke out in 1939, John was still at school. He joined the army in 1944, aged 17, straight from school. He went out to India and Singapore, which he always remembered very vividly, and came back with many photographs, which the family still have. Strangely enough, he met Maurice Jeanes, another Chilmark young man, on a transport flight when out there. Maurice was a bell ringer and had joined the Air Force. Martin (Flower) was still at school.

One of my brothers, Andrew, joined the Navy, and Colin joined the Home Guard under Colonel Marshall Smith. They sometimes used to stay out on watch all night above Cleeves Farm, where there was a good view all round. He was later called up into the Army and joined the Engineers and was sent out to India. I went to college at Ambleside to train as a teacher.

After the war, John married Sally, and they lived at Ridge. After James died, Lucy went to live at Manora with her two daughters Muriel and Vera. Lucy lived to a great old age – 104. She used to ask my father to play chess with her.

John and Sally had two daughters, Stella and Tessa. When Stella was old enough to start lessons, John asked me if I would teach her, as I was home at that time, and also her friend Fiona Morrison and others joined us. I had a little class at Chilmark House. Other younger children wanted to join and so Mrs Keen had a kindergarten class in one of our upstairs bedrooms. At the end of every term we invited the parents to see the children's work. We followed the PNEU (Parent National Educational Union) programmes and exams. The children would read aloud and recite poems and pieces of Bible to their parents. Later on, Stella and Tessa went to a larger school in Gillingham.

Sadly, Sally had a weak heart and died while the children were still quite young. Sally's mother helped to look after

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the children. Later, John married Wendy and they brought up Stella and Tessa and their younger family, Karen, Wayne and Dean at Ridge Farm.

John always regularly attended Chilmark Church and would bring his children. He read the lessons from time to time. In later years he would help the priest at Holy Communion. Sadly, a few years ago he developed diabetes and heart failure, and died on 14 June at the age of 79. We all miss him very much. He had a wonderful Funeral, with a church full of relations and friends who were invited afterwards to a service and refreshments at the Ridge.

I remember that John and Wendy once had a big lunch party at the Ridge. We all sat round tables and had a sumptuous hot lunch and a sweet. There were lovely paintings of Stella and Tessa on their ponies on the wall amongst other pictures.

John's father Maurice had many interesting stories of the old days. Once there was a big party at the Ridge. When it was time to go home, one of the guests asked for his horse to be brought round to the front. They said they were sorry it had disappeared. It was found in the loft above the stable! The children had built a hill of straw bales, and led it up, then taken away the bales. It could not be brought down till the next day, so the guest had to stay the night!

When we were young the Flowers had a pony called Jim, for the boys to ride. Sometimes they would lend Jim to my father so he could lead me out. Jim was quite excitable. I remember being kicked off on the down at the end of the Manor Farm Lane. My father had Jim on a long leading rein attached to his head collar. He held on to it, and Jim cantered on downhill towards home, dragging my father face down on the grass. He managed to stop the pony and put me on again.

When I was older, the Flowers lent me their hunters to exercise. They were always well corned up, and I used to get run away with on the downs but never came to any harm. Vera Flower had a lovely mare Kittiwake, which she lent me when I was about 14. I rode her up to Lady Down. When on the grass track, Kittiwake set off around the common (as it then was) at a canter. I came off near the road but was helped on again by a passing labourer, and Kittiwake took me safely home.

When John and Sally first came to the Ridge, John had a lovely hunter called Robin to ride around and hunt on. He always kept ponies for the children to ride. After Sally died, he gave up pedigree sheep but continued with sheep for some years until it became wholly arable. Martin ran Cleeves Farm for some time. He married and they had two children, Graham and Stephanie. Sadly, they later divorced and the farm was sold. Martin kept in touch with John and was at his funeral.

When Dean was growing up, we had a Boys Club in the village, which he joined. John used to help sometimes in the club with games. In the summer he would sometimes ask the children up to swim in their pool. He had made a swimming pool in their garden at the Ridge.

The Flowers owned a Chicken Farm up the hill above the Black Dog, to the left of the Wylve Road on the bridle path leading across the A303 to Stockton Wood. For many years it was run by Mr and Mrs Spencer. Sadly, they lost their son James in the war. His name is on the War Memorial in the churchyard. They had a married daughter. When Mr Spencer died, his widow went to a home in Salisbury. Maurice and John used to visit her.

When the Chicken Farm was let, or sold as a private house, John wanted to make a well there which meant making a very deep bore hole. He asked my brother Colin, a geologist, for advice. Colin said he would have to go as deep down as the Greensand layer below the chalk. This was the same as the Greensand layer by the Ridge Lane. John was grateful, and the well was a success, but it was necessary to drill to 600ft.

In the war Rose Dennis, who had worked at Chilmark House for my mother, had to join the Land Army. She then worked at the Flower's Chicken Farm. Once, something startled my horse up there and I came off, but Rose saw me get safely on again!

In Chilmark Church there is a list on the wall of those who came safely back from the war. On it are John Flower, my two brothers Andrew and Colin Forbes, and Maurice Jeanes. John, Andrew and Maurice have now passed on.

When John and Martin were away at boarding school, Rosalind and Maurice had another baby, a little girl they called Janet. As she got older, she asked to ride her pony all over the farm and sometimes down to Teffont to have him shod by Mr Ball, the old blacksmith. I was told that Maurice kept the bridle path open for that reason. Janet grew up to be a very beautiful woman. She was married at Stone Dial (Dial House, Becketts Lane) where Maurice moved when Martin married and took over Cleeves. Rosalind had a lovely garden at Stone Dial. Her gardener was Harry Jay, whom she shared with my parents. The Jays lived in Rose Cottage.

John had always been ready to help when I needed help or advice about the land or village. When I left boarding school in Autumn 1937 at age 17, Rosalind was running the WI in the village. They had meetings once a month in the Reading Room. I remember going to Cleeves to practise some songs with the WI members. Rosalind was a very good pianist and had a grand piano in her drawing room.

Diana Forbes - September 2006



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Recycling & Waste Collections

May 2025

Wednesday 7	Grey bin - household waste
Tuesday 13	Blue lid - mixed dry recycling Black box - glass & recycling Green lid - chargeable garden waste (no household compost)
Wednesday 21	Grey Bin
Tuesday 27	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
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- 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

Wylfe Valley Art Trail

A reminder that the bi-annual Wylfe Valley Art Trail gets underway on Saturday 3, running to Sunday 11 May. There's masses to see, with 250 artists/creators participating at more than 80 venues, many within easy reach of Chilmark. To see what's on and where, visit: wvat.co.uk

NewVic Tisbury AGM

The Trustees of the *NewVic@Tisbury* are inviting users of the arts centre to a short AGM in the Victoria Hall on Monday 12 May, 6pm, and for informal drinks afterwards. It is an opportunity to meet some of the volunteers and members and to learn more about new facilities, upcoming events and future plans. Everyone welcome. Please RSVP your attendance for both the AGM and/or the social event by Friday 9 May to liz@emc2publicrelations.com to give organisers an idea of numbers.

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Fonthill House Gardens – final charity opening of 2025

The gardens at Fonthill House will open on Sunday 8 June for the third and last opening of the year, in aid of The Lady Garden Foundation, a national women's health charity. The Foundation raises awareness and funding for the five gynaecological cancers. Founded in 2014, the charity is on a mission to create a revolution in gynaecological cancer (cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal and vulval). 58 women are diagnosed and 21 women die each day with gynaecological cancer. The Lady Garden Foundation is committed to funding cutting-edge research, raising awareness and educating women and girls about the signs and symptoms of gynaecological cancers.

Since its inception, the charity has partnered closely with The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. The Lady Garden Foundation has given just under £3 million towards cutting-edge research, equipment, support roles, academic fellowships and bricks and mortar.

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. Gates open at 12noon, through to 5pm.
Booking at: shorturl.at/ORFJC



Walking Festival

Cranborne Chase's *ChalkeEscape* Walking Festival is taking place from Friday 30 May to Sunday 8 June. The 10-day festival will feature 16 walking events ranging from a poetry walk and a nature & art journaling walk, to a women's walk to the pub and a night-time bat walk. Numbers will be limited so booking essential.
Visit: shorturl.at/1dSQg



Film Night@theNewVic

The Magic Lantern Film Club will be screening *Driving Mum* (12) on Sunday 11 May, 7pm, at the Victoria Hall, Tisbury. *Driving Mum* is an Icelandic 2022 comedy drama film written and directed by Hilmar Oddsson. The film is shot in black and white. Set in 1980, after the sudden passing of his mother (Kristbjörg Kjeld), Jón (Þróstur Leó Gunnarsson) takes his mother's corpse and the family dog, Bresnef, on one last trip to Eyrarbakki to bury her, as per her instructions. Tickets and more details from newvictisbury@gmail.com or call 0300 302 3090 - www.newvictisbury.com/events

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