

MOMSS MAGAZINE



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FROM THE EDITOR

It has certainly been hot! Too hot for people, animals and plants. Water evaporating into the air, the ground drying so hard it is like concrete. I have followed the government's advice – pulled the curtains and blinds across doors and windows to create shade and keep the heat out – and it really worked!

Now it is back to normal with rain, thunder, lightning and cooler airs. Just our usual British summer again. I hope we just get soft rainfall so it will soak into the soil gently – thank goodness so much of the silage, hay and corn crops were gathered in during the hot dry spell. Sadly a lot of fields, forests and moors have been destroyed by wild-fires and will take time to recover.

However in this edition of the magazine you will discover items to hearten your senses, spirits and souls. Read on, dear friends, read on and relax with a refreshing drink and face the approach of another harvest time and a premature Autumn caused by the heatwave. I know I will.

Sincerely, Anita.

Anita Winslade (Editor), momssgeditor@live.co.uk

FROM THE VICAR



Wasn't it wonderful to have the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this time - right on our own doorstep?

As I watched these elite Commonwealth Games athletes, I was inspired by their total dedication to their sport. During the Games we had an opportunity to consider the sacrifices they consistently made in order to represent their countries. We watched the focus and discipline they brought to each day's efforts and we delighted in their joy and commiserated with them in their sorrows, as they pursued those

coveted medals.

I found it extremely inspiring, challenging and thought-provoking to watch and listen to them as they pursued their goals.

We watched their eyes as they focussed at the start lines, looking forward in their mind's eye at the race ahead of them, hearts set on the goal.

We were able to observe the incredible teamwork, sacrificing personal glory for team success and watch and listen to the coaches as they looked into the eyes of their athletes and said, "You've trained for this. You can do this!"

We had an opportunity to consider the attractiveness of the humility and joy of the athletes as they participated in their competitions, and to look at the collective joy in the faces of the spectators as they celebrated not only the athletes' success, but their participation in the success of these athletes.

It was also heart-warming to listen to the gratitude of the athletes as they expressed their thankfulness for family and friends who have loved, encouraged and sacrificed for their success.

All the athletes' conscious discipline and participation allowed them to participate in the harvesting of many wonderful medals. Of course, each person's strengths working

together form a strong cohesive team so that, though individuals themselves received these medals, their success, as they always said, was very much a team effort. So it was that by the team working together toward their shared goals, these precious milestones were achieved and celebrated.

Now as the Games have ended and we look toward the harvest season, I wonder what fruit we can harvest from their inspiring examples, that will enrich our own lives and communities.

What gifts and talents has God given you that you can develop, strengthen and share within your own community?

Rev. Andrea Harwood

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy, Othery and Stawell are open daily for private prayer.



BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP

Please do not think you have to be a member of the local churches as we are very willing to pray for anyone who asks. The prayer group feel it is needed so please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing middlezoyprayers@gmail.com.

The Prayer Group

FROM THE REGISTERS

Deaths/Funerals:

Mrs Emelda ('Mel') Tippetts, formerly of Sutton Mallet, died on Saturday 9 July in Wellsfield House, Catcott. Her funeral, conducted by Rev Kelvin Williams, was held in Sutton Mallet church on Friday 12 August followed by burial in the churchyard.



LETTER FROM BISHOP ALISTAIR REDFERN



The Wonder of Harvest

In a simple sense harvest is about receiving – receiving the gifts provided from the fruits of the Earth on which our lives depend for survival.

Harvest is also about giving – giving thanks for such wonderful and vital resources to provide us with what we need to live day by day.

But, of course, what we receive through the wonder of harvest does not just happen! Human beings who benefit from harvest have to contribute significantly to growing, pruning, fertilising, collecting and

distributing the produce. We share in the creation as well as in the fruits.

This deep truth should remind us of a number of important factors around receiving and giving: each human life is received from the miracle of Creation, and is called to play a part in enabling this creation to produce the fruits that sustain us all – food, fellowship, dreams and hopes.

We receive guidance in how to fulfil this primary purpose in our lives through the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. The key is partnership and participation - we are

part of one body, with one Head. This is my body: do this in remembrance of me. The fact of sin and selfishness means that millions of God's children don't receive a fair share of God's harvest and are left hungry and struggling.

Harvest is the time for giving:

- giving thanks to God for our creation, and for our calling to play a part in the whole of the creation being fruitful
- giving careful consideration to our failings to work harder for the inclusion of the excluded
- giving priority to crafting actions which will enable a fairer sharing of the miracle of the harvest.

Harvest is a good time to go to church – let us join others in giving thanks, confessing our failings, and being joined in a universal body that seeks to include all God's children in the sharing of the fruits of the Earth. Give thanks, confess, commit to making a difference – and be part of our public witness for Harvest and Giving.

Every blessing, Bishop Alistair

Bishop Alistair Redfern (Honorary Assistant Bishop Bath and Wells)

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Churches across Bath and Wells have been praying for Ukraine and for peace. Many are open for those who wish to have a quiet moment of prayer or to light a candle, others have been holding prayer vigils. Locally church communities are working closely with aid agencies to raise money and support those in need in Ukraine and refugees from the conflict.

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GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS

SKY AT NIGHT September 2022

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of September 6.27am-7.11pm

End of September 7.57am-6.51pm

Moon Phases

First Quarter 3rd / Full Moon 10th / Last Quarter 17th / New Moon 25th

Planets

Jupiter is at opposition and closest to Earth on the 26th far outshining Saturn, which is located to its far right; the red planet Mars having risen at 10pm in the east will also be well placed at this time.

Constellation

The four stars that form The Great Square of Pegasus are now high in the south at midnight. The number of stars you can see within the square is a good test of the darkness of your observing area. The top left hand star of this asterism can be used to find the Andromeda Galaxy by counting two stars across from top chain of stars to the left of this star and then gradually looking up from here until you see a hazy patch of light. This Galaxy is the furthest object visible to the naked eye, the light having taken over 2.5 million years to reach us.

Phenomena

The nights start to become longer from the 23rd as the Sun moves south of the equator at the time of the Autumn Equinox.

Paul Adamson, 01823 698156



SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm where our main talk 'The Lives of Stars' will be given by Hugh Allen, the chairman of our friends the Wells and Mendip Astronomers. This is along with our monthly night sky guide and Astro News. Admission is £3 or £20 membership. Tea and coffee are provided; the meeting is also available on Zoom for a small optional donation.

For details contact us on somersetlevelstargazers@hotmail.com,

Website www.somersetlevelstargazers.co.uk or follow us on Facebook.

Paul Adamson 01823 698156

FARM DIARY

This is written for non-farmers who live surrounded by farmland.

In the Field. For much of England in the exceptionally dry weather, the cereal, oil seed rape and bean harvest was completed two weeks earlier than usual. A two or three day variation in harvest date is much more normal. Now we need rain in order to be able to work the land to plant the next crop. The first of these is the oil seed rape which we have found the hard way is best planted or sown in August. 7mm rain events are enough to germinate this. August is our third wettest month of the year here in central Somerset. September is drier. Perhaps this year will be different.

Farmers are entirely dependent on the weather unless they have an irrigation system. This tends to be restricted to water hungry and high value crops such as potatoes. Surprisingly, there have been good yields around most of England including with us. The excessively dry weather is impacting livestock farmers as there is no grass for them. Winter

rations are being fed. These will need replacing later at great cost.

Ploughing and Hedge-laying Match. Bridgwater and District Agricultural Society are holding their annual match in Cannington this year at TA5 2HW on Saturday 17 September from 9.30am for a 10am start. Signposted on the A39 as you leave Bridgwater going westwards. Last year it was an excellent day for farmers and families and non-farmers. The writer likes to see horses ploughing.

Sky Lanterns. The N.F.U. is running a campaign to ground these. When lit and launched they tend to land on farmland. With wire in their construction they are a menace to wildlife and to farm animals. At your party please think of this and don't use them.

Richard Graham

FOODBANKS

Thank you to those who responded so positively to our article last month about the Langport Cares Foodbank. So welcome and so needed. Christine Vickers of Moorlinch wrote "In the August edition of MOMSS magazine there was an article regarding the Langport Cares Foodbank. I have agreed to be a collection point for the local foodbank for anyone in Moorlinch who would like to make a donation. Any long-life foods - tins/ microwave rice/ instant mash - I'm sure you all know the types of food needed. This will be on-going throughout the year and no quantity is too small to donate. Small donations can be left on my doorstep or if you have a larger donation, please give me a call on 01458 210948 or email me at Christine.vickers1@icloud.com

I appreciate that at this time we are all faced with extra bills but there will always be those who are really struggling and in great hardship.

Any donation is appreciated and will reach the people who need it." (Christine's details are below)

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Othery: St Michael's Church porch.

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Othery and Middlezoy are in the Langport Cares catchment area and people living in Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet and Greinton are covered by the Bridgwater Foodbank.

We realise that the economic climate is quickly changing, and more people are finding themselves in a position where the Foodbank could really help them.

To do this you get a referral from:

- ◇ **Citizens Advice Bureau:** Clarence House, High St, Bridgwater, TA6 3BH, phone 0344 488 9623.
- ◇ **Your Village Agent:** Details of agents are in this magazine but if one has not been allocated to your village phone 01823 331222 or contact your local GP surgery. The agents can help with many situations and are up to date with benefits etc. A very good source of information.
- ◇ **Schools, Health Visitors and Social Workers.**
- ◇ **Bridgwater Foodbank** can be contacted by email info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk or phone 01278 434636 or 07804 119273 (Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). They will help with putting you in touch with one of the agencies that can help with a referral.
- ◇ **Langport Cares** email langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com

The above named can and will help you. Please do not hesitate to ask for help as the Foodbank is waiting to hear from you. Your request is dealt with by people who are discreet and are full of compassion.

Jean Campbell



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Take a chance
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Let someone in
Try something new
Slow down
Be soft sometimes
Celebrate life
Believe in yourself
Trust others
See a sunrise
Listen to rain
Reminisce
Cry when you need to

OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

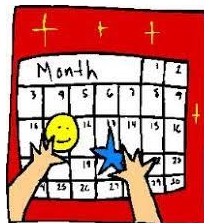
OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Now Booking:

Saturday 29 October Halloween Party featuring Two Tone. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £6 adults, £3 children. Fancy dress encouraged. Prizes for the most spookily dressed. Price includes a turkey roll (or veg equivalent). The bar will be open. For tickets contact otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk or Ella Jennings on 07814 754 127.

Regular Events:

Monday 11am Yoga
Tuesday 13 September Gardening Club
Wednesday 4 September Western Front Association,
28 September Somerset Stargazers
Thursday 6.15pm Zumba, 7.30pm Short mat bowls
Friday 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night



Dates for the diary:

18 October - AGM

29 November - Craft Fair

11 December - Christmas Party

Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Cttee

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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION (WFA)

Somerset Branch

Our next meeting is in Othery Village Hall on Wednesday 14 September at 7.00pm. Our speaker is Chris Copson. Chris is the Head of Collections at Haynes Motor Museum and was previously at the Keep Museum in Dorset, and the Tank Museum. His talk will be 'The Tank at Third Ypres'. Please note our earlier start time. Both WFA and non-members alike are welcome to attend this interesting talk - we ask for a donation of £5 for those over 18 years towards costs, this includes a free cup of tea or coffee and a raffle ticket.



*Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset branch WFA,
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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL **All Age Harvest Festival Service**

Our annual joyful service will take place on Sunday 25 September starting at 10am when everyone (families, friends and village organisations) are welcome and invited to come along, discover the beauty and abundance of Harvest and present their gifts in thanksgiving.



Harvest Supper and Charity Auction

On Monday 26 September we will be having our annual four course Harvest Supper in Othry Village Hall, ticket prices are £20 and available from Mervyn Winslade (01823 698368) and Iris Calder (01823 698243). The Village Hall doors will be open from 7pm and the meal will start at 7.30pm. There will be a bar and raffle available during the evening and after the meal, profits raised from the annual Auction of Harvest Produce will be given to 'Ripple Effect' (formerly the Send-A-Cow' charity).

*Mervyn Winslade and Margaret Harris,
Churchwardens*

CLASSIC & VINTAGE VEHICLES ROAD RUN **and PIG ROAST**

Saturday 17 September

This year we will be starting and ending by kind permission at Pavey's Field opposite the speed camera. The assembly of vehicles will be from 1.30pm to 3pm, judging will commence from 3pm, by Sedgemoor FM DJ Dave Englefield, the circular route begins at 3.30pm. As the vehicles return there will be a Pig Roast at 4pm. A pig per bab on sale to everyone and bookable in advance with Anthony Betty 01823 698350. Road Run Entry forms are available from Mervyn Winslade tel. 01823 698368 or mervwinslade@gmail.com. The vehicles' Road Run entry fee paid in advance is £10 otherwise it will be £12 on the day. Free entry for the public to view and admire the participating vehicles. Hot and cold drinks, ice cream and nibbles will be for sale. Portable toilet on site as well. If you are able to help on the day with parking vehicles or on the refreshments stall then please contact Anthony.



CANCELLED

Anthony Betty, Chairman 01823 698350

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH REPAIRS **AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS**

We are delighted to report that we have been offered grants from Somerset Churches Trust, National Churches Trust and Wolfson Foundation of £2,000, £3,000 and £5,000 respectively towards the essential repairs to St Michael's church building, as described in last month's MOMSS magazine. It is hoped that the works will begin in the autumn with re-roofing the church porch and be completed by summer 2023. These works will enable us to keep our beautiful Grade I listed church in good repair and available for use by the church and community.

The Wolfson*
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Mervyn Winslade, Churchwarden

MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

NEW MOORLINCH STITCH CLUB

Calling all Embroiderers, Knitters, Sewers, Crocheters and Felters

We are trialing a new 'Moorlinch Stitch Club' on every fourth Tuesday of the month, starting on Tuesday 27 September from 10am-1pm in Moorlinch Church Hall. £5 per session.

Bring your project and join us for tea or coffee, chats, ideas, and advice. Bring a friend and make new ones!

If you can't make September, join us on 25 October, 22 November, 24 January, 28 February or 28 March instead.

For information please contact;

Margaret Gould 01458 210801, margaretgould24@gmail.com,

or Sam Dawe 07710166771, sam.eastend@gmail.com.

Or hopefully we will just see you on the 27th with your bag of wool, fabric, hooks and needles!



Sam Dawe

STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

THANKS

Thank you all for the good wishes, prayers, encouragement and concern during the lead up to and then following my surgery on 27 June. Also thanks to the PCC for the card and flowers. I feel so blessed to live in the Benefice among so many lovely people.

Ruth Peberdy



STAWELL HARVEST SUPPER

After a two year break due to the pandemic, St. Francis Church will be holding its traditional Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, on Saturday 24 September, 6.30pm for 7pm. Ticket prices are £12 adults and £7 for children 11 years and under.

Bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be a raffle, the proceeds of which will go to Bridgwater Food Bank.

Tickets are available from Ruth - 01278 722914, Richard - 01278 722284, and Janet - 01278 723844.

The Church Committee looks forward to seeing you!!



Ruth Peberdy

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 24 September

10am till 12 noon at Tina and Paul Swift's, Carrisbrooke House, which is near the east end of the village. Donations for the McMillan Cancer Trust. All very welcome.



Richard Graham

GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available from greintonvillage@gmail.com or via the Greinton Village in Somerset Facebook group.

SEPTEMBER NEWS

It has been a quiet couple of months in Greinton, socially at least. However, our monthly Pub Nights on the first Friday of every month continue to be well supported. The next one is on Friday 2 September. All are very welcome but please remember it is a 'Bring Your Own' event.

On Saturday 10 September our annual Harvest Barn Dance takes place in the marquee next to the Village Hall. Tickets are £6 on the door, or £5 in advance, available from Toby Crispin. Entry is free to children of primary school age or younger. Cash bar, tombola, hog roast and hamburgers are available. A barn dance is a wonderfully sociable event for all ages, so come along and join in the fun. Doors open at 6pm. Please note that this is a CASH ONLY event.



On Sunday 25 September there will be a Harvest Celebration in St Michael's and All Angels Church, starting at 5pm. It is an opportunity for us all to show our appreciation of the farmers who work so hard for us and for a harvest safely completed. It will consist of a mixture of music, classical and modern, and readings, with a hymn or two thrown in for good measure; it is intended to offer something for everyone, whatever your faith or belief. If you would like to participate, either by reading something, suggesting a favourite poem or piece of music or maybe by playing an instrument, please let Toby Crispin know as soon as possible. Otherwise it will be very similar to last year's event!



Toby Crispin

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

LEVELS METHODIST CHURCH

Services

11 September	10.00am	United Service at Holy Cross Church
25 September	6.30pm	Harvest Circuit Service with Rev. Deborah Kirk <i>Sandy Richards and Pauline Steward</i>

SALADS & SWEETS

13 September at 12 noon in the Chapel

One more chance to join us for this Fund Raiser!

Lovely salads - ham/cheese and plenty more followed by delicious sweets - Raffle and drinks. Help us raise funds for the day-to-day care of the Chapel and enjoy yourselves at the same time.

Pauline Steward

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

MacMillan 'BIG COFFEE MORNING' - 24 September

9.30am to 12.30pm

Our usual Big Coffee Morning when we can support this important charity that many families will use at some time in their lives. Coffees, teas, raffle etc.

A chance to spend time with old friends and new!

Annual Outing

This took place on a fine and sunny day – too hot for some! Thanks to the organisers for arranging this traditional and enjoyable event.

Pauline Steward

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As RFO, the Clerk is responsible for the financial management of the Council. Attendance at evening meetings is a requirement. The Clerk works from home and office expenses are paid.

Application Forms and further information available on the website or from clerk@middlezoyparishcouncil.co.uk

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MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Here we are in September, children back to school, nights drawing in and autumn upon us. Whatever the weather, whatever the time of year, we are always open on Mondays 10am - 12noon at Middlezoy Chapel - come along and have a cuppa and a chat.

We welcomed Summersata Designs in August - what a talented pair of ladies. Thanks to Pauline and Janet for coming and showing us your many handcrafted

items. The chocolate orange covers were a very clever idea.

We look forward to welcoming you again in November with some ideas for Christmas gifts.

A reminder of our future craft stalls:

5 September - Cath Radford, another of our talented village residents, will show us her dollies and doorstops - all hand made.

3 October - Elaine Di Campo will bring along her glassware items, all hand painted.

31 October - Anne Thomas, a resident artist in the village. Since taking up retirement she has developed a liking for painting landscapes, big skies and the ever changing light of day and night. She will bring along some prints and one or two originals. She does take commissions - bring a photo along if you would like something special painted.

7 November - for something a bit different Janine Collins will show us lots of Tropic Skincare products and we will be able to try them.

14 November - Sarah Bonham with an array of Christmas cards and stationery.

21 November - Summersata Designs will return with Christmas goods.

28 November - the village craft group will display and sell their items which they have been busy making throughout the year.

Hope to see you on a Monday soon!

Jill Darby, Village Coffee Morning Co-ordinator
Tel : 01823 698000, Email: jilldrb@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Social Events

On 24 July a Cream Tea Afternoon attracted a good attendance. The entertainment was provided by a ladies recorder/singing group called the Kelly Wood Four. As the weather was good the tower was opened for those who wished the venture up the 92 steps to admire the panoramic view.

By the time you receive this edition of MOMSS I hope you will have enjoyed our annual Open Tower Day. Again, I am sure you were able to admire the views from the top of the tower, enjoy the usual tasty refreshments, have a glass of prosecco or wine and be entertained by organ playing and the returning Kelly Wood Four. I also hope you took advantage of the taster session to discover the mystery of bellringing and had the urge to learn more.

harvest supper

The next event is on Sunday 25 September at 6pm and will be our Harvest Supper to be held once again in the atmospheric surroundings of

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the church after an absence of two years.

Services in September in Holy Cross

11 September 10.00am Village Harvest Festival Please bring produce which can be given to the Foodbank

25 September 10.00am Holy Communion

The Pennant (Vimpel)

I was asked recently why we have a pennant flying on the tower at Holy Cross. The pennant is in fact a vimpel.



An empty flagpole to many suggests the building is empty, business finished and the people have gone away. In Scandinavia there is a tradition that when you see a vimpel flying on a flagpole it confirms someone is at home. It is a long pennant-shaped flag with a design reflecting the location. In the UK there is now a growing trend for churches and cathedrals to follow that tradition. It is somewhat equivalent to the pennant flown continuously by a warship while on commission.

The vimpel at Middlezoy has the red cross which depicts Holy Cross and the remainder is the blue of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. We originally raised the vimpel at the end of 2019 and it was flown right through the Covid-19 pandemic to indicate the church building was open but also that the church was operational. The buffeting of the wind takes its toll and we are now on version three but the intention is to keep it flying to continue to show the presence of the church in the village.

Ian Campbell, Churchwarden and Middlezoy PCC

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAJOR FLOOD DEFENCE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AS FUNDING SECURED

Somerset councillors have agreed to provide an extra £603,000 to ensure that upgrades to one of the county's key flood defences can finish.

The River Sowy and King's Sedgemoor Drain form a relief channel for the River Cary and the River Parrett, taking excess water off the Somerset Levels near



Langport and enabling it to flow out into the Bristol Channel north of Bridgwater.

The Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) has been overseeing improvement work to both man-made channels, ensuring they have sufficient capacity to cope with a wet winter and beyond.

The SRA board voted in Yeovil on 22 July to allocate further funding to ensure all the work can finish on time by November. Work began on the River Sowy and King's Sedgemoor Drain improvements in September 2021, with the projects being carried out by the Environment Agency (EA) and its contractor Kier.

The improvements include raising low spots in the existing riverbanks, forming new banks where needed, excavating certain sections to prevent the channels from silting up and upgrading "outfall structures" like the Dunball sluice. During the work, a substantial amount of vegetation has been cleared from the site of both channels to discourage

birds and water voles from nesting, which could hold up other elements of the flood prevention programme. The final elements of the scheme, concerning Parchey, Cossington and Chilton, are aiming to be finished before the winter to prevent any further disruption to local wildlife (such as wintering birds).

However, due to high inflation across the

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construction sector - which has affected numerous projects across Somerset - additional funding had to be agreed to ensure this deadline could be achieved.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES NEAR US

Ashcott and Pedwell 7.30pm Third Thursday Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ
Burrowbridge 7.30pm Third Monday Coronation Hall West Yeo Road, TA7 0RH
Shapwick Starlets 7.30pm Second Tuesday Village Hall, Station Rd, TA7 9NJ
Westonzoyland 7.15pm Second Wednesday Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ
Local times can vary so it is best to contact Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

Westonzoyland Gill Wilkinson Secretary email: zoywisec@gmail.com 01823 698429

BURROWBRIDGE WI

Today's Women Working For Tomorrow's World

At the end of July, a group of us visited Polden Wines Vineyard near Bridgwater. We had a really enjoyable morning with an excellent and informative talk about the history of the vineyard, the advantage of its location and the cultivation of the grapes. We sampled some of the wines and afterwards were able to purchase the wines we sampled. We then enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by a delicatessen in Langport.

Our WI group will not be meeting in August but we would love to meet anyone interested in joining us on 19 September at Burrowbridge Coronation Hall at 7.30pm.

*Sue Heyes, Secretary Tel: 01278 691326
or email: burrowbridgewi@outlook.com*

THE ORIGINS OF THE PIGGY BANK

The invention of the piggy bank originates to over 600 years ago in the 15th century when people would use pots to store what money they had. In that time, metal was an expensive commodity and not frequently used for household equipment. Household items such as plates and pots were made from an affordable clay called 'pygg'.

Therefore, whenever people had a few extra coins, they would simply drop it into their clay jars which they referred to as a 'pygg' bank or pot. During the time of the Saxons, vowels had different sounds to them, therefore Pygg would be pronounced as Pug. However, soon after the pronunciation of



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'y' changed from a 'u' to an 'i', making clay 'Pygg' and the animal pig sound the same. Coincidentally pigs would roll around in 'pygg' mud and dirt, which could have contributed to the association of the words. English potters would shape 'pygg' pots into the shape of pigs to humour the words. Over the next few hundred years people slowly forgot that 'pygg' referred to the clay. In the 19th century English potters would create pots shaped like pigs for people to use as a bank. This may have been accidental but has been used ever since and this is why we still use piggy banks today.



<https://www.paragonbank.co.uk/blog/origins-of-the-piggy-bank>

FUN FOR PUN LOVERS

A sign in a shoe repair shop reads: We will heel you, We will save your sole, We will even dye for you.

A sign on a blinds and curtain truck: Blind man driving.

Over a gynaecologist's door: Dr. Jones, at your cervix.

In a podiatrist's office: Time wounds all heels.

On a septic tank truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an optometrist's: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

On a plumber's van: We repair what your husband fixed.

On another plumber's van: Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

In a non-smoking area: If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.

On a maternity ward door: Push. Push. Push.

In a vet's waiting room: Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

In a restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.

In the front yard of a funeral parlour: Drive carefully. We'll wait.



INTERESTING FACTS

- ♦ The planet Saturn has a density lower than water. If there was a bathtub large enough to hold it, Saturn would float.
- ♦ To an observer standing on Pluto, the sun would appear no brighter than Venus appears in our evening sky.
- ♦ A cosmic year is the amount of time it takes the sun to revolve around the centre of the Milky Way, about 225 million years.
- ♦ A tiger's stripes are actually skin deep, a hairless tiger would still have his stripes. No two tigers have the same stripes, each individual cat's markings are unique.



www.weirdfacts.com

THE CHARLES SCHULTZ PHILOSOPHY (He created the "Peanuts" comic strip.) **You don't have to answer the questions but ponder them.**

Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

Name the last five Heisman trophy winners. (He is American but you can put in the F.A. cup or similar)

Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.

Name ten people who have won the Nobel prize.

Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
How did you do? The point is none of us remember the headlines of yesterday.
These are no second rate achievers. These are the best in their fields.
But the applause dies. Achievements are forgotten.
Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one.

List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.



Easier? The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, the most awards...
They are simply the ones who care the most.

BE ALIVE !

Think freely
Practice patience
Smile often
Savour special moments
Live God's message
Make new Friends
Discover old ones
Tell those you love that you do
Feel deeply
Forget trouble
Forgive an enemy

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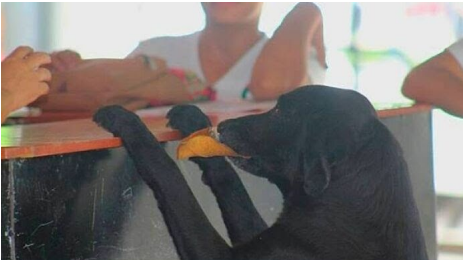
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HEART-WARMING TRUE STORIES



A man named Dale Schroeder grew up poor in town, never married, had no children and worked as a carpenter at the same company for 67 years and only owned 2 pairs of jeans. He spent his life savings to send 33 students to college.



They say money doesn't grow on trees, but there's a dog in Colombia that would certainly argue with that. The clever pooch started paying for biscuits with tree leaves after seeing students pass bank notes to a food stall attendant in exchange for the tasty treats. He decided to try it for himself one day and after getting the result he wanted he's been doing it ever since.



A group of women called "The 9 Nanas" kept a secret for decades that not even their husbands knew. For 30 years they met at 4am and anonymously paid bills and bought clothes for people in need. Each care package came with a homemade cake and a note that read "Somebody loves you."



After a woman was taken to hospital with hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), two paramedics stayed behind to prepare dinner for the five children who were still in the house. Afterwards they also did the dishes. Respect. (Eindhoven, Netherlands)

STRESS REDUCTION HABITS

1. Talk less; listen more.
2. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
3. Sit on your ego.
4. Slow down.
5. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.
6. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.

SPEAKING ENGLISH CAN BE CHALLENGING

Youth, south, southern, cleanse and clean.

Doctrine, turpentine, marine.

Compare alien with Italian,

Dandelion and battalion.

Now I surely will not plague you,

With such words as plaque and argue.

But be careful how you speak:

Say break and steak, but bleak and streak;

Blood and flood are not like food,

Nor is mould like should and would.

And your pronunciation's OK

When you correctly say croquet,

Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve,

Friend and fiend, alive and live.

Finally, which rhymes with enough:

Though, through, plough, or dough, or cough?

Hiccough has the sound of cup.

My advice is to give up!

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you've just read this.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

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Middlezoy Village Hall	TA7 0PG	SC0254	(machine at car park end)
Moorlinch Farm	TA7 9BU		
Othery Village Hall	TA7 0QU		
Stawell Village Hall	TA7 9AD		



Within 200m of a defibrillator they can give you the code to open the cabinet on post code alone, farther away the call sign is required.

POLICE Emergencies only tel: 999 ; Non emergencies tel: 101

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MIDDLEZOY & OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Friday 2, Thursdays 8, 15, 22, 29 September

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Friday 2, Thursday 22 September

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Middlezoy: Tuesday 30 August, Mondays 12, 26 September

Othery: Thursdays 8, 22 September, 6 October

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Thursday 1, Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 Sept

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 7, 28 September

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Friday 2, Thursdays 15, 29 September



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Stawell contact: To be arranged

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SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sept 4 Sun <i>(12th after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion	St Mary's, Moorlinch
11 Sun <i>(13th after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	Village Harvest Festival	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Michael's, Othery
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.00 am	All Age Worship	St Francis, Stawell
18 Sun <i>(14th after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist	St Francis, Stawell
25 Sun <i>(15th after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
	10.00 am	Harvest Festival	St Michael's, Othery
	10.00 am	Harvest Festival	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.00 am	Family Service and Baptism	St Francis, Stawell
	5.00 pm 6.30 pm	Harvest Celebration Circuit Communion service	St Michael & All Angels, Greinton Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
October 2 Sun <i>(16th after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Harvest Festival	Sutton Mallet Church

The Common Worship readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
September 4 Sun	12th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 18, verses 1 to 11 Psalm: 139, verses 1 to 5 and 12 to 18 Epistle: Philemon, verses 1 to 21 Gospel: Luke, chapter 14, verses 25 to 33
11 Sun	13th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 4, verses 11 and 12, 22 to 28 Psalm: 14 Epistle: 1 Timothy, chapter 1, verses 12 to 17 Gospel: Luke, chapter 15, verses 1 to 10
18 Sun	14th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 8, verse 18 to chapter 9, verse 1 Psalm: 79, verses 1 to 9 Epistle: 1 Timothy, chapter 2, verses 1 to 7 Gospel: Luke, chapter 16, verses 1 to 13
25 Sun	15th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 32, verses 1 to 3a, 6 to 15 Psalm: 91, verses 1 to 6, 14 to the end Epistle: 1 Timothy, chapter 6, verses 6 to 19 Gospel: Luke, chapter 16, verses 19 to the end
October 2 Sun	Harvest Festival Service	OT: Deuteronomy, chapter 26, verses 1 to 11 Psalm: 100 Epistle: Philippians, chapter 4, verses 1 to 9 Gospel: John, chapter 6, verses 25 to 35
	16th Sunday after Trinity	OT: Lamentations, chapter 1, verses 1 to 6 Psalm: 137, verses 1 to 6 Epistle: 2 Timothy, verses 1 to 14 Gospel: Luke, chapter 17, verses 5 to 10

