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Welcome to our May issue celebrating the arrival of spring!

This spring is full of optimism and hope as Covid slowly fades behind us and we look forward to rediscovering our lives. Despite the energy and joy of this time of the year, we must continue to keep the sadness of Ukraine in our thoughts and hope that an agreement is soon reached that will allow the country to start to rebuild itself. ♥



May is a time of fresh, new growth and enthusiasm for life in all things and here too at Village Buzz, we want to make sure that our lovely magazine does not stagnate but continues to develop and grow in a way that is always relevant to you, our readers. One of our goals is to always include new topics, articles and details of local events we hope will interest you. For example, this month we have fascinating features on hedgehogs, traditional May Day customs and local farming – all written by local people. So if there are any upcoming events or talks in your village that we could tell the valley about, please send us details and we will be delighted to feature them in future issues. We are also considering putting together a ‘directory’ of local societies and groups in the Nadder Valley but we really do need your help to do this. If you’d like to be included, please send us your society’s contact details and a brief paragraph about its activities. If there is anything in particular you would like to see in our issues, please give us your suggestions. We want to make Village Buzz ‘your’ magazine – created by local people for local people! ♥

Let us all share the energy and optimism of spring with neighbours and friends, helping when needed but always trying to take a precious moment to enjoy our surroundings. The green haze of new foliage and early blossom are delighting the eye, both hinting at more beautiful things to come. Enjoy it (and our magazine too – of course)!

Gill & Jan
Editor and her Junior



The farming rollercoaster ride and a game of roulette.

Ben Jeans – Compton Chamberlayne

THE OLD SAYING ‘the difference between a good farmer and a bad farmer is a week’, has perhaps never been more apt. Currently, however, with the unprecedented volatility of commodity markets since the horrific and shocking Russian invasion of Ukraine, this saying applies as much to the timing of buying and selling as it does to agronomic practice.

Nitrogen fertiliser, for example, cost £250 per tonne a year ago. Before the invasion it was already at an astronomic £650 as a result of the high natural gas price, but now it sits at about £900; this further hike resulting from Ukraine normally being a major exporter of this product through the Black Sea. The 3800 tonnes of grain this farm produces per year, plus straw and forage for the dairy, requires about 300 tonnes of nitrogen – a large proportion of our input costs even during normal times. Fortunately, the blow to our business has been cushioned by three factors. We bought ‘forward’ a fair proportion

for harvest ‘22 last summer at what then seemed like an eye-watering price of about £300 per tonne... Our mixed farming system reduces our requirements compared to an all-arable farm and, most importantly, the price of wheat, barley and oilseed rape have all shot up, again due to Ukraine normally being a major producer. Budgets are out of date before the ink has dried but the overall arable margins could end up being similar to last year. Unprecedented volatility though, means farming now feels like a game of roulette and with raised stakes.

The full impact of these costs will really hit the wider industry this coming winter. As a generalisation, livestock farmers are

more likely to buy their fertiliser when they actually need it, ie now. Anecdotally, many have therefore made the decision to cut back and some have decided not to apply any this spring and reduce livestock numbers to compensate. Falsely economic, this shouldn’t cause too many problems over the ‘growy’ spring and summer months but I can envisage a serious shortage of conserved forage stocks for the winter and a significant drop in food production, which in the dairy sector has already started. For example, year-on-year domestic milk output for March is already down over 3.8%. Of course, scarcity will mean consumers will end up paying more for their food, in addition to everything else, but that doesn’t resolve producers’ →

Andrew and Ben planting the Platinum Jubilee clump in the Broad Chalke water meadows alongside Ben’s grandfather’s Silver Jubilee one!





Dinton

Dinton Open Gardens

4/5 June 2022

Our village Open Garden event this year will be on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of June between 2pm and 6pm on each day. The dates have been chosen to link in with wider village events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is an important community event, the profits of which go to the Friends of St Mary, to ensure the upkeep of our fabulous church. This year we have six gardens confirmed thus far as opening with a few still to confirm.

We are always looking for new gardens to be considered as well as the essential helpers. Whether you have green fingers or you want to help support this important event, we would be very grateful. If you can help in the build up or during the weekend, please contact the Chairman,

Ben Bennington at:

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Please be kind enough to spread the word, support the event and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

cashflow dramas right now. It's the second time in two years that national food security has come under the spotlight, just at a time when we are all being encouraged to rewild our farms for the public's good...

On a more positive note, after a kind autumn and winter the farm has sprung into life and is now sporting its ephemeral yellow, white and deep green April plumage. The crops look pretty good, the cows are out, the

swallows have arrived and it's hard not to be uplifted after a walk over the downs at this time of year. Our troubles and challenges pale in comparison to those just 1000 or so miles to the East, so let's hope that by the time I pen my next piece for this publication, we are discussing the impacts of Ukraine's great rebound.— BJ

Ben Jeans manages his family's arable and dairy farm on the Wiltshire Downs between Compton Chamberlayne and Broad Chalke in partnership with his father, Andrew.

Recently turned out, in-calf heifers grazing.





Species of the month

HEDGEHOGS

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

The population of hedgehogs in rural Britain is continuing a steep decline according to research. The State of Britain's Hedgehogs report found numbers are down in rural areas by between 30% and 75% since 2000.

However, this is in stark contrast to towns and cities where the data showed that hedgehog populations may be starting to recover.

This recent report by wildlife charities the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), used data gathered between 1981 and 2020 from five ongoing surveys. This showed that hedgehogs have undergone a long historic decline, but that there are now vast differences between urban and rural populations.

My own research on hedgehog abundance backs this up, as I worked with farmers on the Hampshire/Wiltshire borders, finding that although most villages appear to have resident hedgehogs, there where virtually none out in the wider countryside. There may be a multitude of reasons for this absence, for example, depleted habitat, lack of food and predation by badgers to name but a few.

The other big killer of hedgehogs is of course the car, with estimates that potentially, between 100,000 and 150,000 hedgehogs could be killed each year on our roads. If this is the case, it would

represent around one quarter of the estimated UK hedgehog population is being killed by motor vehicles every year.

So, what can we all do to help in our own little way? Well, unbelievably hedgehogs can travel about one mile (1.6km) every night through gardens and parks in search of food and mates. Gardens can be havens for hedgehogs, but only if they are connected via gaps in or under garden boundaries to let hedgehogs in and out. A 'hedgehog highway' (a 13cm/5in or CD-case-sized square gap) will enable hedgehogs to roam between neighbouring gardens and green spaces, which is vital to their survival.

Along with making sure your garden is 'connected', also leave a corner of your garden to go 'wild'. Make sure that you check hedges and undergrowth before strimming or clipping them and perhaps think of making a home for hedgehogs to hibernate in.

Talking of hibernation, hedgehogs are amazing! The first thing that they do is to feed like crazy to build up as much fat reserves as possible (if you have a hedgehog in your garden and you want to help them do this – give them tinned cat or dog food – not bread and milk!) and then they will make themselves a nest or '*hibernacula*' made of grass and leaves, tucked away in the bottom of a hedge or sometimes a ready-built bonfire. So always have a look before lighting, 5th of

November is a very bad night for hedgehogs!

Once hibernation takes place, the animal's heartbeat will drop from a normal 190 beats per minute to around 20 and it will only take a breath once every few minutes. The animal basically appears to be dead, with cold feet and ears. However, touch it or create a sudden noise and it will raise its spines as a defence mechanism. The heart is the only area of the body that is kept near to the normal temperature and is the main drain on fat reserves. Hibernating animals have two types of fat, not only the normal white fat but also brown fat which is located around the brain, heart and lungs and is kept specially to help supply these areas and to give a burst of energy should the animal have to wake up.

During hibernation, all bodily functions continue to work, albeit at a very slow rate, which means that occasionally the animal must wake up to defecate and may even take a little drink at the same time. It may sound daft, but it might also take this opportunity to catch up on some sleep – as the brain is unable to do this if the body is not at normal body temperature!

The hedgehog was named because of its peculiar foraging methods. As hedgehogs root through hedges and other undergrowth in search of food, they emit quite loud piglike grunts – thus hedgehog. Hedgehogs eat all manner of things, from beetles and millipedes, to slugs and snails and are even quite partial to an egg or two if they come across them! →



Hedgehog mums (sows) will feed their babies called urchins or hoglets for up to eight weeks and then will leave them to fend for themselves. The dads (boars) have nothing to do with the young (typical I hear some of you shout!).

The urchins are born with their eyes and ears closed and with their first spines, which are white and covered with skin. As soon as they are born, these spines start to come through and their eyes and ears open at about 14 days. Their teeth come through after 21 days and in eight weeks the hoglets are ready to become independent.

Although their eyesight is poor, they have good hearing and a well-developed sense of smell. Hedgehogs are good runners, proficient climbers and can even swim.

So, how are local hedgehogs here in the Nadder valley faring? I thought that we might do a little bit of research ourselves! How about letting me know if you have hedgehogs present in your garden or if you see one out and about in the 'Village Buzz' area. You only need to let me know once – not every time you



see the same one! I am also interested in 'road-kill' hedgehogs being reported.

Please tell me how many you have seen – so if you have more than one – count them up over a period of time and then send me the total number of individuals that inhabit your garden/area (try not to count the same one more than once!). Please give me the date of your observation and a place (either a house number/name and post code or

an ordinance survey grid reference). **Send the info through to either my email: peter.gl.thompson@outlook.com or text me on 07710344340.**

I will send each record to the county records centre and summarise our findings in Village Buzz at the end of the year. I hope you will take part! — PT

Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. You might also be interested in reading his blog: 'Fresh Air Scribbings' <https://freshairscribbings.blogspot.com>

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LUCY CROWE
Soprano

Born in Staffordshire, Lucy Crowe studied at the Royal Academy of Music, where she is a Fellow. She has sung with opera companies throughout the world, including the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the Glyndebourne Festival, English National Opera, the Teatro Real Madrid, the Deutsche Oper Berlin, the Bavarian State Opera Munich, and the Metropolitan Opera New York.

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SUNDAY	Easter 3			Easter 4			Easter 5			Easter 6			Ascension Day			Easter 7		
SOUTHERN AREA										ROGATION SUNDAY								
Ansty	11.15	MBCP	LAY	11.15	PC	MH	11.15	HCBCP	GS	11.15	AAC	MH	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compton Chamberlayne	09.30	PC _T	GS	-	-	-	11.15	SoW	JA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fovant	08.00	HC02T	MH	-	-	-	18.00	EBCP	GS	09.30	PC	GS	-	-	-	09.30	PC Area Service	GS
Sutton Mandeville	18.00	EBCP	GS	09.30	PC02T	MH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swallowcliffe	11.15	PC _T	GS	18.00	EBCP	EB	08.00	HCBCP	GS	11.15	AAS for Rogation	GS	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTHERN AREA																		
Barford St Martin	11.15	AAC+APCM	EB	09.30	MCW	LAY	09.30	HCBCP	CF	09.30	AAC	TF	-	-	-	10.00	AAC Area Service	MG
Baverstock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chilmark	11.15	AAC	JN	09.30	AAS	EB	11.15	AAC	EB	11.15	MPr	LAY	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dinton	09.30	AAC	MH	-	-	-	09.30	AAC	EB	09.30	MCW	JA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teffont Evias	09.30	AAS	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teffont Magna	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	TF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN AREA																		
Chicklade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	09.30	PC for Rogation at Martha's Down	JN	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hindon	09.30	PC	JN	09.30	AAC	JN	18.00	EBCP	JN	-	-	-	11.00	HC _T	GS	-	-	-
Fonthill Bishop	17.00	EBCP	EB	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	09.30	MBCP	JA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fonthill Gifford	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	11.15	MBCP	JN	08.00	HCBCP	JN	11.15	MBCP	JMH/JA	-	-	-	11.15	PCBCP Area Service	JMH
Tisbury	09.30	Pet service	JMH/JA	09.30	PC	JMH	09.30	PC	JMH	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	-	-	-	-	-	-
										09.30	PC	JMH/BM						
							18.00	Chr EBCP	JA							19.00	PC (Solemn)	JMH/GS/JA



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- AAS** All Age Service
- BCP** Book of Common Prayer
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- CW** Common Worship
- E** Evensong or Evening Prayer
- FC** All Age Family Communion
- HC** Holy Communion (*said*)
- HC02T/C** Order 2 Communion, *traditional/contemporary*
- M** Mattins or Morning Prayer

- MPr** Morning Praise
- PC** Order 1 Communion (*with hymns*)
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- PC02T** Order 2 Communion, *traditional language (with hymns)*
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Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove

The Month of May

“I thought that spring
must last forevermore;
for I was young and loved,
and it was May.”

– Vera Brittain⁽¹⁾

THESE FEW BRIGHT WORDS of youthful anticipation capture so aptly what most people will have felt at some time in their lives during the month of May and will, hopefully, continue to feel as they grow older. As Samuel Ullman wrote “Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind... It is the freshness of the deep springs of life... whether sixteen or sixty every human being may experience wonder... the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for the future, the joy in living⁽²⁾...”

In the past, the weather in May could be cooler than today and older readers may remember their forebears saying “Cast not a clout till May is out” and being told as children not to discard warm clothing too early⁽³⁾. Nonetheless, it is the month when “lovers, subject to the same force which reawakens the plants, feel their hearts open again, recall past trusts and past vows, and moments of tenderness, and yearn for a renewal of the magical awareness which is love.” – Sir Thomas Malory.⁽⁴⁾

Over the centuries this Spring-driven energy has permeated into community life across Britain and given us

countless age-old customs and ceremonies, some rooted in pagan rituals, some religious, others secular. In earlier times they were celebrated with great roistering, music and dancing by people whose lives were, for most days of the year, consumed by the constant grind of hard work, subsistence and even survival.

Happily, in England we have managed to hold on to many old ways, commendably so, as they had to survive firstly Oliver Cromwell’s puritanical zeal in the 17th century and later the social changes wrought by industrialisation⁽⁵⁾. Legislative change and technical →

developments since the Second World War have also transformed how we live; most people now have leisure time and a choice of entertainment which were unknown in the past. Although today we let off-steam differently, we remain enchanted by old ways and do our best to keep them going when they appear endangered by 'Health & Safety' rules.

The historic celebration of May Day originated in ancient pagan and agricultural rituals which marked the much-anticipated return of spring; the ancient Greeks and Romans also held such festivals. It so happened that 1 May 1707 was also the day on which the Act of Union came into effect, joining the Kingdoms of England (including Wales) and Scotland to form the United Kingdom of Great Britain and, again quite separately, May Day was chosen in 1889 as the date for International Workers' Day by the emerging socialist and communist movements⁽⁶⁾.

The widespread European practice of Maypole dancing is also thought to go back to pagan times as part of the festival known as Beltane. It was almost certainly a fertility



The Master of Ceremonies and Morris Dancers at Ansty. The Master of Ceremonies carries the May King & Queen's crown on a cushion.

rite symbolising the union of the masculine and feminine which remains the unspoken theme of May Day as celebrated today. The earliest records of it in this country date from the 14th century and by the 15th century it was widely practised in southern Britain. Morris dancing is also linked to May Day. This form of folk dancing was presumably quite well established by the time of its first written mention, dated 1448, which records that the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths in the City of London paid seven shillings to

Morris dancers.

Some of our customs do not have such ancient origins as we might think, for instance the traditional 'crowning' of a May King and Queen. Whilst the idea stems from the medieval custom of having a 'lord and lady of the may' it was not popularised as a crowning until Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote his poem 'The May Queen' in 1855 – see page 24.

Another May practice is beating the bounds of a parish which still takes place in some parishes even

if only in a symbolic way. This is on Rogation Sunday which, in the Church calendar, falls on the 6th Sunday after Easter – this year on 22nd May. The practice most probably goes back to Saxon times, well before the existence of maps. It was the day on which the priest and parishioners would walk along their parish boundary with wands or sticks, marking it and reminding the younger generation what they would, in time, become responsible for. Another important aspect of Rogation Sunday, still practised today, is to ask for God's blessing on where we live, our fields and harvest (the Latin word 'rogare' means to ask). Another centuries-old tradition with a quasi-religious theme is maintained at Magdalen College, Oxford when revellers gather below the Great Tower at 6am to listen to the chapel choir sing traditional madrigals as a conclusion to the previous night's festivities.

Across the country, there are countless festivities on May Day and throughout the month. They bring communities together and create memories for the young and a sense of continuity for older generations. Readers will be familiar with Ansty's Maypole and Morris dancing; beyond that, space does not allow the mention of any local event other than how the people of Great Wishford in the Wylve valley keep 29th May. Their celebration perpetuates an old medieval right to collect firewood in nearby Grovely Wood which, when threatened, was confirmed by the Forest Court in 1603. Early in the morning, a branch of an oak tree is collected from the wood and hung from St Giles's Church tower. Later, to remind the



The choir of Magdalen College, Oxford, atop the Great Tower singing madrigals on 1st May. By William Holman Hunt



King Charles II returns to the Palace of Whitehall, on his birthday, 29th May 1660.

world of their ancient right, a group from the village go to the Cathedral Close, dance and shout "Grovely, Grovely, Grovely and all Grovely!" As we might imagine great merry-making and maypole dancing follow their return to the village⁽⁷⁾.

Finally, Oak Apple Day on 29th May commemorates King Charles II's birthday and the day in 1660 on which he contrived to return to London following his exile after the Civil Wars and Protectorate

(1645-1660). Today Oak Apple Day continues to be celebrated in many towns and villages and officially in London at the Royal Hospital Chelsea where In-Pensioners wear a sprig of oak on their uniforms and the statue of the King (Founder of the Hospital) is bedecked with branches of oak. It commemorates the tortuous day the fugitive King had spent hiding in an oak tree at Boscombe after the Battle of Worcester in 1651. →

The people of Great Wishford on Oak Apple Day, 29th May, celebrating their ancient right to collect wood in Grovely Wood.





Obligatory sprigs of oak for In-Pensioners on Founder's Day at the Royal Hospital Chelsea circa 1975.

We love our old ways and appreciate how 'high days and holidays' bring our communities together. As we approach next month's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we look forward to what is being arranged for us to enjoy in our several villages. Whatever shape the celebrations take, we must hope they will create vivid memories for us all and especially for our children – some of

whom, perhaps with dewy eyes, may recall the event well into the next century.⁽⁸⁾— PC

Notes

1. Vera Brittain, 1893-1970. First World War volunteer nurse, later a writer, feminist, socialist and pacifist. Her best-selling book 'Testament of Youth' (1933) told of her experiences in the War; it is one of the finest books of that time. She was the mother of Shirley Williams.
2. Samuel Ullman, 1840 – 1924. American humanitarian and poet. An extract from his acclaimed poem 'Youth'.

3. May, in this old saying, refers to the month and not to hawthorn (may) blossom. The long version "Button to chin, till May be in, cast not a clout, till May be out" is less known.
4. Sir Thomas Malory, imprisoned English knight and writer 1405-1471.
5. May Day and its celebration and Christmas for that matter, abolished by Cromwell and the Puritan parliament during the time of the Commonwealth, were reinstated at the Restoration.
6. The date was chosen to commemorate the Haymarket protests in Chicago and workers' struggle for an eight-hour working day in 1886. Labour Day or International Workers' Day is also referred to as 'May Day'. Its celebration is entirely separate to the traditional May Day.
7. The origin of the Grovelly celebration is not connected to King Charles II nor the origin of Oak Apple Day (29th May) so we can assume that, out of respect for him and later legislation, the village merged its annual celebration with Oak Apple Day which will be subject of an article in Village Buzz next month.
8. The word 'jubilee' is the english form of the Hebrew 'jobel' meaning the joyful shout or clangor of trumpets which comes from the book of Leviticus in the Bible's Old Testament. The custom was for every 7th year to be a jubilee year, a year of renewal and rest.



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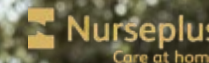
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THE MAY QUEEN (an excerpt).

You must wake and call me early, call me early, mother dear;
 To-morrow'll be the happiest time of all the glad new-year,—
 Of all the glad new-year, mother, the maddest, merriest day;
 For I'm to be Queen o' the May, mother, I'm to be Queen o' the May.
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 There's Margaret and Mary, there's Kate and Caroline;
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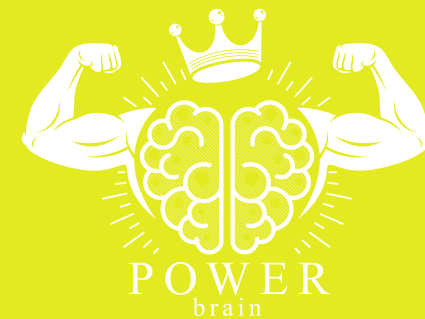
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May's Brain Gym



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 The objective of the puzzle is to complete the grid so each of the rows, columns and 3 x 3 sub-grids contains the numbers 1 to 9. The challenging part of the puzzle is that each number can only appear once per row, column, or sub-grid.

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