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Species of the month

Cockchafers

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

One of my abiding memories of early childhood was of my two older sisters screaming 'get it out of here' from their respective bedrooms, while I rushed excitedly to find out what beastie had encroached into their hallowed space!

If it was the month of May, then very often it would be a may-bug or to use its proper name, cockchafer. These are fairly heavy-duty, and I

suppose quite frightening beetles, with shiny brown wings and large antennae resembling the antlers of an elk, that can come crashing into bedrooms at this time of year, attracted by any light that is on after dark. These leafy antennae can detect pheromones, enabling males to find females even in the dark! Cockchafer males can easily be distinguished from the females by counting the number of 'leaves' on their remarkable antler-like antennae;

males sport seven 'leaves' while females have only six. The additional 'leaf' carried by the male assists in detecting the pheromone used as reproductive enticement by the female.



These striking beetles are only around for about six or seven weeks, but during this time the female can lay as many as 80 eggs. However, on hatching out, the fat white grubs, with their orangey brown heads, grow very slowly and can live in the soil for three or four years, growing up to two inches in length before pupating and hatching out as an adult beetle.

The grubs are particularly fond of grass and cereal roots, but most plants are susceptible to their voracious appetite; patches of wilting plants give away the first sign of their presence. If you pull up these plants you will find that they have virtually no roots left, and with a little further investigation in the soil below the plant you will find the culprit, curled in its usual 'comma' shape.

It is because of this that chafer grubs, as they are known, are perhaps more widely recognised as they can be a serious pest. In fact, the word 'chafer' is a Middle English word meaning to 'gnaw' and the cock part of the word probably refers to the 'maleness' of this robust, antler-bearing beetle.

Because these grubs are fat and juicy they are heavily sought after by a wide range of species and are therefore quite an important part of the food chain. Rooks in particular spend lots of time hunting out such tasty morsels, so much so, that many country folk call the grubs 'rook-worms'.

In the past cockchafers were incredibly abundant and caused major crop failures, but the ploughing up of many old pastures



IMAGE: PETER THOMPSON



and the introduction of certain pesticides have made them a far less common sight nowadays. In the Middle Ages, collecting the adult beetles was really the only way that people could try to control their numbers and protect their crops. In France, this gave rise to events that seem bizarre from a modern-day perspective.

In 1320, cockchafers were brought to court in Avignon and sentenced to withdraw into a specially designated area within three days, otherwise they would be outlawed. Subsequently, since they failed to comply, they were collected en masse and killed. Don't you just love the French!! (I bet they ate them too!) — **PT**

Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. He is Chair of the Salisbury & District Natural History Society and would be delighted if readers joined either the society's Facebook page or the society itself – or indeed both!
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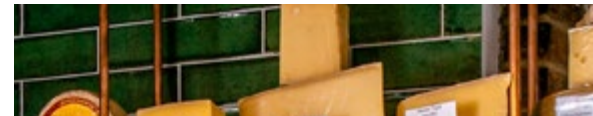
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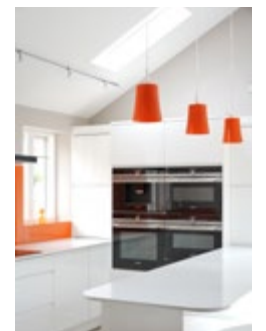
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William Blake (1757-1827) was born in London. From a young age, he had visions such as seeing a tree filled with angels at age nine. Although his parents noticed his unique qualities and didn't force him to attend a traditional school, they did encourage his education at home. At ten, Blake wanted to be a painter, leading his parents to enroll him in a drawing school. By age twelve, he began writing poetry and later was apprenticed as an engraver due to the high cost of art school. During this apprenticeship, he sketched tombs at Westminster Abbey, exposing him to Gothic styles that would influence his work.

As a nonconformist, Blake associated with radical thinkers like Thomas Paine and Mary Wollstonecraft. He challenged the Neoclassical conventions of his time by emphasizing imagination over reason in his poetry and art, believing that ideal forms should come from inner visions rather than observations of nature. Blake was confident that his poetry could resonate with ordinary people.

In 1808, Blake exhibited his watercolours at the Royal Academy, and in 1809, he displayed his works at his brother James's house. While some admired his artistry, others criticised his paintings and questioned his sanity.

During his later years, Blake faced financial struggles but found solace in the friendship of a group of younger artists known as 'the Ancients'. In 1818, he met John Linnell, a young artist who not only provided financial support but also renewed interest in Blake's work. Linnell commissioned Blake to illustrate Dante's Divine Comedy, a project that occupied him until his death in 1827.

The poem begins with the question, 'Little lamb, who made thee?' The speaker, a child, asks the lamb about its origins: how it came into being, how it acquired its particular manner of feeding, its 'clothing' of wool, its 'tender voice.' In the next stanza, the speaker attempts a riddling answer to his own question: the lamb was made by one who 'calls himself a Lamb,' one who resembles in his gentleness both the child and the lamb. The poem ends with the child bestowing a blessing on the lamb.

The Lamb

WILLIAM BLAKE

Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee,
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little lamb, I'll tell thee;
Little lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild,
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
Little lamb, God bless thee!
Little lamb, God bless thee!

Grant from NHS Charities Together helps Stars Appeal support cancer patients and hospital staff

A MAJOR GRANT from NHS Charities Together is enabling the Stars Appeal to fund projects helping local people with cancer and to support staff at Salisbury District Hospital.

£88,000 of funding, is for two separate projects that are providing support for cancer patients and hospital staff. Cancer patients are benefiting from an enhanced prehabilitation and rehabilitation service which supports their physical and mental wellbeing before or after their treatment or surgery.

The grant is funding a 12-session pass for a local leisure centre, which enables patients to continue the fitness activities they have started with the Hospital's Cancer Therapy team.

Consultant Haematologist and Stars Appeal Hospital Ambassador, Dr Effie Grand, said:

"The prehabilitation and rehabilitation service is vital for patients. It is not something every hospital does and thanks to the Stars Appeal and this grant from NHS Charities Together we can offer our patients even more support. It makes a huge difference not just to their mental wellbeing during a very stressful time, but also their physical recovery from operations, chemotherapy and other cancer treatments. We're so grateful to NHS Charities Together for this generous grant, which will help us do so much for local cancer patients."

Charles McGrath, who is in remission after receiving intensive chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukaemia, has welcomed the initiative which will help his ongoing recovery. He said: *"Going to the gym and staying active has helped me recover physically and mentally from intensive chemotherapy and a five-week spell in the Intensive Care Unit. That's why I'm*

delighted with the introduction of this 12-session fitness pass, which will ensure I can keep as physically fit as possible and will be vital if I need any more treatment."

The grant has also funded the Stars Appeal staff counselling service for a further year to continue supporting Hospital staff. The service employs two dedicated staff counsellors who provide 100 counselling sessions each month.

Stars Appeal Staff Counsellor Pamela Kirkham said:

"To know we have secured funding for a further year from NHS Charities Together is wonderful. "Taking care of our own mental health is essential in order to continue providing high quality care for the local community. It is known that early intervention reduces the risk of time away from work, and this service offers prompt and easy access for staff to receive support during difficult times. It is a privilege to be able to offer this extremely valuable service to the staff at Salisbury Hospital and this funding will enable myself and my team to continue to do so."

NHS Charities Together is the national charity caring for the NHS, working with a network of over 230 NHS charities, including the Stars Appeal, to help the NHS go further for staff and patients.

Dave Cates, of the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, added: *"We're so proud to be a member of NHS Charities Together and to have their support. This is one of a number of grants they have provided to us over the years which are making a big difference to local patients, families and hospital staff."*

To find out more about the charity's projects visit www.starsappeal.org



Charles McGrath with Salisbury Hospital's Cancer Therapy team. Picture by Spencer Mulholland



A sequel to April's article — Chamber Pots and Life's Bare Essentials More of Life's Bare Essentials

Paul Cordle – Chicksgrove

I hope readers will find the following notes and images of interest; there was no space for them in the April edition.

Who Gives a crap

Loo Rolls from 'Who gives a crap' artfully displayed in the well-appointed loo at The Stalls. The charity 'Who gives a crap' produces eco-friendly toilet paper and passes part of its profits to organisations helping deprived communities around the world.

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What's in a name? Toilet, lavatory or loo?

Readers will have their own preferred name for this essential room wherever it is. They may prefer 'spending a penny' or 'going round the corner' instead of the more widely used going to the toilet or loo (or to the bathroom for those of a mid-Atlantic disposition). Its proper names 'lavatory' or 'water-closet' are rarely used.



Whilst writing my contribution to the April edition of Village Buzz I was reminded of the short piece of rhyming verse published a few years ago in Village Buzz. Here it is:

*'When writing a new story
And anxious not to spoil it,
Why not run it through
When sitting on the toilet?
But please remember this,
If that is what you do,
That others use this office
Which is better called the loo.'*

Furniture with a purpose

In the dining room at Basildon Park, the delightful Georgian National Trust property to the north east of Reading, visitors will see a pair of identical large urns tastefully mounted on inlaid cabinets. Each urn is lined to contain water and has a tap in its base. The cabinets hold several hidden gems of Georgian ingenuity – see captions.

A Grace

Seeing this cleverly designed piece of dining room furniture reminded me of a grace which might be chosen (with care) for use before eating at a jovial party (perhaps a men-only occasion). One can just get away with it; here it is.

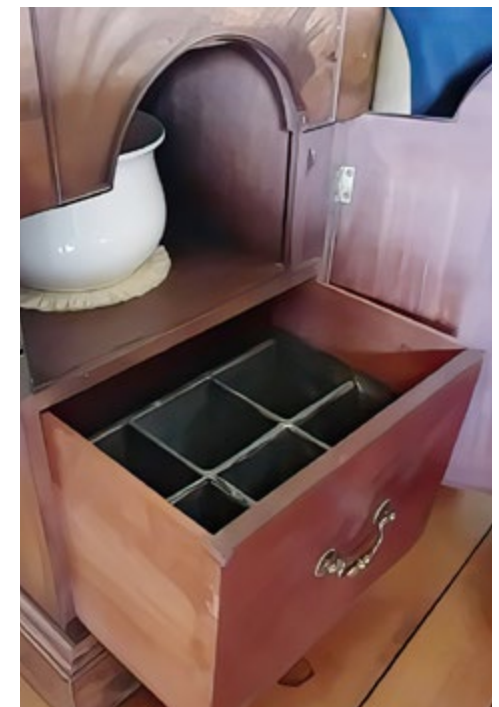
*'Heavenly Father, so divine,
Who turned the water into wine,
Forgive us, we are but foolish men,
We're about to turn it back again'* ■ — PC



The first cabinet has a chilled-water urn with a tap and the cabinet contains a plate rack and a metal-lined space for a warming stone.



The second cabinet's upper half has a tap and basin under the urn.



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Mophead Mildred

From soaking to scorching in the blink of an eye!

IT'S SPRING AGAIN and don't we all (plants and humans alike) desperately need a hint of sun and warmth after the never-ending rain and damp of the winter months? I have never seen so much moss on my flower beds as I have this year, in places it's been hard to tell where the borders stop and the lawn begins. I would bet that later this month it will turn so dry that we will be doing rain dances round our water butts.

As ever in May it is really time to pot up your bedding plants if you have planned ahead and already bought them. Otherwise, nip down to the nearest garden centre and have great fun choosing your plants and colour scheme for this year. Maybe try something different? Most compost now seems to be peat-free but I have to be honest, so far I am not over-impressed by it as plants don't seem to do as well. I would be interested, dear reader, to have your feedback about your experience of peat-free compost as it may well be different from mine.

Once you have created your stunning horticultural pots and baskets, remember that frosts can still occur until the end of May, so keep an eye on the weather and if a chilly night (below 5°C) is forecast, either put them in a greenhouse or cover them



with fleece if they are outside. By the last week in the month it should be safe enough to leave all bedding outside at night.

Shrubs and perennials that are having their moment of glory this month include the stunningly architectural *viburnum plicatum*

f. *tomentosum* 'Shasta' with its horizontally layered branches covered in small, upright white blossoms (above). *Astrantia* 'Sunningdale Variegated' (left) is a beautiful small perennial for lightly-shaded places. Its new spring foliage is fresh green and cream fading to mid-green over the summer. The flowers are creamy-pale pink and the flower heads can be retained as they turn light brown, or cut off in the hope of coaxing out a second flush of blooms. *Iris* 'Pumping Iron' (above right) is a pretty but tiny iris with rich purple flowers, no more than

30cm high, for a little sunny corner at the front of a border. *Pieris japonica* (next page) – also known as the Lily of the Valley shrub or Japanese Andromeda – is a perfect choice for a lightly-shaded area. It is evergreen and a slow grower. In late spring, its flowers, held in small, drooping sprays or racemes, have a delicate lily-of-the-valley scent and its new leaves are a glossy rich red. The variety 'Little



Heath' grows to 1.5 – 2 metres in height, and 'Mountain Fire' grows to 3 metres high. There is also an attractive variety called 'Flaming Silver' which has cream margins to its leaves.

And on to slugs! Spring is their favourite time of year with soft, new foliage everywhere simply crying out to be munched. You may feel you are fighting a losing battle with the slimy creatures and you are probably right! There are more of them in your garden than you can deal with (or even find) and one reason for this is that slugs are hermaphrodite, meaning that each slug has both male and female reproductive systems. So they can mate with themselves when and where they wish. As a result, each slug can produce in the region of 36 eggs several times a year. That's a LOT of



baby slugs! They are laid underground (you may have come across the small round white-jelly eggs while weeding, in which case leave them visible for the birds to eat) and will hatch in 10-21 days, reaching adulthood within about six weeks. A slug's lifespan is several years and it grows larger each year, so of course it eats more – 0.8 kg of juicy hosta leaves per slug per season! And with 27,000 teeth it makes short work of everything! However, do not despair... Slugs do not like chives, mint, garlic, foxgloves, fennel or geraniums. Crushed egg shells, soot, grit and sand also make effective barriers round precious plants. And of course, there is garlic spray (which I swear by), regularly applied to at-risk plants once a week in the spring/early summer.

Despite that slowly-dawning, inevitable realisation that much of this year is again going to be taken up with the same old battle against both the weather and pests, try to be cheerful and enjoy your horticultural lovelies before they get eaten or die of sunstroke! Onwards and upwards as they say....



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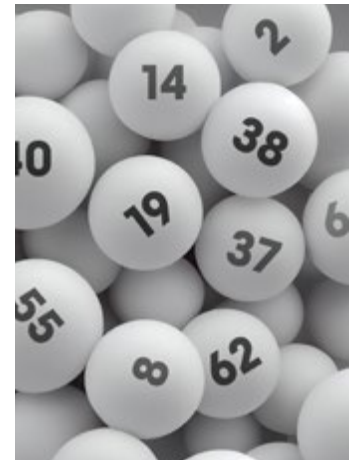
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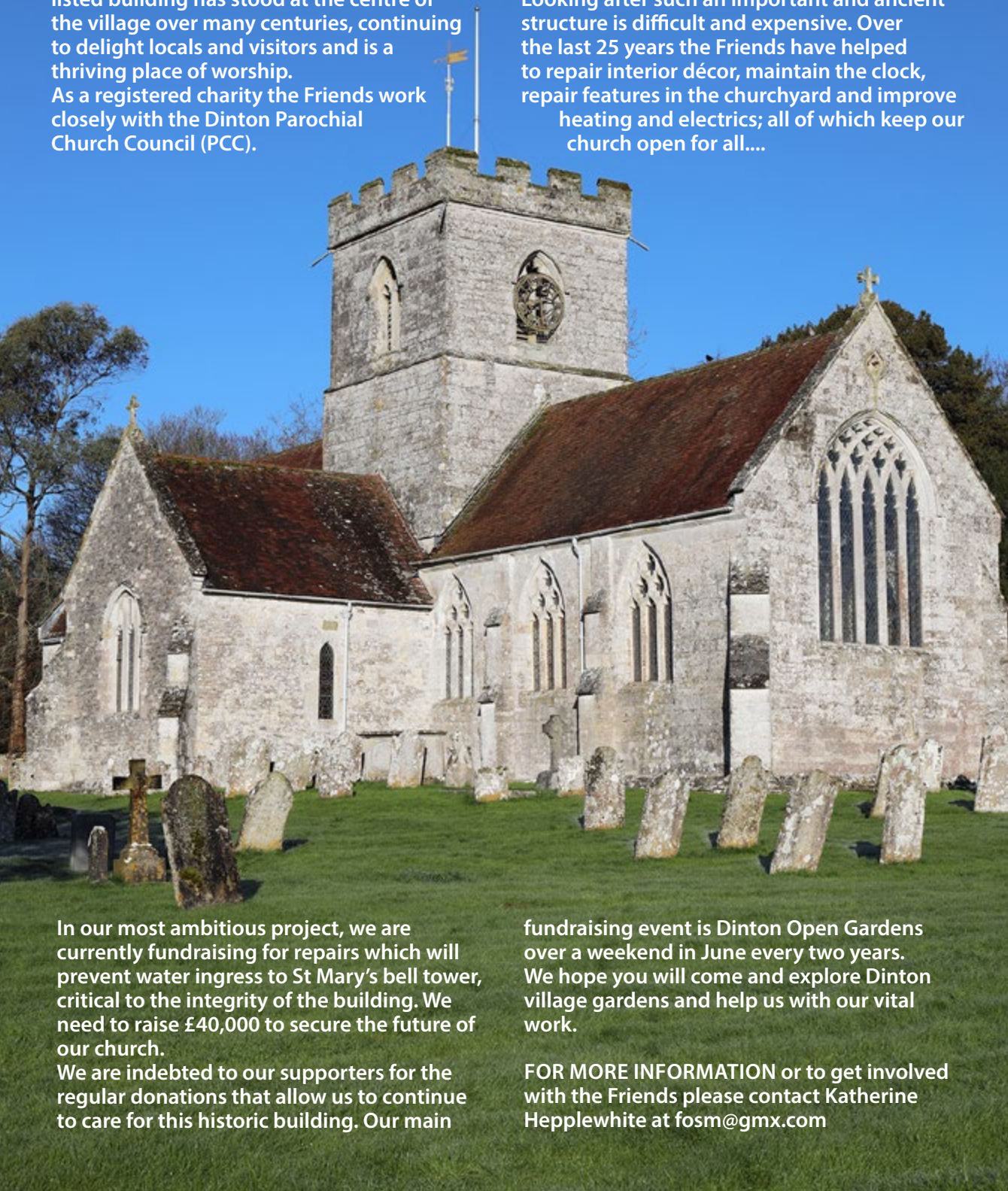


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Mum treated for breast cancer to take on London Marathon challenge for Stars Appeal



A SALISBURY MUM who was treated for cancer is taking on the London Marathon to support the Stars Appeal, Salisbury

Hospital's Charity — Jo Cullen, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022, wanted to run the marathon on Sunday, April 21, to 'give back' to the Breast Unit at Salisbury District Hospital for the care she received.

The 50-year-old did a virtual London Marathon in 2020 so this will be her first time doing the event in London. She had been due to run it in 2022 but was forced to pull out after receiving her cancer diagnosis. 'Getting my cancer diagnosis was a big shock

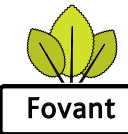
but I was very lucky to catch it early,' explains Jo, who had surgery to remove the lump followed by a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. 'Nearly two years after my diagnosis, with all my treatment behind me, I am finally able to run the London Marathon after having to defer my entry twice due to surgery. I just want to finish and raise as much money as I can for the Breast Unit.'

The Stars Appeal Breast Unit, which opened in 2017, is Salisbury Hospital's first-ever dedicated unit for breast patients providing dedicated diagnostic equipment along with treatment and counselling rooms in a beautifully furnished and dignified environment. It enables patients to have their diagnosis and follow-up care delivered in one place, reducing the need for patients to visit

other departments in the hospital. "We're very lucky in Salisbury to have such a wonderful Breast Unit on the doorstep. The nurses and consultants were absolutely amazing from the moment I was diagnosed to all my operations. They are still at the end of the phone to answer any questions or concerns. It feels like you're not alone, and they've got you under their wing." She also praised the lovely décor and furnishings in the unit, which she says make it feel very special! 'I'm so grateful for all the work the Stars Appeal do. It is vital to people like me to have places like the Breast Unit. I really felt strongly

about raising money for the Stars Appeal and to give back to a charity that has helped me and hundreds of other people," said Jo. Sophie Bagshaw, from Ludgershall, who is a second year Adult Nursing student at Bournemouth University doing a placement at Salisbury Hospital, is also lacing up her running shoes to take on her first London Marathon in support of the Stars Appeal. The 20-year-old said: "While doing my placement at the hospital it was a surprise to me how much was funded by the Stars Appeal and I wanted to contribute. Salisbury is also my local hospital that I've used for years so I wanted to give back.'

Jo Cullen with staff from the Breast Unit at Salisbury District Hospital and inset below.



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A world-first combination of trail cameras, AI and volunteers, is to be used across the UK to investigate robust hedgehog population estimates for the first time. We are lucky to have had five sites chosen in Wiltshire.

This summer Wiltshire Mammal Group is working with the People's Trust for Endangered Species and locally, Barford St. Martin has been chosen as one of the survey sites, led by Peter Thompson. So, we are looking for volunteers to help with installing and removing the cameras.

The 30 cameras will be installed on **Saturday 20th July** and removed on **Monday 19th August**.

A short briefing of what to do, will be held in Barford on the morning of the 20th July. After the cameras have been collected up, volunteers will also be needed to go through the camera images from the comfort of their homes!

If you would like to find out more and potentially help with this project – then please contact Peter on: peter.gl.thompson@outlook.com

10TH ANNIVERSARY

Fabulous Family Fun Day 10

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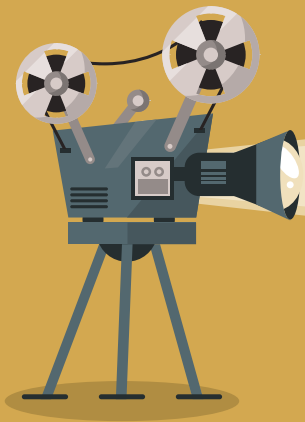
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Bishopstone



Moviola Cinema

Bishopstone

Bishopstone Village Hall SP5 4AA, usually on the last Friday of the month, at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm when a bar and snacks are available.

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One Life (12a)
26 April 2024



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May 4th at 7.00pm

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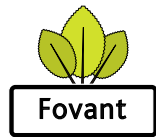
Tim Minchin,
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Think half comedy, half music.

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Fonthill House Garden Opening

in aid of the incredible charity



Sunday 28th April

12pm – 5pm

Some stalls will be owned and run by the young people, so do please bring cash!



Entrance is £10 per person if booked in advance on Eventbrite, £12 on the gate.

Children under 12 go free.



Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Unfortunately, there is restricted wheelchair access.

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One of my favourite recipes

Compton Chamberlayne Baked blueberry oats

This blueberry baked oatmeal is made with some delicious ingredients – fresh fruit, almond butter, and whole rolled oats – and it tastes like a treat.



Ingredients

- 1 ripe banana, mashed (120ml)
- 240ml unsweetened almond milk, at room temperature
- 60g smooth almond butter
- 85g maple syrup
- 4 tablespoons melted coconut oil
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 300g whole rolled oats

- 150g chopped pecans
- 200g blueberries, fresh or frozen
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar, for topping
- 2 tablespoons coconut flakes, for topping

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C and grease a 20cm square baking tray or similar.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the mashed banana, almond milk, almond butter, maple syrup, and coconut oil. Add the baking powder, cinnamon, and salt and whisk again.
3. Fold in the oats, 100g of the pecans, and 100g of the blueberries. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish and smooth into an even layer.
4. Top with the remaining 50g of blueberries and the remaining 50g of pecans, the brown sugar, and coconut flakes.
5. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until the topping is crisp and the middle is set. Remove from the oven and let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

To give this baked oatmeal extra staying power, serve it with a dollop of Greek yoghurt or your favourite non-dairy yoghurt.



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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

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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May's Brain Gym

Across

- 1 Carthaginian general in the Second Punic War who crossed the Alps with 40,000 men and defeated the Romans (8)
- 5 A multiple race competition in track cycling, with points being awarded for performance in each (6)
- 9 A large 17th- or 18th-century bowl, usually of silver, fluted and scalloped, for cooling drinking glasses (8)
- 10 Military slang for anti-aircraft artillery or fire (3-3)
- 11 Bingo, especially when played for money (5)
- 12 Durable aromatic timber from various large evergreen conifers, used in shipbuilding, fencing, furniture etc (9)
- 14 Violinist who became President of the Elgar Society in 1983 (6,7)
- 17 The birthplace of Coronation Street actress Thelma Barlow (13)
- 20 ___ Williams, writer of the 1947 play A Streetcar Named Desire (9)
- 21 In Greek mythology, a deity or nymph of the woods (5)
- 22 A first-magnitude star in the constellation Aquila, and the twelfth brightest in the sky (6)
- 23 In art, on fresh or moist plaster (8)
- 24 A method of creating a pattern in textiles during colouring, by binding or knotting parts of the fabric (3-3)
- 25 A sleeplike state in which the mind responds to external suggestion and can recover forgotten memories (8)

Down

- 1 John ___, presenter of the BBC TV quiz show Mastermind since 2003 (8)
- 2 Name of the former four-storey House on London Bridge, the earliest documented prefabricated building (7)
- 3 A tributary of the river Rhone in France, which joins the river Drac in Grenoble (5)
- 4 A globular cloud forming at a height of about 2400 to 6000 metres (11)
- 6 Ellen ___, yachswoman who broke the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe in 2005 (9)
- 7 Native or resident of the Gem State in USA (7)
- 8 Literally 'exalted gate' in Japanese, a title given by foreigners to the Emperor of Japan (6)
- 13 The Deputy Leader of the Labour Party from 1980 to 1983 (5,6)
- 15 American frontier town on the Santa Fe Trail, known as 'The Sodom of the West' (5,4)
- 16 Rock band who released the single Riders on the Storm in 1971 (3,5)
- 17 A large aquatic mammal of tropical coastal waters and rivers, with paddle-like flippers and tail (7)
- 18 Poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson which includes the line 'To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield' (7)
- 19 Royal family which ruled Scotland from 1371 to 1714 (6)
- 21 Roberto ___, Panamanian four- weight world champion boxer nicknamed 'Hands of Stone' (5)

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We help towards the cost of education

- Do you need help towards the cost of study e.g. course fees, equipment, books, travel?
- Does your group need help to improve its facilities, or access to its activities?
- Will your event help participants learn new skills or grow in confidence?
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The Centre

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DATE	5 May			9 May			12 May			19 May			26 May			2 June		
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SOUTHERN AREA							SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION											
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Fonhill Gifford	08.00	HCBCP	JMH	-	-	-	11.15	MBCP	JN	-	-	-	11.15	MBCP Feast of Title	MH	08.00	HCBCP	-
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Come and join us for a time of quietness and space to find

Wholeness and Healing

We invite you to join us for our monthly time of contemplation – and so to pray for yourself and for those whom you care about in difficulty.

6.00pm Wednesday May 8th

St Andrew's Chapel,
St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

ALL WELCOME
we look forward to seeing you

In times of sorrow and of joy God is with us guiding our steps – but we need to listen to him to follow the path he offers. Come to Him through prayer and silence amid the rush of this world.

We pray because we can; we care because we must.

SERVICES

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

- PC** Order 1 Communion (*with hymns*)
- PC_T** Order 1 Communion, *traditional language (with hymns)*
- PC02T** Order 2 Communion, *traditional language (with hymns)*
- PC02T/C** Order 2 Communion, *traditional/contemporary*
- RS** Reflective Service
- SoP** Songs of Praise
- SoW** All Age Service of the Word

CLERGY

- CF** Colin Fox
- EB** Elaine Brightwell
- JA** Judy Anderson
- JD** Julie Dunstan
- JMH** Juliette Hulme
- JN** Jo Naish
- MG** Michael Goater
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Change



There are many conspiracy theories in our world today. Some are recent while others have been around for generations. One such is that the world is flat.

There is clear evidence to prove otherwise but some still hold dearly to their truth of the world being flat. Christopher Columbus did not fall off the edge as he set sail and discovered America. Images of the earth from outer space show us that the world is round and yet still some cannot be convinced to change their minds.

Change whether it be changing our mind, location, or as a result of the choices and decisions of others, can be difficult for us all. We often want to hold on to what we know and what has worked for us in the past. We can be left with a sense that we have no control over what is happening. Unless of course we are the one instigating change.

Our reaction to any kind of change, especially if we feel we have no control over it can be what psychologists call **fight, flight or freeze**.

Each of these can be useful when considering change, after all resistance is a natural human response to change and can therefore be useful.

- In **fight** mode, we actively resist change, afraid it won't be done right. We just need to push harder and do it my way!
- In **flight** mode, we actively avoid change, afraid to get into a fight about the issue and don't have the time to get all worked up about it.
- In **freeze** mode, we might not take any action at all, afraid that we don't have all the answers and don't know what to do.

Following the departure of Graham Southgate in January and the unlikelihood that he will be replaced with a full-time stipendiary priest, the benefice faces a season of change.

What's your response to this thought – Fight, Flight or Freeze? Perhaps there is a 4th option. To prayerfully seek a way forward that will be of benefit to all.

St Augustine one of the early church theologians is quoted as saying 'pray as if everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on you.'

To this end I would like to invite you to join me on Wednesdays at 12 noon at St Edward of Wessex church, Teffont Magna – (Wylve Road, Teffont Magna SP3 5QY). Alternatively, if you are unable to join why not set your phone for 12 noon Wednesday and pray the Lord's Prayer wherever you are.

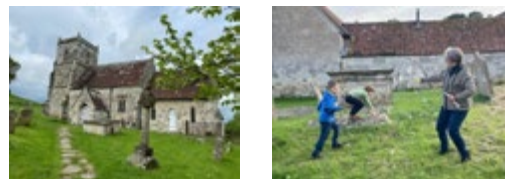
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Sutton Mandeville



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Fovant



Dr Kinlin's Focus Session

Thur 9 May

Dinton Village Hall 4 – 5 pm

Thur 23 May

Fovant Village Hall 4 – 5 pm

INFECTION & ANTIBIOTICS

Come along to have your questions answered.



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Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Councillor for Nadder Valley Division writes —

To reduce phosphates into the River Avon Special Area of Conservation (and this includes the Nadder, Wylye and Ebble tributaries), Wiltshire Council has received funding from Government for residents to ‘Revamp Their Tank’. This is a 100% funded grant to replace your old septic tank if you are close to a watercourse. Please see this link [Biodiversity and development – Wiltshire Council](#). Council officers will screen all applications to determine eligibility.

At full Council on 22nd February, Wiltshire Council approved the budget for 2024/25 with an increase in Council Tax of 4.99%. The total budget is £486m, three quarters of the funding coming from Council Tax. For every £100, £38 is spent on vulnerable adults and £21 on vulnerable children, £9 on waste collection and disposal.

From the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), South West Wiltshire has a population of 22,611, of which 30.4% are 65+ year olds – it is 22% across the whole of Wiltshire. The prevalence of dementia is 1.1% (0.9% Wiltshire) and 24% of people 50+ are disabled (25% Wiltshire). Wiltshire’s population of 65+ is projected to increase by 43% by 2040 from 1/5th to nearly 1/3rd. Currently, 18% of 65+ are living on their own (14% Wiltshire).

We have 15.4% of homes in fuel poverty (10.4% Wiltshire). Not sure how this is calculated, but probably has something to do with the lack of mains gas.

14.6% of children under 16 lived in a low income family – about 500 children (12.7% Wiltshire).

19% of 4-18 year olds have special educational needs – these are costly services and demand is also likely to rise.

Not only is Wiltshire as a whole going to have to deal with the increase in demand for services for older people, but SWW is likely to experience greater demand. We need to continue to support existing services and provide new ones to help maintain a healthy and thriving population.

It is extremely fortunate that through prudent management the Council is well-placed financially, but there are always risks and a tight grip needs to be kept on spending. However, an additional £10m has been allocated to spend on Highways over two years as the Council is well aware of the effects of the weather on our roads over the past couple of years, exacerbated more recently with the near constant and heavy rain. It will probably take much longer than two years for our roads to return to a decent state. An extra £1m has been allocated over three years for an additional gully tanker to add to the existing three. With over 80,000 gullies, it takes time to empty them all, but the additional tanker will help keep our roads clearer of standing water and prevent property flooding.

Wiltshire and Swindon are producing a joint Nature Recovery Strategy. This is in the early stages of development and the Council carried out a survey in March to help discover your priorities for nature recovery. Please follow the link to the page on the Council’s website where you can sign up to receive the Newsletter for future events and surveys. Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Wiltshire Council.

From May to July there will be a series of surveys and workshops to establish priorities.

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