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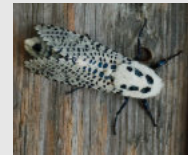


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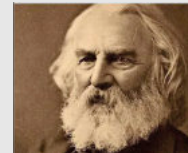
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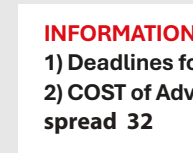
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Species of the month

Cossidae

Peter Thompson, Barford.

There is no reason why you should have heard of the family of moths called *Cossidae*! There are only three members of this family that are found in the UK – the Goat, Leopard and Reed Leopard moths.

These three species share unique traits; the adult moths lack functional mouthparts, so they cannot feed and their larvae spend 1 – 4 years boring into trees or reed stems.

By far the most common of the three is the Leopard moth. This moth has striking white wings, dotted with dark blue or black spots. The caterpillars bore into the trunks and branches of deciduous trees, very occasionally becoming a minor pest in orchards. This moth is common and widespread across the southern half of England and South Wales, and I usually catch two or three in my moth trap each year in Barford St. Martin.

The Reed Leopard is the rarest of the three and is a much smaller, highly localised Red Data Book species. As the name suggests, the larvae feed inside the stems of the common reed in wetland environments. It is strictly confined to a few East Anglian fen sites and an area around Poole in Dorset.

The one I mainly want to talk about here though, is the Goat moth. Why? well I have just seen my very first one, which I found in Great Windsor Park. This goliath is the heaviest moth in the UK, with a wingspan of up to 3.75 inches. It has a background colour of grey, with black and white markings, which gives it the appearance of cracked wood and thus makes it extremely hard to spot, as it spends the day resting on tree trunks.

This species also has the longest larval stage of any British moth, feeding for up to five years within the tree trunks of deciduous trees and reaching up to four inches in length.

The caterpillar exudes a strong goat like scent (hence its name), a polyphenol called cosine, that can be detected down-wind of an infected tree and is reputed to be distasteful to birds. When full grown, the caterpillar is occasionally encountered well away from its host tree as it seeks a place to pupate and make a strong cocoon to over-winter in.

While eating, the Goat moth caterpillars produce waste and fermented sap which leak out of their burrow hole, attracting other species of insects. The Red Admiral butterfly is a particular fan of these sap



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'runs', but so too is a rare fly, *Xylotachina diluta*, which is unfortunately a parasite of the Goat Moth caterpillars.

Sadly, this fascinating species is nationally scarce and its numbers have been decreasing since the 1960s. Having said that, Goat moths tend to favour trees in damper areas, such as wooded flood plains and water meadows – so you never know – they

could be in a tree near you in the Nadder Valley!

— 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! If you are interested, please see details on the right.

River Dipping Event

Wednesday 26th August
10am – 12 noon

Meet at Upper Chicksgrove. Post Code SP3 6LY.

What 3 Words: Blurts.Takeover.Alley.

There will be green SDNHS directional signs.

This is a joint meeting between the Wessex Rivers Trust and the Salisbury and Tisbury Natural History Societies. Come along and find out the about secrets of the river Nadder – what animals lurk in the shallows, from small fish to dragonfly nymphs and caddisfly to lampreys!

A free event to which children are particularly welcome, but they must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing and bring shoes that can be worn in the river.

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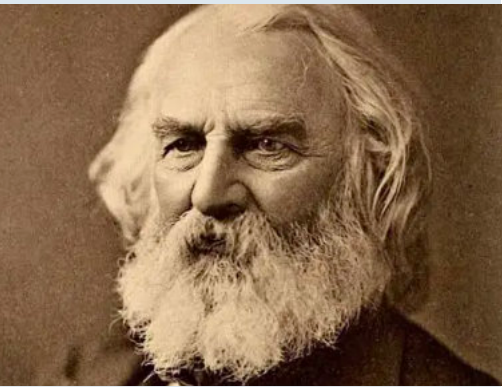
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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807–1882) was a celebrated 19th-century American poet and educator. Best remembered as a central figure of the "Fireside Poets," his musical and accessible verses—such as "Paul Revere's Ride" and "The Song of Hiawatha"—helped shape a shared American cultural heritage. Known for popularising poetry and bringing European literary traditions to American audiences, he was also a scholar and served as a professor of modern languages at Harvard University. In addition to his own writing, he was the first American to translate Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* into English. A committed abolitionist, Longfellow actively supported the anti-slavery movement by financing escape seekers and publishing his *Poems on Slavery* (1842) at the request of his friend, Senator Charles Sumner. His literary legacy remains significant; he holds the unique distinction of being the only American writer honoured with a memorial bust in Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey in London.

Rain In Summer

BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

How beautiful is the rain!
After the dust and heat,
In the broad and fiery street,
In the narrow lane,
How beautiful is the rain!

How it clatters along the roofs,
Like the tramp of hoofs
How it gushes and struggles out
From the throat of the overflowing spout!

Across the window-pane
It pours and pours;
And swift and wide,
With a muddy tide,
Like a river down the gutter roars
The rain, the welcome rain!

The sick man from his chamber looks
At the twisted brooks;
He can feel the cool
Breath of each little pool;
His fevered brain
Grows calm again,
And he breathes a blessing on the rain.

From the neighboring school
Come the boys,
With more than their wonted noise
And commotion;
And down the wet streets
Sail their mimic fleets,
Till the treacherous pool
Ingulfs them in its whirling
And turbulent ocean.

In the country, on every side,
Where far and wide,
Like a leopard's tawny and spotted hide,
Stretches the plain,
To the dry grass and the drier grain
How welcome is the rain!

In the furrowed land
The toilsome and patient oxen stand;
Lifting the yoke encumbered head,
With their dilated nostrils spread,
They silently inhale
The clover-scented gale,
And the vapors that arise
From the well-watered and smoking soil.
For this rest in the furrow after toil
Their large and lustrous eyes
Seem to thank the Lord,
More than man's spoken word.

Near at hand,
From under the sheltering trees,
The farmer sees
His pastures, and his fields of grain,
As they bend their tops
To the numberless beating drops
Of the incessant rain.
He counts it as no sin
That he sees therein
Only his own thrift and gain.

These, and far more than these,
The Poet sees!
He can behold
Aquarius old
Walking the fenceless fields of air;
And from each ample fold
Of the clouds about him rolled
Scattering everywhere
The showery rain,
As the farmer scatters his grain.

He can behold
Things manifold
That have not yet been wholly told,—
Have not been wholly sung nor said.
For his thought, that never stops,
Follows the water-drops
Down to the graves of the dead,
Down through chasms and gulfs
profound,
To the dreary fountain-head
Of lakes and rivers under ground;
And sees them, when the rain is done,
On the bridge of colors seven
Climbing up once more to heaven,
Opposite the setting sun.

Thus the Seer,
With vision clear,
Sees forms appear and disappear,
In the perpetual round of strange,
Mysterious change
From birth to death, from death to birth,
From earth to heaven, from heaven to
earth;
Till glimpses more sublime
Of things, unseen before,
Unto his wondering eyes reveal
The Universe, as an immeasurable wheel
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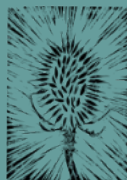
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Trek the Sahara Desert in support of Salisbury Hospital's Stars Appeal



The Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, is looking for adventurous supporters to take on a 100km Sahara Desert trek challenge.

Taking place in February 2028, the Sahara Desert Trek is the charity's seventh fundraising trek. Over six hot days, participants will walk more than 60 miles across dramatic desert landscapes, trekking over rocky terrain, towering dunes and remote salt plains. As night falls, temperatures will drop as they camp beneath the stars.

Budding trekkers can find out more at an information evening in Salisbury on Tuesday, October 20.

The Stars Appeal's Volunteer Challenge Manager, Jo Maslen, who has trekked five of the previous six treks, said: "This is your chance to change your own life, and the lives of patients and the staff who care for them in our hospital. Our treks challenge you from

sign-up to finish line from getting fit and hitting your fundraising target, to trekking tough but unforgettable landscapes, travelling with a big group and being far from home.

"It will be an adventure filled with breathtaking views, golden sunrises and sunsets, treks alongside Berber guides and their camels, evenings around the campfire, and sleeping under the stars. Along the way, you'll form new friendships, discover inner strengths you never knew you had, and create memories that will stay with you forever. Every step you take will help support Salisbury Hospital. If you have a positive mindset, a can-do attitude, and are ready to challenge yourself, come along to our information evening to find out more."

Every trekker is asked to raise at least £2,000 for the Stars Appeal, as well as paying their own trekking costs to the challenge organisers Discover Adventure.

Money raised will help towards the £2million the Stars Appeal aims to raise every year to fund projects across Salisbury Hospital. These include new equipment, enhancements to buildings, and ongoing projects across the hospital, including support for people with cancer, a dedicated play assistant on the Children's Unit, and Stars Appeal Wi-Fi.

This year, a group of 29 local people completed a trek in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas and raised £91,973 for the Stars Appeal. Funds raised from this trek, together with previous challenges in Colombia, Petra, the Grand Canyon, Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China, have brought the total raised across six treks to over £570,000.

Sign up to the trek information evening at www.starsappeal.org/events or call 01722 429005.



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Dr Kinlin's Focus Session

Thursday 24 September

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Tisbury



A Simple 'De-Stressing' Solution after a Hot Day's Work!

What could be nicer or more fun than finishing work or college on a warm summer's day, and meeting up with friends (new and old) for a game of croquet, in Tisbury?!!

Croquet is a relatively simple game to be enjoyed with others where age and gender are irrelevant. It may be simple to learn but you will soon discover the twists and turns that make it such a unique and enjoyable sport – for all!

The courts in the club are already well used but there is lots of capacity in the evenings and at weekends which could be ideal if you are busy working at all other times during the week. Courts can be booked by members for games with specific players (members or guests). In addition, the Club runs 'Mix-ins' with free instruction and the opportunity to link up and join in with other members to learn more about the two main types of croquet. All the equipment is provided



free of charge to members, and there is a cheery Club House with all necessary facilities if members want to enjoy available refreshments, supplemented perhaps by something more elaborate, brought in to round off the game.

The Club is 'not for profit' so all the subscriptions go towards the essential running of the Club House and grounds – and the amazing thing is that membership costs less than the price of three cups of coffee per month!

This brilliant opportunity could quite change the shape of your summer and winter too, as play is all year round and subject only to the weather).

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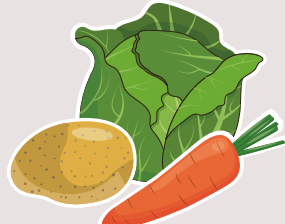


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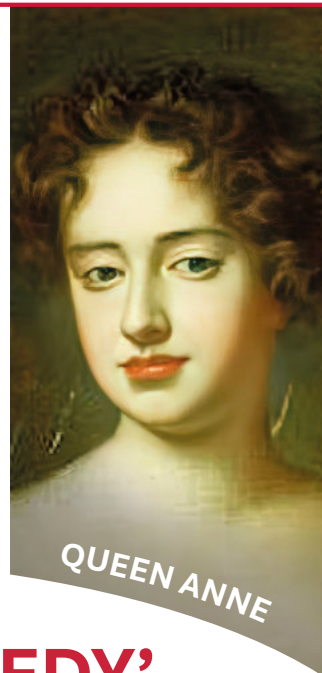


On a gloriously warm summer's day, Saturday 18 July 2026, Saint Michael's Church in Compton Chamberlayne became the setting for an unforgettable musical occasion as Handel's Messiah was reimaged in a performance of remarkable intimacy and beauty. Led by the village's own David Bates—internationally acclaimed conductor and artistic director with close associations to London's Wigmore

Hall—and brought vividly to life by an outstanding ensemble of singers and instrumentalists, the concert captivated a capacity audience. Tickets had sold out weeks in advance, a testament to the growing reputation of Compton Chamberlayne's exceptional concert series, which over the past five years has established the village as an unlikely yet distinguished destination for world-class music.



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Spots something interesting...!

... a wildflower meadow!

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Well, it's trickier than it would seem and not simply a matter of scattering a random packet of 'meadow seed' on to the ground, watering it and hoping your patch will miraculously be transformed into a mini meadow like this beautiful example found tucked away in a Compton Chamberlayne garden...

If you are happy to do the work yourself then you should follow the three-fold approach of low fertility, rigorous preparation and time:

Fertility: this should be low as meadow plants will struggle to survive in a rich soil such as that under grass. Long-established wildflower meadows that have been left uncultivated are relatively low in nutrients. If you are patient, consider planting a nitrogen-hungry crop (mustard or cabbage) for one year before sowing your seeds, in order to lower the fertility of the soil.

Preparation: lawn grass and weeds too, need to be eradicated as they will compete with any newly sown meadow flowers.

Time: your meadow will, with care, improve over time as each year's seeds drop and self-sow.

As far as size goes, you can have a small area in your garden, a large field-sized meadow or anything in-between. The end result will be equally stunning to look at.

There are many suppliers of ready-mixed meadow seed for most situations but you will need to know your soil type in order to choose the best for your garden. Follow the planting instructions that come with the seeds for best results. If you prefer to avoid the hard work and just wait for your lovely meadow to appear, then companies exist who will do everything for you, leaving you to appreciate the results of their hard work a few months down the line.

So, if this brief introduction whets your appetite, persevere and be patient, you will be thrilled with the results. — MM



Our first fundraising event was a great success raising over £1,200, so a huge thanks to all who supported the event.

Under the Covers with Nicholas and Jack, Friday 19th June 2026, at All Saints' Church, Sutton Mandeville.

Outside, in glorious sunshine, ninety friends and neighbours sipped cool refreshments as they gathered in the shadow of the recently restored churchyard wall, eager to enter the church and admire the beautiful arrangements of locally grown flowers, part of the Nadder Benefice Flower Festival, and listen to the evening's hosts.



Inside, long-term village residents Nicholas Shakespeare and Jack Deverell prepared to entertain them with a discussion about their tennis serves and Nicholas' books: a more bucolic English village evening is hard to imagine!

Jack masterfully quizzed Nicholas about his writing of *Frame 37*, *Ian Fleming: The Complete Man* and *Winston Churchill – Six Minutes in May*, revealing fascinating insights into the author's mind. The audience laughed as the light-hearted questioning told us how an unsuccessful university application helped provide the central location for *Frame 37*, how Nicholas' attitude to Fleming changed the more

he learnt about him, and why Nicholas focused on the personal side of Churchill's involvement in the Norwegian campaign. The talk concluded with questions from the audience and a salutary warning from Nicholas about the perils of AI: a 2026 Granta prize-winning book, judged by 'real' people, suspected to be written by AI.

There is another local opportunity to ask Nicholas about *Frame 37* as Fox & King will be interviewing him together with fellow author Charles Cumming at: The Pembroke Arms, Wilton on 2nd

September, www.foxandking.com

Our next fundraising events will be a **Village Barbeque** with family games and tug-o-war on **Sunday 20th September 2026** and an illustrated historical talk by Paul Cordle '**Triumph & Tragedy**' in Dinton Village Hall on **Friday 2nd October 2026** – keep the dates and watch this space for further details.

If you wish to make a donation to the All Saints' Churchyard Wall Appeal please contact the PCC Treasurer John Gailey:

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How cool is this?

The Scribe of Compton Chamberlayne

AS ANOTHER SUMMER OF STIFLING HEAT WAVES drives temperatures ever higher, more households are turning to air conditioning in search of relief. Yet this modern solution comes at a price. It is expensive to install, costly to run, and, paradoxically, contributes to the very problem it seeks to solve by expelling vast quantities of hot air into the streets and skies beyond. In the search for a more sustainable way to cool our buildings, scientists have found an unlikely source of inspiration: the elephant.

Unlike humans, elephants cannot sweat to regulate their body temperature. Instead, they use their trunks to spray themselves with water. But this is far more sophisticated than a simple cooling shower: Their thick, deeply wrinkled skin forms countless tiny channels that trap and retain moisture. As the water evaporates slowly over many hours, it provides a remarkably effective and natural cooling system, allowing these magnificent animals to endure some of the world's hottest climates.

This ingenious design has now inspired the development of an innovative cement-based building tile whose surface is deliberately laced with a network of microscopic cracks. When sprayed with water, these tiny fissures absorb and hold the moisture in much the same way as an elephant's skin. Rather than running off, the water evaporates gradually, keeping the tiles cool for as long as twenty hours without the need for electricity, fans, compressors or any moving mechanical parts. Early laboratory tests have been striking: beneath the experimental tiles, temperatures remained at a comfortable 32°C, while conventional smooth tiles exposed to the same conditions soared to 52°C. Researchers hope that future systems could automatically mist the tiles in response to weather forecasts, creating buildings that cool themselves naturally by borrowing one of nature's most elegant engineering solutions.

Editor's Note: This feature was found during our search for interesting articles on global warming, heatwaves, and methods of keeping cool in extreme temperatures. We are pleased to acknowledge that a version of this also appeared in the Weather section of The Times Newspaper in July.

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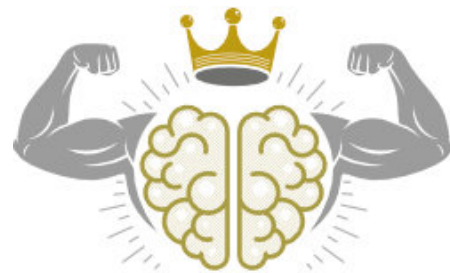
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August's Brain Gym

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.

HOW TO PLAY SUM SQUARE

Each side of the shape must add up to the number shown. The numbers you can place are 1-9 and each number can only appear once. Some of the numbers are already used.



SUM SQUARE

	-	5	×		=16
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	-		+		=11
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DATE	2 August	9 August	16 August	23 August	30 August
	Trinity 9	Trinity 10	Trinity 11	Trinity 12	Trinity 13

UPPER NADDER BENEFICE SERVICES

	BENEFICE SERVICE			BENEFICE SERVICE			BENEFICE SERVICE		
Ansty	-	-	-	11.15	PC	MC	-	-	-
Swallowcliffe	11.15	M Baptism	MH	-	-	-	08.00	HCBCP	MH
Chilmark	11.15	AAC	TF	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	JP
Hindon	-	-	-	09.30	PC	JN	-	-	-
Chicklade									
Fonthill Bishop	-	-	-	08.00	HCBCP	RHS	09.30	MBCP	JA
Fonthill Gifford	08.00	HCBCP	RHS	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tisbury*	09.30	AAS Baptism	JA/MH	09.30	PC	BB	18.00	E	JA
							09.30	PC	TM

LOWER NADDER BENEFICE SERVICES

	BENEFICE SERVICE			BENEFICE SERVICE			BENEFICE SERVICE		
Barford St Martin	11.15	AAC Baptism	EB	09.30	MCW	LAY	-	-	-
Baverstock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compton Chamberlayne	09.30	PC	MG	-	-	-	10.00	AAC	EB/SM
Dinton	09.30	AAC	PC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fovant	08.00	HC02T	EB		To Sutton	-	-	-	-
Sutton Mandeville	18.00	ES	EB	09.30	McW	EB	-	-	-
Teffont Evias	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	BH	-	-	-
Teffont Magna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
							11.15	AAC	MH

SERVICES

AAC	All Age Communion
AAS	All Age Service
BCP	Book of Common Prayer
CbE	Communion by Extension
CE	Choral Evensong (BCP)
CW	Common Worship
DS	Devotional Service
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)
PCt	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

Upper Nadder Benefice

AT	Anthony Thomas
BB	Barry Blackford
GB	Guy Bridgewater
JA	Judy Anderson
JD	Julie Dunstan
JP	Joanna Percival
LE	Louise Ellis
MC	Michael Camp
MH	Mark Hayter
MG	Michael Goater

ND	Nigel Done
NW	Nigel Worn
RHS	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
TM	Tony Monds
TH	Tim Hiller
TF	Tina Fox
+AR	Bishop Andrew

Lower Nadder Benefice

+SL	Bishop Stephen Lake
AB	Andrew Bryant
BH	Barney Hopkinson
EB	Elaine Brightwell
JT	Jenny Taylor
MG	Michael Goater
MH	Mark Hayter
PC	Pat Clegg
SD	Stephen Dunwoody

Healing & Wholeness

Come to join us in the stillness, bringing with you anything you wish to pray for that is near to your heart and for healing for our Creator's world.

Jesus is the Light of the world
Wednesday August 12th, 4.00pm
St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury
St Andrew's Chapel

Place your mind in the brilliance of God's glory
Place your heart in the hands of Jesus

* HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am at St John's, Tisbury.



Lower Nadder Benefice

As I write this, our villages are filled with the signs of summer. The fields are changing colour, gardens are full of life and there is a wonderful sense of activity across our countryside. It is a season of growth and hard work, but also a season of celebration.

One of the great gifts of living in a rural benefice is the way our villages come together to share in the joys and challenges of life. Each village has its own character, traditions and stories, yet together we form a wider community where friendships are growing, support is offered and celebrations are shared.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities to gather: village fêtes, flower festivals, open gardens, concerts, school events, as well as weddings, baptisms, anniversaries and special services in our churches.

These occasions remind us that life is richer when we share it with others. They give us time to pause, give thanks, enjoy one another's company, and celebrate the many blessings that surround us.

The Bible reminds us that, 'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.' (*Ecclesiastes 3:1*). In our busy lives, it is important to make time for celebration—for the moments that bring us together, strengthen our relationships and remind us of the goodness of God's gifts.

Our churches are at the heart of many of these celebrations. They are places where we mark the significant moments of life: welcoming new members of our families,

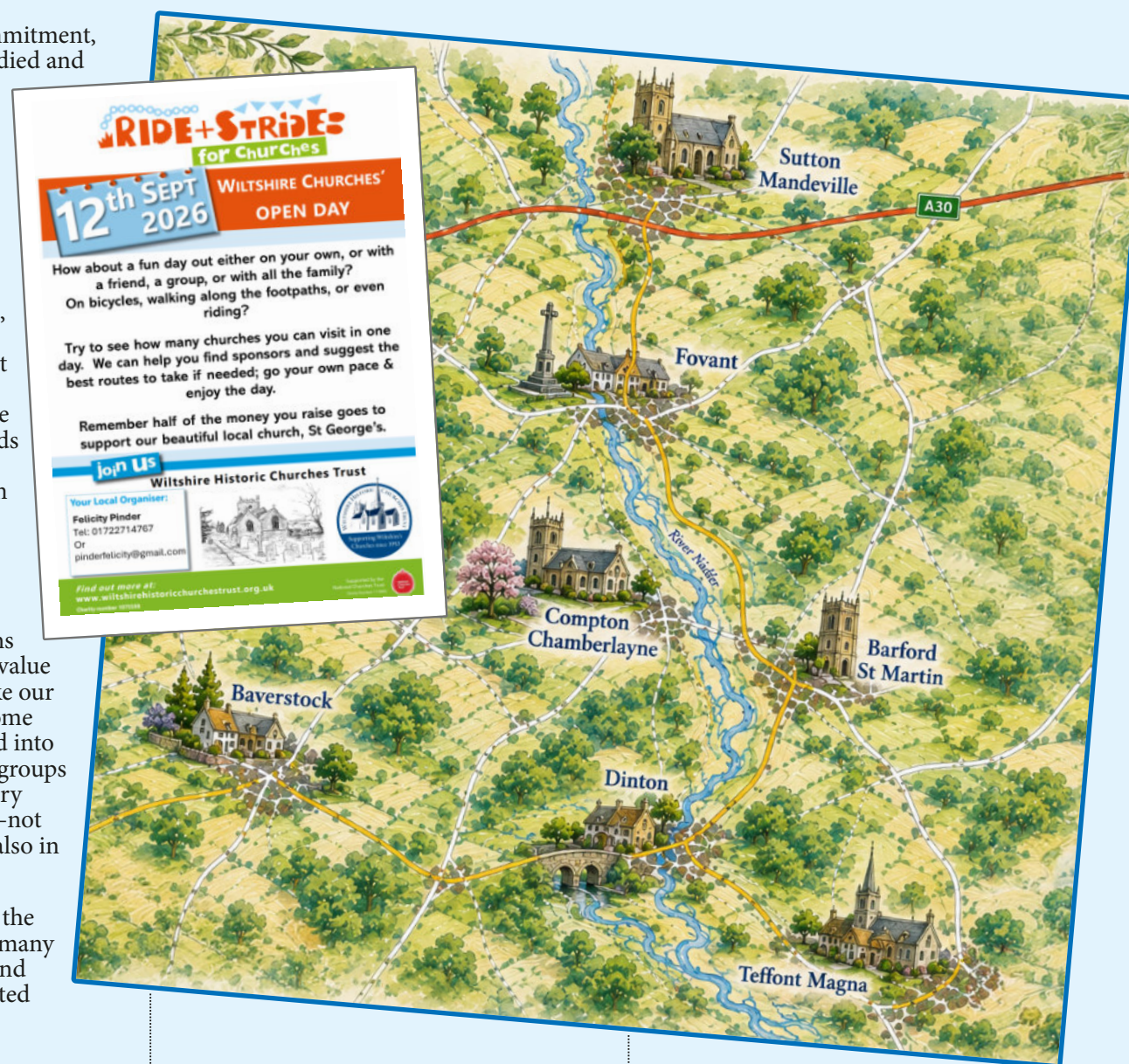
giving thanks for love and commitment, remembering those who have died and gathering to worship and pray. They are not just buildings, but places of welcome, belonging and hope for everyone.

But we recognise that not every season is easy. While some are celebrating, others may be facing times of sadness, loneliness, illness, or uncertainty. One of the greatest strengths of our rural communities is the way we care for one another. The same hands that prepare celebrations and decorate our churches are often the hands that offer practical help, a listening ear, and quiet encouragement when it is needed.

As we look ahead to the months before us, may we continue to value the people and places that make our benefice special. May we welcome those who have recently moved into our villages, support our local groups and organisations and take every opportunity to meet together—not only in times of difficulty, but also in moments of joy.

May God bless all our villages, the celebrations we share, and the many unseen acts of kindness that bind our communities together, united in friendship, faith and hope.

Revd Elaine Brightwell
Rector Lower Nadder Benefice





Upper Nadder Benefice

We are delighted that the Revd Robert Church has been appointed as Rector of the Upper Nadder Benefice. Rob and his family will move to the Rectory in Tisbury towards the end of this month and we expect that he will begin his ministry among us in the autumn.

It gives me great pleasure to write and introduce myself to you as your new Rector. I feel so privileged to have been asked to come and be part of such special communities in such a beautiful place.

A little about me:

I was raised in Gloucestershire and ended up in London for university study and work before exploring my call to ordained ministry on the staff of Derby Cathedral. From there I entered formation for the priesthood at Ripon College Cuddesdon, and subjected myself to the rigours of a theology degree at Oxford. Following that academic preparation I was ordained at Gloucester Cathedral and had three wonderful years as a curate in the Cotswolds, in a small rural market town and village settings.

Following this I accepted a commission to serve those who serve in HM Armed Forces, and joined the Royal Navy as a



chaplain. After training at Dartmouth I spent a time in frigates bouncing around the North Atlantic and high north, before volunteering for service in submarines. I relished the challenge of qualifying as a submariner, and serving

that special, often unseen, community. Since then I have supported those involved in military staff and command education, and currently help to train chaplains at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre.

More importantly than any of that, I am married to Francesca (a teacher in Salisbury) and we have a young daughter, Clarissa. As a family we love being outdoors, cooking for our friends and exploring anything historical, so I think we will settle right in to the Upper Nadder! We are really looking forward to getting to know you all.

Revd Robert Church



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Advertising and article submission deadline



Wednesday 19 August

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AUGUST 2026

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adviceandcontact@wiltshire.gov.uk

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