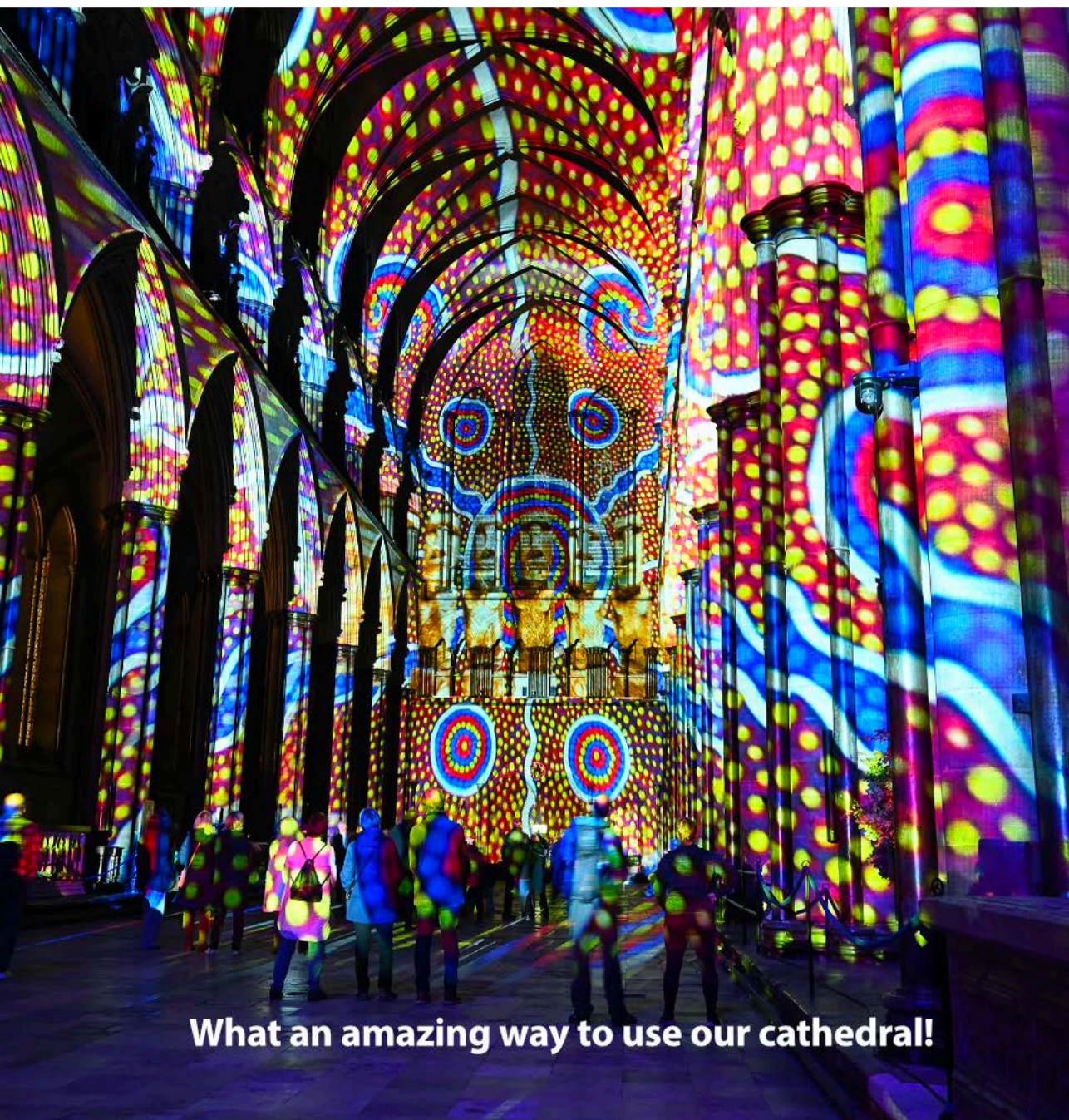


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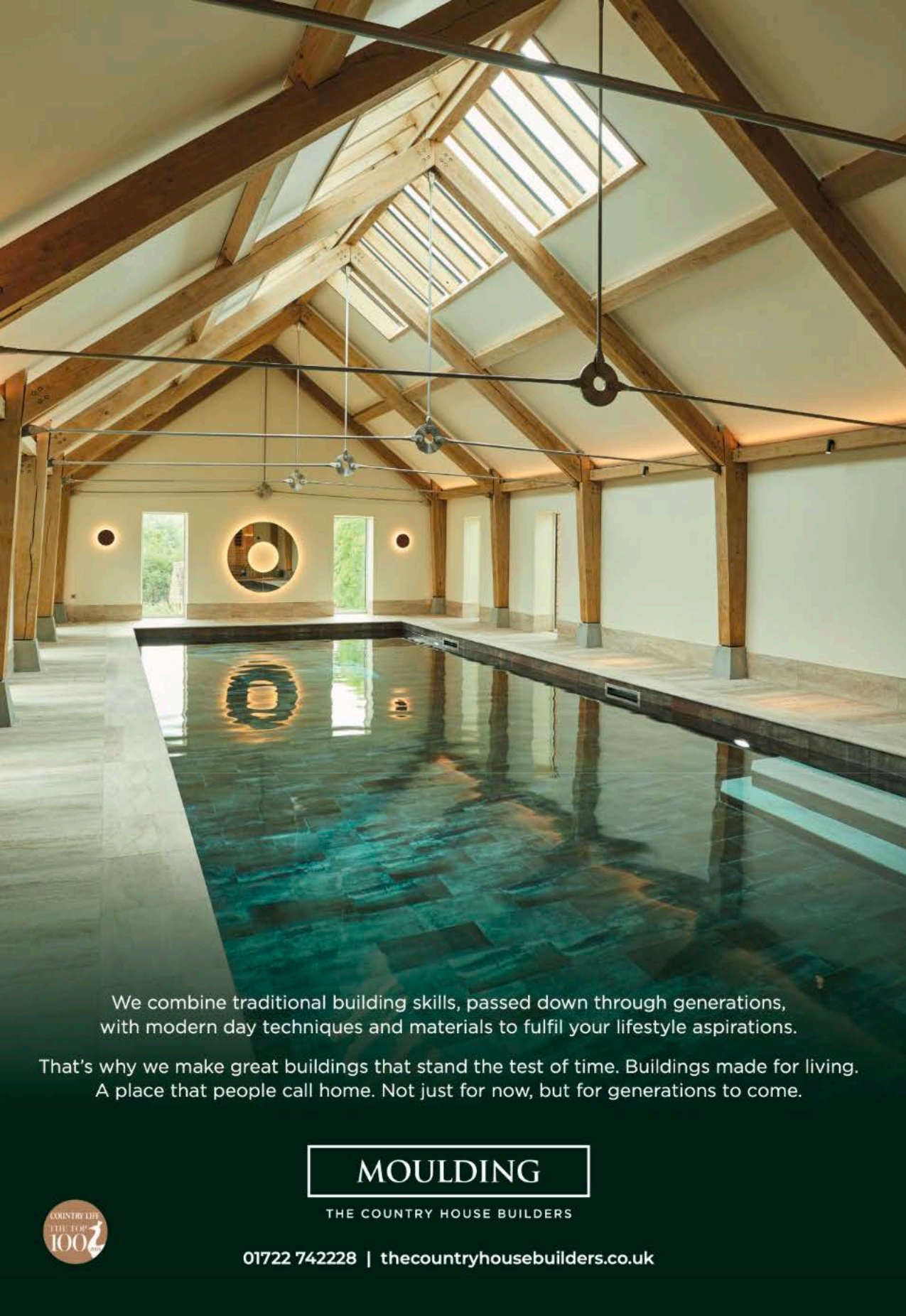


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Species of the month

The Christmas Tree

Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

Have you wondered each December, as you drag, push and pull a large fir tree into the house, and then venture into the loft trying to locate the 'Christmas tree decoration box' - what on earth this is all about?

Well, back around 680 AD a boy called Wynfryth was born in Devon and it soon became apparent that he was a very gifted chap, so at the tender age of 13 he was sent to the Benedictine monastery at Nutselle, a seminary of learning in the diocese of Winchester, situated between Southampton and Winchester, to further his studies. The abbey of Nutselle, or Nursling, was later destroyed by the Danes.

In 716, Wynfryth left to work in Friesland and within three years was made a Bishop by Pope Gregory the Second and given the name Boniface, meaning 'Doer of good.' He then became a missionary to Germany and is credited with creating the Christian church there.



During the year of 722 he came across a scene where a young child was tied to an oak tree and about to be sacrificed to the sacred God of thunder, Thor. He immediately intervened, freeing the child and cutting down the oak. The Pagans were astounded that an angry Thor did not immediately strike him down with lightning for stopping the sacrifice and they began to take notice of this person among them.

A little later a small fir sprang up where the oak had been and Boniface declared it a holy tree, telling the heathen tribes: "its leaves remain evergreen in the darkest days – let Christ be your constant light. Its boughs reach out to embrace and its top points to heaven – let Christ

be your comfort and your guide. Bring the humble tree into your houses and let Christ be at the centre of your households." And so the tradition of the Christmas tree was born.

It was much later, around 1800, that the tradition was introduced into Britain by Charlotte, the wife of George III. However, even then it did not become fashionable

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until Prince Albert popularised the practice in 1841, by putting up a big tree outside Windsor Castle and for the first time, decorating it.

Young Victorian women loved the idea of making all sorts of things to embellish the tree and started well before December, making coloured paper twists filled with dates, silk and feather draw purses filled with sugared fruits or almonds and little cotton wool snowmen. They also used their macramé and lace skills to make doilies which they soaked in a saturated sugar solution, which enabled them to be shaped and dried into decorative forms.

By 754, Boniface, who had by this time become Archbishop of Mainz, resigned his position to return to the Friesians. He was martyred the following year by Pagans in the town of Dokkrum, which is now part of Holland.

Some of the most popular species of tree used nowadays are the Norway spruce (*Picea abies*), Nordmann fir (*Abies nordmanniana*), Colorado spruce (*Picea pungens*) and the Fraser fir (*Abies fraseri*).

Different species of tree have different characteristics. Some, like the Fraser fir, are known for their stronger scents. The Nordmann fir, which is one of the UK's most popular trees, has a softer scent and holds on to its needles (a good one to pick if you dislike hoovering!).



The city of Oslo, Norway, presents a Christmas tree to the people of London every year as a symbol of gratitude for Britain's support during World War II. The tradition began in 1947 and continues today, with the tree typically displayed in Trafalgar Square.

So, the little boy from Devon, started a tradition that has now grown into a market, calculated to be valued at approximately £379 million, with an estimated 9 million trees sold each year – and that is just here in the UK! To grow enough trees for our home market, around 15,500 hectares (38,300 acres) of land is estimated to be used to maintain a constant, sustainable supply of commercial Christmas trees in the UK.

That was some sermon Boniface gave to those Pagans in 722! — 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.

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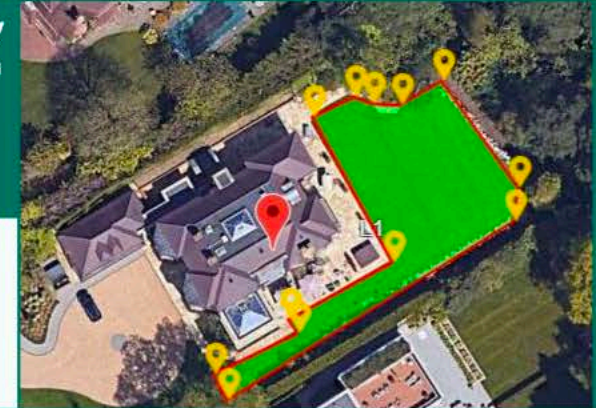
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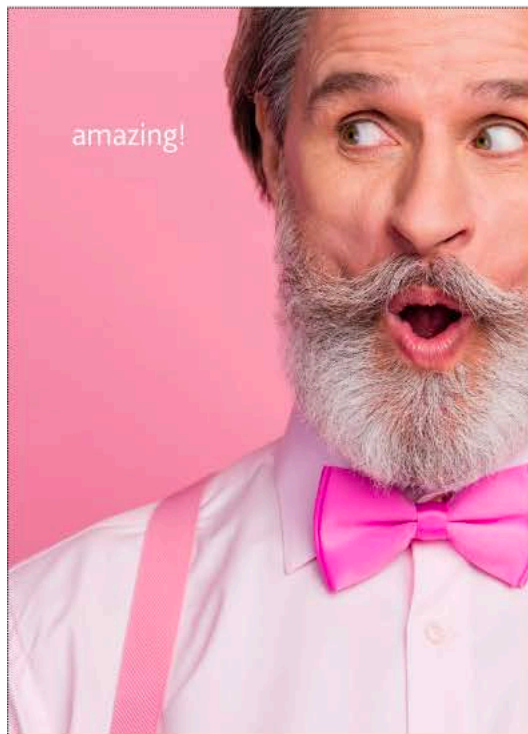
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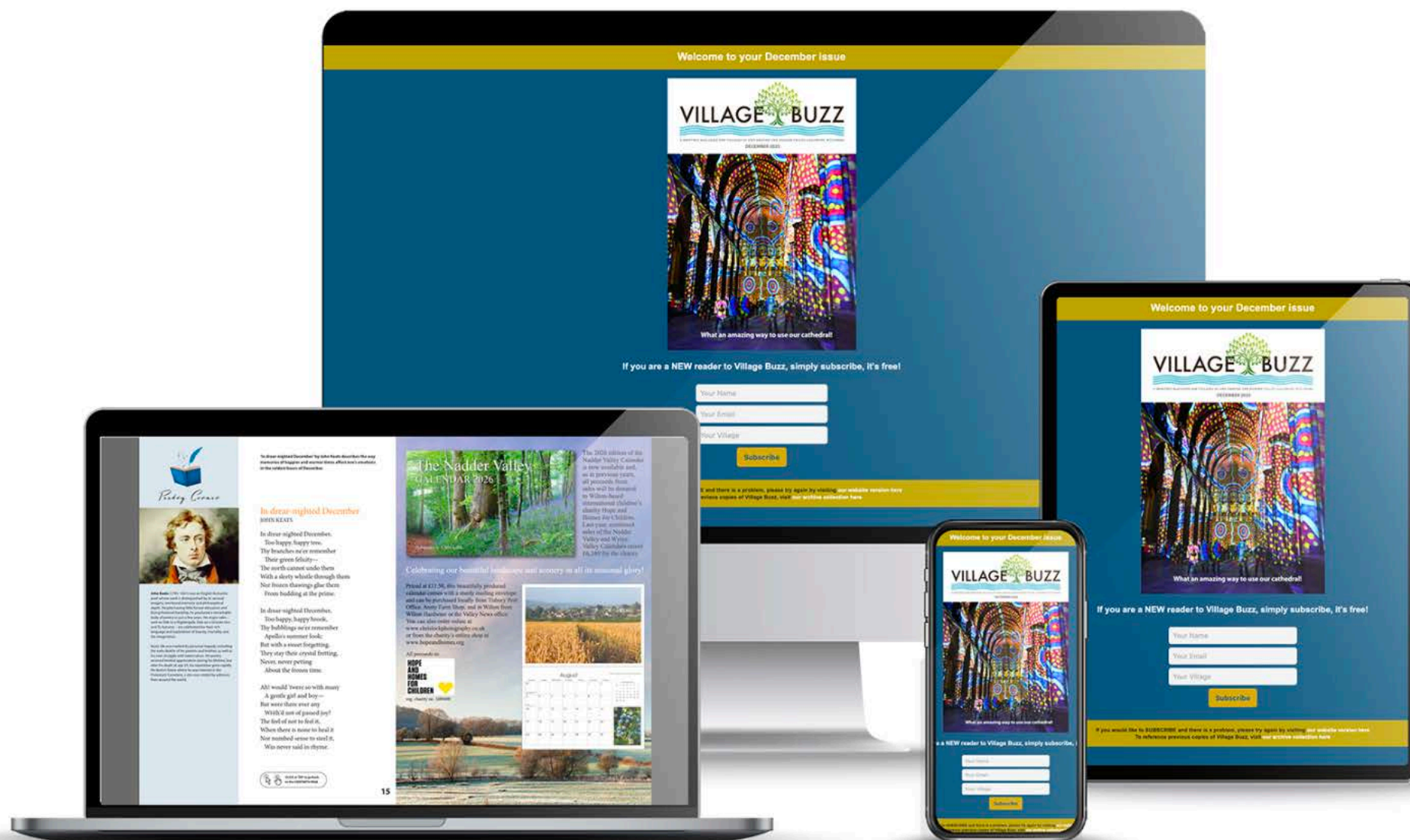


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Dinton



VIP Speakers – 'In the Shadow of War, 1939-1945'

Dinton Village Hall was host to two performances of the spectacular show 'In the Shadow of War 1939-1945' over the first weekend of November. An evening of richly illustrated stories of Nadder Valley people, the county and Britain during the Second World War was coloured by wartime songs from the Nadder Valley Remembrance Choir. The choir, led by Desmond Shawe-Taylor of Teffont and accompanied on the keyboard by David Davis of Fovant, came together in September especially for this one off event.

Lord Soames, former Tory MP and Cabinet Minister, read a short piece of his grandfather Sir Winston Churchill's first wartime speech to the Commons as Prime Minister. Speaking with typical Churchillian *brio* Lord Soames captured the attention of the nearly 250 people present at the Friday performance. Lord Chartres GCVO, formerly Bishop of London, led a short Act of Remembrance on Friday, as did the Revd Elaine Brightwell on Saturday.

Further highlights included a moving account of Australian troops in the war read by Colonel Mick Henderson of the Australian Army and two Noel Coward songs sung by Jack Deverell (Sutton Mandeville) and Dickie Winchester (Compton Chamberlayne). The latter



stole the show with their gutsy rendition of 'Would you please oblige us with a Bren Gun' and Winston Churchill's favourite wartime song 'Don't let's be beastly to the Germans'. This was followed by the audience singing three much loved wartime songs.

This 'sell-out' evening was held in aid of ACE SMA and REACT Disaster Response, both acclaimed charities based in the valley. ACE SMA supports children with spinal muscular atrophy. REACT supports communities struck by natural disasters; currently it has teams deployed in Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa.

TOP LEFT: The Nadder Valley Remembrance Choir
GOING DOWN THE PAGE: Lord Soames
Lord Chartres GCVO formerly Bishop of London
Richard Willan and Kate Clutterbuck

LEFT MIDDLE: Dickie Winchester, Jack Deverell and Richard Willan
LEFT BOTTOM: Dickie Winchester, Jack Deverell and Paul Cordle
ABOVE: Colonel Mick Henderson of the Australian Army



Salisbury Cathedral

November 2025

Salisbury Cathedral unveiled a spellbinding vision with the premiere of *Sarum Lights: Lost Worlds*, the newest creation from the celebrated artistic collective *Luxmuralis*. Four weeks ago, the Cathedral was transformed into a radiant gateway through time. 'Lost Worlds' invited visitors to wander through the

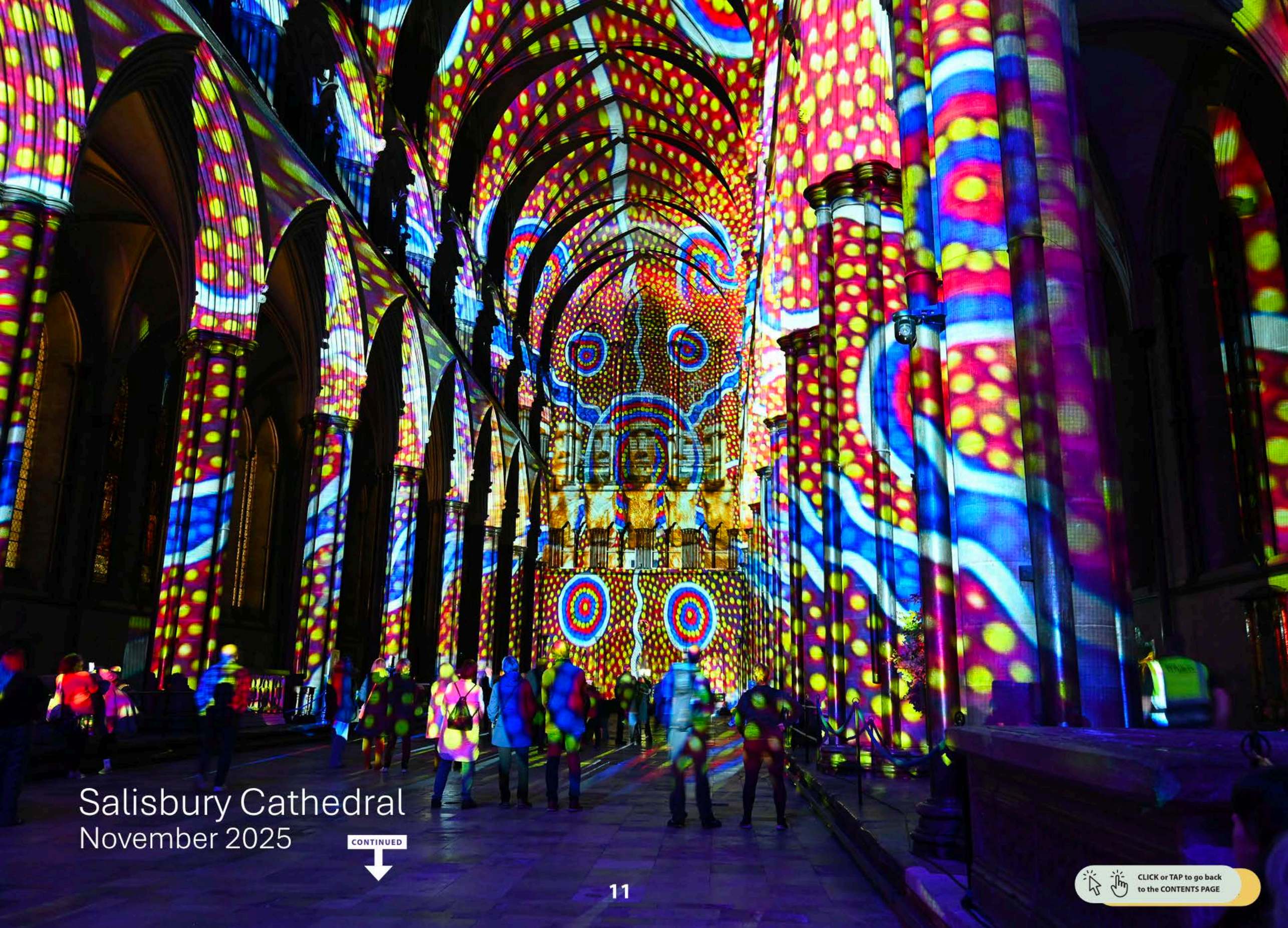
echoes of vanished cultures, tracing the stories of ancient societies that time had swept away. The West Front shimmered with scenes drawn from Europe's earliest civilisations, while the cloisters glowed with the raw beauty of cave paintings and the delicate geometry of early cultural designs. Inside, light and sound wove together to guide guests from the Garden of Eden through the unfolding centuries of the Church. Legendary realms — from Atlantis to

Troy — reappeared in vivid, moving tableaux that brought myth and memory to life. It was also wonderful to see the Cathedral embraced for something beyond its religious purpose. With the seating removed from the nave, the vast, open interior became an astonishing inner space — a place where light, sound, and imagination could expand freely, revealing the building's grandeur in a wholly unexpected way.

Set to an original score, this immersive spectacle showed Salisbury Cathedral in an entirely new light, transforming its architecture into a living tapestry of colour, sound, and wonder.



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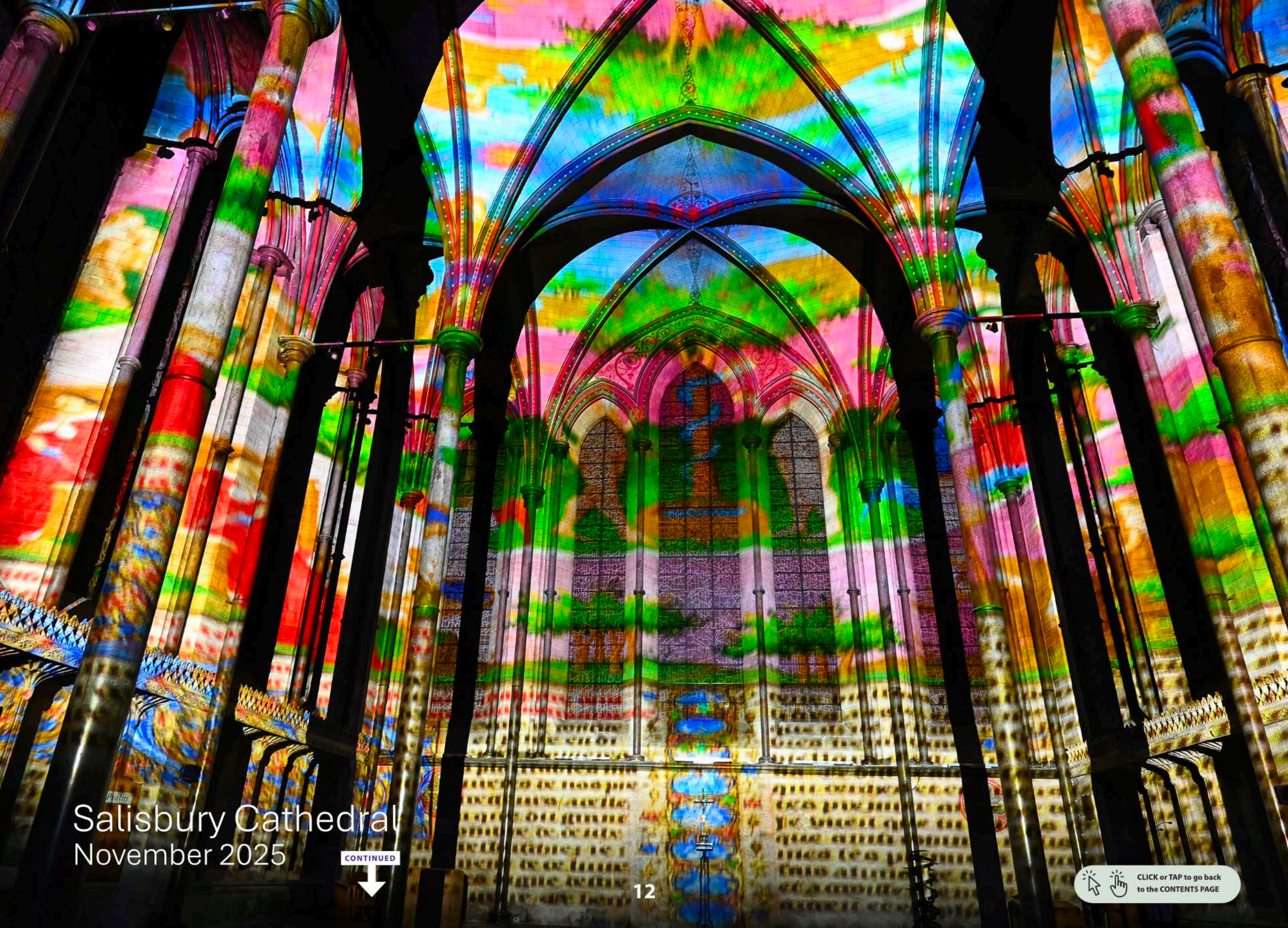


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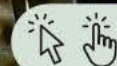
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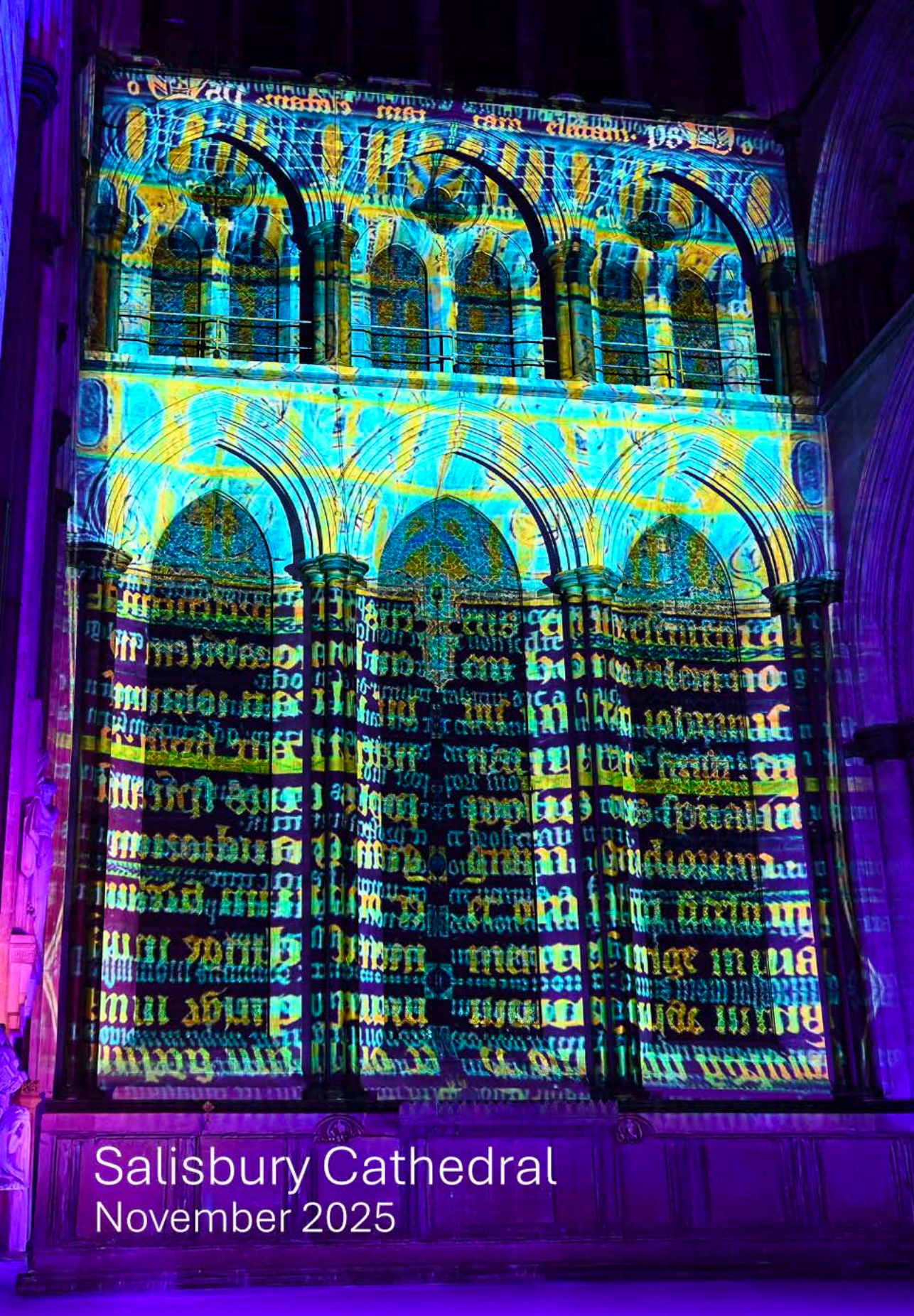
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John Keats (1795–1821) was an English Romantic poet whose work is distinguished by its sensual imagery, emotional intensity and philosophical depth. Despite having little formal education and facing financial hardship, he produced a remarkable body of poetry in just a few years. His major odes – such as Ode to a Nightingale, Ode on a Grecian Urn, and To Autumn – are celebrated for their rich language and exploration of beauty, mortality and the imagination.

Keats' life was marked by personal tragedy, including the early deaths of his parents and brother, as well as his own struggle with tuberculosis. His poetry received limited appreciation during his lifetime, but after his death at age 25, his reputation grew rapidly. He died in Rome where he was interred in the Protestant Cemetery, a site now visited by admirers from around the world.

'In drear-nighted December' by John Keats describes the way memories of happier and warmer times affect one's emotions in the coldest hours of December.

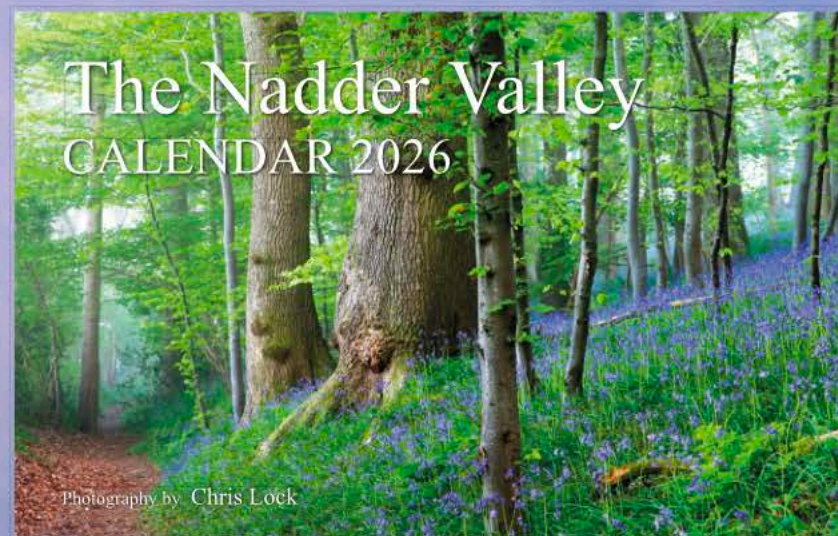
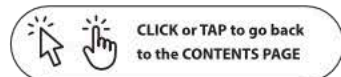
In drear-nighted December

JOHN KEATS

In drear-nighted December,
Too happy, happy tree,
Thy branches ne'er remember
Their green felicity—
The north cannot undo them
With a sleety whistle through them
Nor frozen thawings glue them
From budding at the prime.

In drear-nighted December,
Too happy, happy brook,
Thy bubblings ne'er remember
Apollo's summer look;
But with a sweet forgetting,
They stay their crystal fretting,
Never, never petting
About the frozen time.

Ah! would 'twere so with many
A gentle girl and boy—
But were there ever any
Writh'd not of passed joy?
The feel of not to feel it,
When there is none to heal it
Nor numbed sense to steel it,
Was never said in rhyme.



The 2026 edition of the Nadder Valley Calendar is now available and, as in previous years, all proceeds from sales will be donated to Wilton-based international children's charity Hope and Homes for Children. Last year, combined sales of the Nadder Valley and Wylde Valley Calendars raised £6,340 for the charity.

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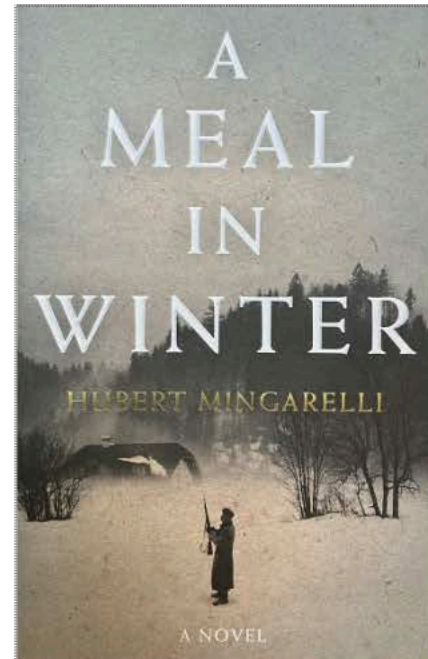
Welcome to Bookworm Corner!

Suddenly, it's almost the end of the year; how did that happen so quickly? With a unseasonably warm November and then a sudden plummeting of temperature to zero and below, we embark upon the month of December with all its Christmas festivities. Hopefully, you are in control of everything you need for Christmas Day! If not – keep smiling, indulge in a mince pie and mulled wine and give yourself half an hour to relax with one of these wintry books. Merry Christmas to you all and see you next year with another breathtaking selection of fiction and non-fiction!



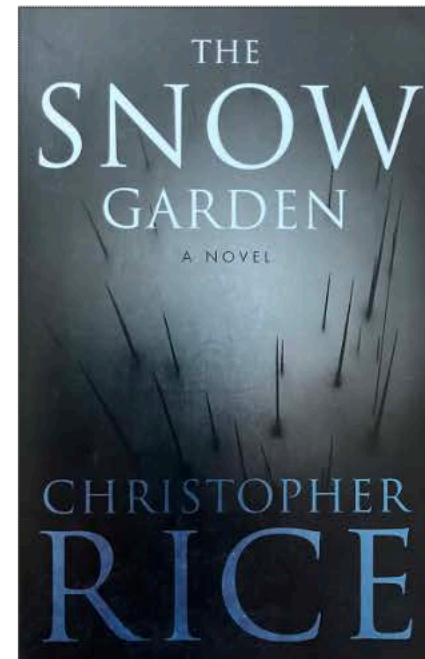
Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow
by Peter Høeg
ISBN 1-86046-167-0

Time magazine's 'Book of the Year' when it was published, this extraordinary novel is both melancholy and beautiful. A small boy falls to his death from a city rooftop and the police say it was an accident. But half-Greenlander Miss Smilla, who can read the marks left in the snow, says it was murder. Enjoy the ingenious surprises and revelations which will keep you on the edge of your armchair till the end. A truly novel novel!



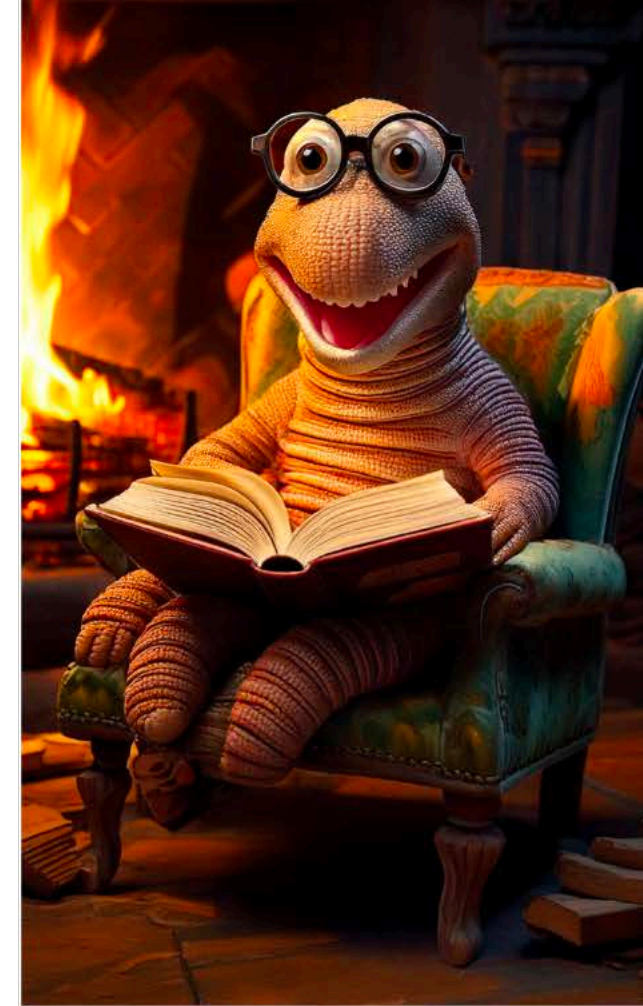
A Meal in Winter
by Hubert Mingarelli
ISBN 978-1-84627-534-0

A miniature masterpiece telling of three German soldiers who capture a Jewish prisoner and then face a chilling choice. The arrival of a passing anti-Semitic Pole adds more tension to an already charged situation. Soon, each man is forced to consider the moral implications of their mission and confront his conscience as the group's sympathies start to splinter. The tragedy of the Holocaust has rarely been better told than in this short tale, resonant with poetry and sadness.



The Snow Garden
by Christopher Rice
ISBN 0-330-49253-5

Written by the son of the best-selling novelist Anne Rice (author of Interview with a Vampire), this is an electrifying tale of murder and menace. Set in winter on a university campus, the discovery of a body drowned in an icy river sets off rumours of murder. Until, that is, people recall another corpse found in a frozen creek some twenty years earlier and suspicions start that the two events might be connected. If you are a fan of horror stories (like Bookworm), you'll find it difficult to put this book down.



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With excellent support and assistance from within Croquet's regional Federation, work on the necessary infrastructure of the Club was carried out in parallel with generating and improving skill levels amongst its growing membership. The continuing programme of coaching and friendly competition is showing real progress amongst members who recently won their first major external multi-club competition, coming a close second in another.

Tisbury Croquet is an entirely 'not for profit' club, administered and managed by its members with the aim of making croquet affordable, with all the necessary equipment being supplied by the

Club. With its strong community spirit, volunteer-driven achievements and ambitious plans for further expansion, Tisbury Croquet Club has been congratulated for its rapid development and sustainable vision for the future. The continuous fund-raising efforts to contain the Club's operating costs for the benefit of its members was greatly assisted this month by a generous grant from Tisbury Parish Council together with a significant promise of financial support from the Co-op over the coming year.



"Jump shot" Yes!

Croquet amongst England's more than 200 such clubs is very much a game for everyone, with no 'airs or graces' and not demanding physical excellence. It offers a great opportunity for men and women of all ages to play together, developing new friendships as they master this fascinating sport.

"We pride ourselves in welcoming anyone who might be interested in croquet, confident that, for the majority, it will be a thoroughly enjoyable experience!", says Club Chairman, David Morley.

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Lucky entrants could win the top prize, kindly sponsored by Wilsons Solicitors, a second prize of £500, sponsored by FJ Chalke, a third prize of £250, or other cash prizes.

Money raised will go towards the £2million that the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, aims to raise this year to fund the charity's work supporting wards and departments across the hospital.

Ear, Nose and Throat Consultant and Stars Appeal Ambassador, Mr Simon Dennis, said: "By taking part in the Stars Appeal Christmas Raffle you will be helping the charity to enhance the care we provide to our patients and their families by funding the latest diagnostic and treatment equipment, support for people with cancer, accommodation for parents of sick babies and children, free Wi-Fi, emergency clothing and so much more. We are so grateful to our prize sponsors and to everyone who supports the Stars Appeal. Thank you."

Mike Parker, the Managing Partner of Wilsons Solicitors, the first prize sponsors, added: "We're delighted to support the Stars Appeal's fantastic Christmas Raffle again this year by sponsoring the £2,500 star prize. Every ticket purchased helps raise vital funds that make a real difference for patients at Salisbury Hospital and the wider community, and we're honoured to contribute to such a worthwhile cause."

To enter online or to find out more visit www.starsappeal.org/event/christmas-raffle-2025/

Tickets are also available in the hospital at the Stars Appeal Bookshop and from bucket collectors, or by contacting the Stars Appeal on 01722 429005 or emailing info@starsappeal.org

Raffle tickets must be returned to the Stars Appeal by Monday 5th January, 2026. Online entries close at 11.59pm on Sunday 4th January. The draw takes place on January 9th and the winners will be contacted and announced on the charity's website.

Stars Appeal Ambassadors and hospital staff with Mike Parker, of Wilsons Solicitors, and George Chalke, of FJ Chalke, launch the Stars Appeal Christmas Raffle. Picture by Mark Bastick





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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.



December's Brain Gym

SOLUTIONS ON SPREAD 24

Across

- 1 ___ Theron, South African-American actress who played Stella Bridger in the 2003 remake of the film The Italian Job (8)
- 5 Tropical tree with a very thick trunk, whose fruit has an edible pulp called monkey bread (6)
- 9 Robert ___, English poet who wrote The Pied Piper of Hamelin (8)
- 10 ___ Street, a 1959 semi-autobiographical collection of linked short stories by V. S. Naipaul (6)
- 12 American singer-songwriter who sung "You deserve a break today" in the advertising campaign for McDonald's (5,7)
- 15 The Muse of lyric love poetry (5)
- 16 ___ Stones, a group of three megalithic oolitic limestone monuments near Long Compton, Warwickshire (9)
- 18 American state known as the "Land of Ten Thousand Lakes" (9)
- 19 Aromatic flower-bud which yields an essential oil used to relieve abdominal pain and toothache, and flavour food (5)
- 20 A sweet liqueur with a chocolate and vanilla flavour (5,2,5)
- 24 Martin ___, German theologian whose list of Ninety-Five Theses in 1517 incited the Protestant Reformation (6)
- 25 The quarter of the sky where the sun, stars and planets set (8)
- 26 Female forename in several European countries, originally meaning "born again" (6)
- 27 Archetypal working-class male from Southeast England with a large disposable income but without culture or taste (5,3)

Down

- 1 Country of origin of Javier Sotomayor, the only person to have cleared eight feet in the high jump (4)
- 2 An extension of a nerve cell or neuron which transmits impulses away from the cell (4)
- 3 The easternmost of the Canary Islands, whose capital is Arrecife (9)
- 4 Fashion designer who founded the Fashion and Textile Museum in Bermondsey, London, in 2003 (6,6)
- 6 1979 film directed by Ridley Scott, which was promoted by the tagline "In space no one can hear you scream" (5)
- 7 Cocktail drink of curacao, vodka with a dash of lemonade or fruit cordial (4,6)
- 8 The leading sheep of a flock (10)
- 11 The First Lady of the Philippines from 1965 to 1986, famed for her collection of clothing, art and jewellery (6,6)
- 13 In architecture, bearing a decoration reminiscent of a mass of curly worms (10)
- 14 Town in Cornwall which is divided from its suburb Newport by the river Kensey (10)
- 17 A member of an Independent Order founded in Salford in 1835, as part of the British temperance movement (9)
- 21 Latin term for permission granted by a bishop to a priest to move on to another diocese (5)
- 22 A raised horizontal bar, four inches wide, on which gymnasts perform balancing exercises (4)
- 23 A small lightweight sub-machine gun designed chiefly by Shepherd and Turpin at Enfield (4)



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DATE	1-6 December	7 December	14 December	Weekday 15-20, 22, 23 Dec	21 December	24 December	25 December	28 December
		Advent 2	Advent 3	Carol Services	Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Benefice Service

Lower Nadder Benefice Services

Barford St Martin	18.00	1st December Christmas lights on	EB	11.15	AAC	EB	09.30	McW	LAY	-	-	-	16.00	Carols	EB	22.00	PC	EB	-	-	-			
Baverstock				-	-	-	-	-	-	18.00	19th December Carols	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	09.30	AAC	EB			
Compton Chamberlayne				-	-	-	-	16.00	Carols	EB	-	-	-	-	-	22.00	PC	AW	-	-	-			
Dinton				09.30	AAC	EB	18.00	Carols	EB	18.00	22nd December Village Carols(Pavilion)	EB	09.30	AAC	EB	16.00	Crib Service	EB	09.30	AAC	JT	10.00	AAC	EB
Fovant				08.00	HC02T	EB		To Sutton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	09.30	AAC	PC			
Sutton Mandeville				16.00	AAS Christingle	EB	09.30	McW	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.30	Carols	-	-	-	-			
Teffont Evias				-	-	-	-	-	-	18.00	20th December Carols	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	EB			
Teffont Magna	17.00	6th December Light up Magna	EB	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	EB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

Upper Nadder Benefice Services


Ansty				-	-	-	11.15	PC	MH	16.30	20th December Carols	JA	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.15	AAC	MH			
Chicklade				-	-	-	-	-	-	19.00	16th December	JN	-	-	-	18.00	PCBCP	JN	-	-	-			
Hindon				09.30	PC	JN	09.30	AAC	JN	16.00	23rd December Walking Nativity	JN	18.00	Carols	JN	22.00	PC	JN	09.30	PC	JN			
Chilmark				11.15	AAC	MG	09.30	AAS	JA	18.00	19th December	JA	-	-	-	22.00	PC	BB	11.15	AAC	MG			
Fonthill Bishop				17.00	EBCP	JA	08.00	HCBCP	JN	18.00	17th December	JA	-	-	-	-	-	-	09.30	C by E	JA			
Fonthill Gifford				08.00	HCBCP	JN	11.15	MBCP	JA	-	-	-	16.00	Carols	JD	-	-	-	11.15	PCBCP	JN			
Swallowcliffe				11.15	PC _T	JN	18.00	EBCP	JA	-	-	-	18.00	Carols	MH	22.00	PC _T	MH	11.15	AAS	JA			
Tisbury				09.30	AAS Christingle	JA	09.30	PC	LE	19.30	15th December Village Carols	TCC	09.30	PC	JN	16.00 22.00	Crib Service PC	JA NW	09.30	PC	MH	09.30	Benefice Communion	MC

SERVICES

AAC	All Age Communion	M	Mattins or Morning Prayer
AAS	All Age Service	MPr	Morning Praise
BCP	Book of Common Prayer	PC	Order 1 Communion (with hymns)
CbE	Communion by Extension	PC _T	Order 1 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
CE	Choral Evensong (BCP)	PC02T	Order 2 Communion, traditional language (with hymns)
CW	Common Worship	PC02T/C	Order 2 Communion, traditional/contemporary
E	Evensong or Evening Prayer	RS	Reflective Service
FC	All Age Family Communion	SoP	Songs of Praise
HC	Holy Communion (said)	SoW	All Age Service of the Word
HC02T/C	Order 2 Communion, traditional/contemporary		

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MC	Revd. Michael Camp
PC	Revd. Pat Clegg
JD	Julie Dunstan (LLM)
LE	Ven. Louise Ellis
MG	Canon Michael Goater
MH	Revd. Mark Hayter
JN	Revd. Jo Naish
JT	Revd. Jenny Taylor
AW	Revd. Alison Waterhouse




Healing & Wholeness

Come to join us in the stillness, bringing with you any person or situation you wish to pray for that is near to your heart.


Wednesday December 10th, 4.00pm

In the Upper Nadder Benefice

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



An angel of the Lord said "Fear not, for unto you is born a Saviour"...And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.



Stop and smell the flowers



Last week I was entering an appointment on my kitchen calendar and was struck by the thought for the month “stop and smell the flowers” a phrase we usually hear in summer, but which might have even greater importance in the winter season.

As the year draws toward its close and the days grow shorter, the season of Advent arrives quietly—often more gently than we notice. Advent, which begins four Sundays before Christmas, is traditionally a time of preparation, expectation and reflection. Yet for many of us, it is also the time when the pace of life seems to accelerate. Diaries fill, to-do lists lengthen and the pressure to make everything “perfect” for Christmas can leave us feeling as though we’re sprinting rather than journeying. Advent offers us a timely invitation: to slow down. To pause. To make space. In short, to “stop and smell the flowers”.

Stopping to smell the flowers is not, of course, about literal flowers—though a winter rose or the scent of pine can certainly give us a moment of peace. It is about choosing to be attentive. To notice the small, grace-filled details of life that are so easily overlooked. Advent reminds us that meaningful things often unfold quietly: a candle lit in the dark, a simple shared meal, a neighbour’s greeting on a frosty morning, the hush of the village at dusk.

The Advent wreath, with its weekly lighting of candles, represents a symbol of this slower pace. Each candle stands for hope, peace, joy and love—virtues that rarely flourish in haste. They grow in us when we take time to breathe, reflect and reconnect with one another. In a

world that prizes speed and productivity, Advent dares us to rediscover stillness. There is something deeply grounding about looking for signs of hope during the darker months. Nature, though seemingly asleep, is quietly preparing for renewal. Beneath the hard earth bulbs wait; on bare branches, next spring’s buds are already forming. When we stop long enough to notice these small marvels, we are reminded that growth often begins in hidden places.

Many of us have our own Advent traditions—opening calendars, attending services, making wreaths or setting aside moments for prayer and reflection. But perhaps this year we might practise deliberate pausing. A short walk without headphones. A cup of tea enjoyed without rushing. A conversation with someone we haven’t spoken to for a while. These simple acts of attention can restore us far more than we realise.

The weeks before Christmas can be emotionally difficult for some—those who are lonely, grieving, or simply overwhelmed. A small gesture of kindness, a listening ear, or a handwritten card can brighten someone’s winter more than we know.

Advent is not just the countdown to Christmas, it is an invitation to step back from the rush, to find beauty in the ordinary, and to let hope take root in quiet ways. So as we move through these December weeks, may we all find moments—however small—to stop and smell the flowers.

Rev'd Elaine Brightwell
Rector – Lower Nadder Benefice



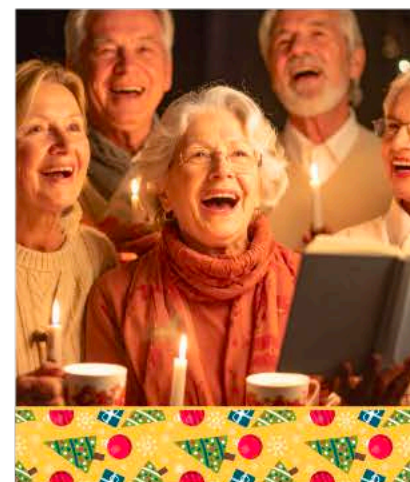
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TEA and CHATS



There will be a Christmas QUIZ, a Sing-along of CHRISTMAS SONGS, Secret Santa RAFFLE and Christmas REFRESHMENTS.

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THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER
2-4pm in the church.

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jennybarford@gmail.com



Barford St Martin

The Children's Society

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Sue Haddock



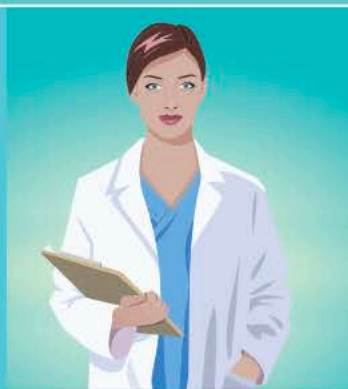
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Dinton

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Dr Lindsay Kinlin has expanded her successful and very well received talks on various medical issues. Dinton has also now agreed to host these informative and often amusing discursive talks which take place at Fovant Village Hall on the 4th Thursday of the month at 4pm, and on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Dinton Village Hall. It's an open invitation to ALL who may be interested (patients and others alike, wherever you live).
www.fovantvillage.com/health-well-being



Dr Kinlin's Focus Sessions

Thur 11 Dec

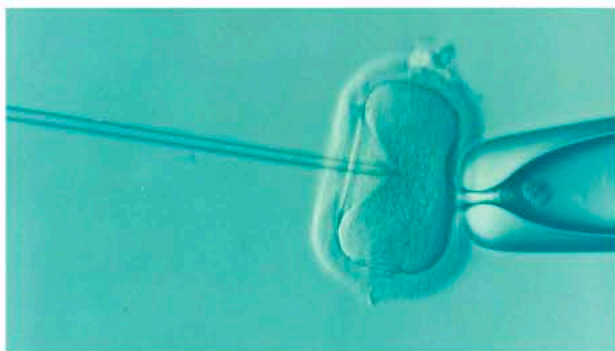
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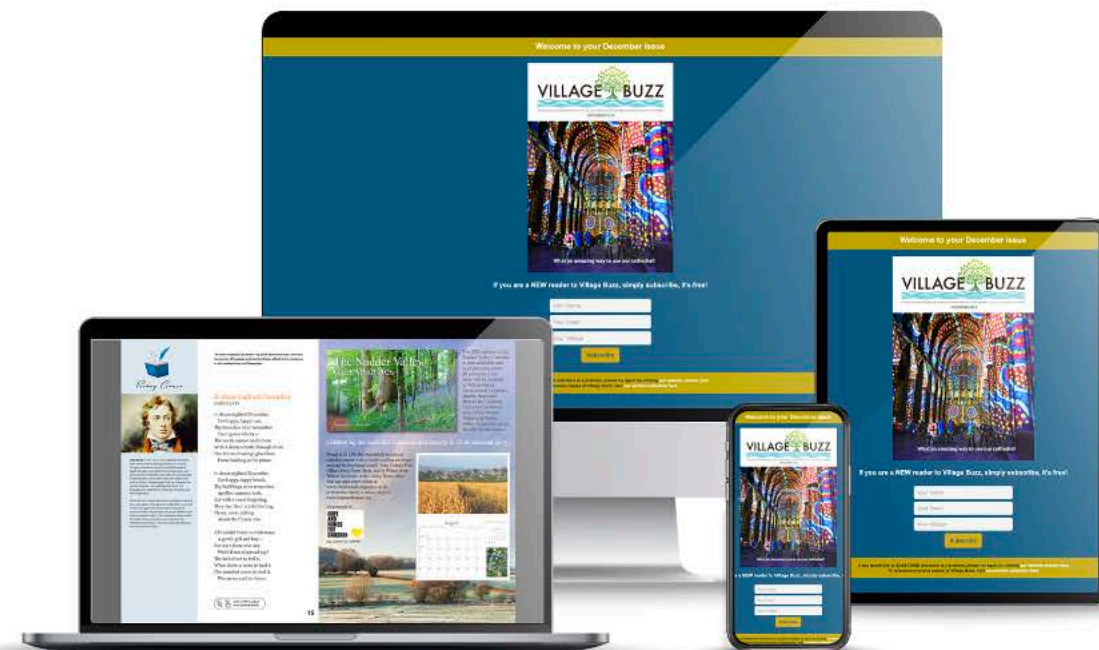


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DECEMBER 2025

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