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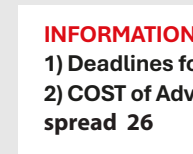


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Species of the month

Hemlock Water Dropwort *Oenanthe crocata*

Peter Thompson, Barford.

In the lush, verdant landscapes of Wiltshire, a deadly beauty lurks, often not particularly noticed, but incredibly common nevertheless. Hemlock Water Dropwort, a native perennial plant, casts an alluring yet treacherous presence alongside our streams, ditches and across our water meadows, often reaching a majestic height of up to five feet.



In June and July, its white flowers add light to the now shaded bankside. However, behind its picturesque façade lies a potent peril, as it is often considered to be the most poisonous wild plant in the UK.

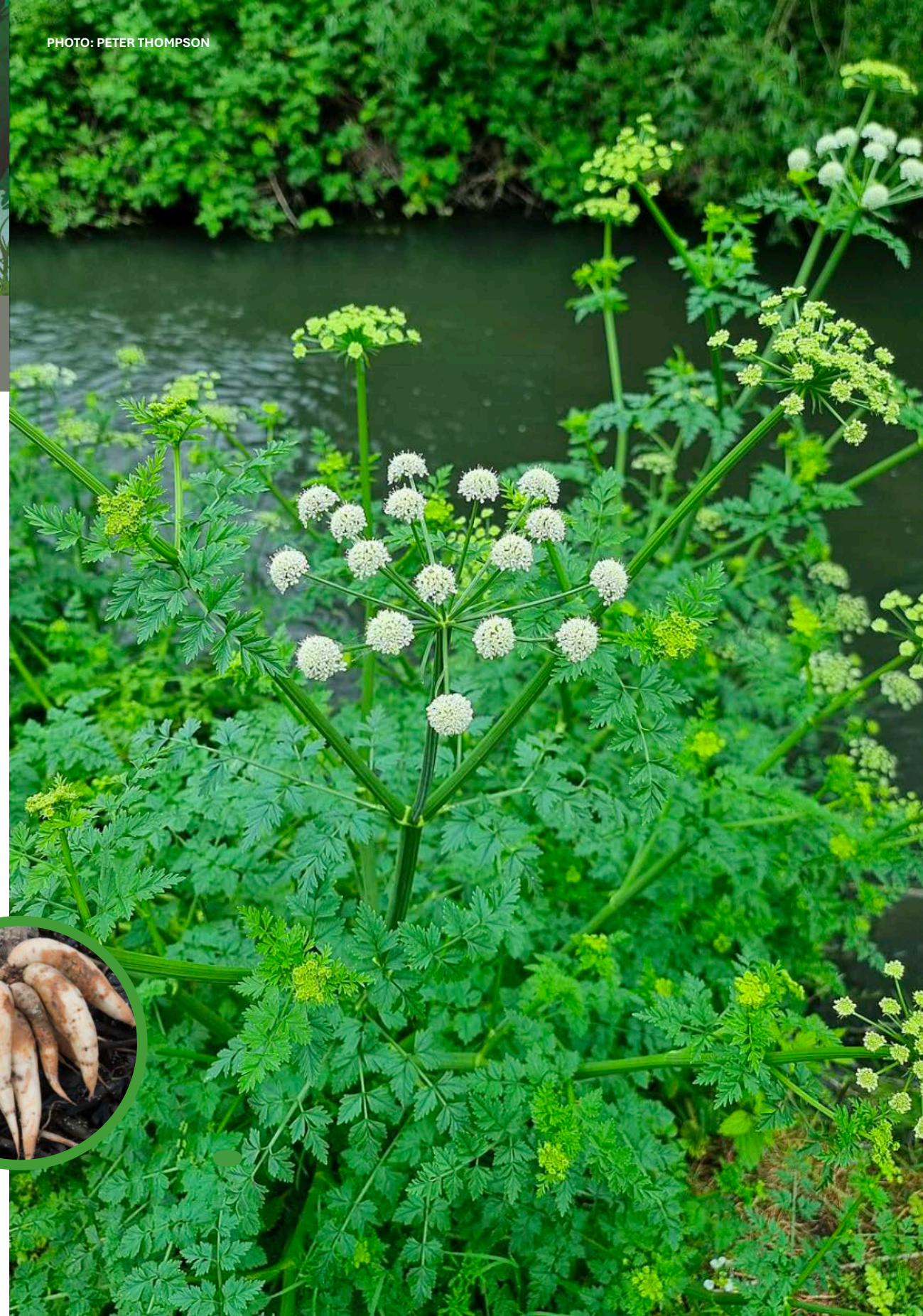
Shakespeare wrote in Macbeth that the witches listed hemlock as an ingredient in their "hell-broth" cauldron to create a "charm of powerful trouble". He should have written about Hemlock Water Dropwort as its toxicity makes ordinary hemlock, look like a pussycat!

It is a member of the Umbellifer family, the majority of which are completely harmless and include species such as celery, parsley, parsnip and carrots. However, the entire

plant of Hemlock Water-Dropwort is poisonous.

Unhelpfully, the leaves do smell a little of parsley or celery, but at least the leaves are the least poisonous of the parts of this plant but people have still died eating them. The stems contain more toxins than the leaves, but the tubers are by far the most toxic part of the plant. The toxin also seems able to enter the body through the skin, so care should be exercised when handling it, particularly the sap.

The principle toxin is a polyne of which only very small amounts are sufficient to cause death. It is a convulsant poison, a neurotoxin; in horse and cattle the displayed symptoms include salivation and respiratory distress followed by spasmodic convulsions usually leading to death. Pigs vomit and die suddenly, but 50% of sheep may recover. The tubers, of course, are normally below earth and inaccessible to stock, but may become exposed by pulling or dredging operations or by scouring of the stream/riverbed during floods.





The white tubular-shaped fleshy tubers are at their most toxic in late winter and early spring. There are typically five or more which gives rise to their alternative name of 'Dead Mans Fingers'. When cut they exude a yellowish liquid which stains the skin.

The leaves will poison humans if eaten in mistake for parsley, or the stems for celery or the tubers for parsnips. The poison attacks the central nervous system and symptoms include trembling, sickness, convulsions, unconsciousness and respiratory failure. Soon after ingestion, the poison acts by constricting the muscles which causes sudden death, often leaving a spooky grin on the victim's face.

The poisonous nature of hemlock features heavily in history and was the plant that was given to the famous Greek philosopher, Socrates, at his execution.

This plant just does not want to be eaten!

In 2002, there was the famous Hemlock Water Dropwort Curry Incident. While on holiday in Western Scotland, a group of eight young adults "wild harvested" what they believed to be edible parsnips from beside a stream.

They cleaned, chopped, and cooked the roots, making them into a curry. All eight people were hospitalized after suffering severe symptoms, including *grand mal* seizures and vomiting. However, all eight members of the group survived. Medical experts suggested that by boiling the roots for the curry, they may have partially ameliorated the toxins, though apparently it was still a "very close call".

But hey – this plant is not all bad! Despite being so highly toxic, its flowers serve as a vital resource for various insects. I always stop to glance at the flower heads, as they support a myriad of pollinators like bees, hoverflies, flies and beetles, all of which are completely unaffected by its toxins.— **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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Poetry Corner



Philip Arthur Larkin was born in 1922 in Coventry. He was the second child and only son of Sydney and Eva Larkin. He attended the City's King Henry VIII School between 1930 and 1940. After leaving school, he went to St. John's College, Oxford, and despite the war (Larkin had failed his army medical because of his poor eyesight), was able to complete his degree without interruption, graduating in 1943 with First Class Honours in English. His closest friends at Oxford were Kingsley Amis and Bruce Montgomery. After graduating, Larkin lived with his parents for a while, before being appointed Librarian at Wellington, Shropshire where he studied to qualify as a professional librarian. In 1945, ten of his poems appeared in *Poetry* from Oxford in Wartime. In 1946, Larkin became assistant Librarian at the University College of Leicester. In October 1950, he became Sub-Librarian at Queen's University, Belfast. Larkin took up the position of Librarian at the University of Hull in 1955 and it was here that he developed the poetry that would be the foundation of his reputation as one of the greatest poets of the 20th century. His last collection, *High Windows* was published in 1974 and confirmed him as one of the finest poets in English literary history. Larkin received many awards in recognition of his writing especially in his later years and in 1975 he was awarded the CBE. In 1985 Philip Larkin died at the age of 63.

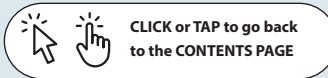
This poem, by Philip Larkin, is about the Bellingham Show. Written in 1973, it encapsulates part of the region's identity in a traditional country show – and how that has changed in modern times. He had visited the North East.

Show Saturday

BY PHILIP LARKIN

Grey day for the Show, but cars jam the narrow lanes.
Inside, on the field, judging has started: dogs
(Set their legs back, hold out their tails) and ponies (manes
Repeatedly smoothed, to calm heads); over there, sheep
(Cheviot and Blackface); by the hedge, squealing logs
(Chain Saw Competition). Each has its own keen crowd.
In the main arena, more judges meet by the jeep:
The jumping's on next. Announcements, splutteringly loud.
Clash with the quack of man with pound notes round his hat
And a lit-up board. There's more than just animals:
Bead-stalls, balloon-men, a Bank; a beer-marquee that
Half-screens a canvas Gents; a tent selling tweed,
And another, jackets. Folks sit about on bales
Like great straw dice. For each scene is linked by spaces
Not given to anything much, where kids scrap, freed,
While their owners stare different ways with incurious faces.
The wrestling starts, late; a wide ring of people; then cars;
Then trees; then pale sky. Two young men in acrobats' tights
And embroidered trunks hug each other; rock over the grass,
Stiff-legged, in a two-man scrum. One falls: they shake hands.
Two more start, one grey-haired: he wins, though. They're not so much fights
As long immobile strainings that end in unbalance
With one on his back, unharmed, while the other stands
Smoothing his hair. Bit there are other talents –
The long high tent of growing and making, wired-off
Wood tables past which crowds shuffle, eyeing the scrubbed spaced
Extrusions of earth: blanch leeks like church candles, six pods of
Broad beans (one split open), dark shining-leafed cabbages – rows
Of single supreme versions, followed (on laced
Paper mats) by dairy and kitchen; four brown eggs, four white eggs,
Four plain scones, four dropped scones, pure excellences that enclose
A recession of skills. And, after them, lambing sticks, rugs,
Needlework, knitted caps, baskets, all worthy, all well done,
But less than the honeycombs. Outside, the jumping's over.
The young ones thunder their ponies in competition
Twice round the ring; the trick races, Musical Stalls,
Sliding off, riding bareback, the ponies dragged to and fro for
Bewildering requirements, not minding. But now, in the background,

Like shifting scenery, horse-boxes move; each crawls
Towards the stock entrance, tilting and swaying, bound
For far-off farms. The pound-note man decamps.
The car park has thinned. They're loading jumps on a truck.
Back now to private addresses, gates and lamps
In high stone one-street villages, empty at dusk,
And side roads of small towns (sports finals stuck
In front doors, allotments reaching down to the railway);
Back now to autumn, leaving the ended husk
Of summer that brought them here for Show Saturday –
The men with hunters, dog-breeding wool-defined women,
Children all saddle-swank, mugfaced middleaged wives
Glaring at jellies, husbands on leave from the garden
Watchful as weasels, car-tuning curt-haired sons –
Back now, all of them, to their local lives:
To names on vans, and business calendars
Hung up in kitchens; back to loud occasions
In the Corn Exchange, to market days in bars,
To winter coming, as the dismantled Show
Itself dies back into the area of work.
Let it stay hidden there like strength, below
Sale-bills and swindling; something people do,
Not noticing how time's rolling smithy-smoke
Shadows much greater gestures; something they share
That breaks ancestrally each year into
Regenerate union. Let it always be there.





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New things

Paul Cordle – Chicks Grove

The month of May brings new things as birds and wildlife prepare themselves for summer. Wayside verges are freshly green and wild flowers call out to the human eye and imagination. As one walks through our beautiful valley one wonders what might be next to please the eye and inspire the human spirit?

For me, it has been watching a Dorset master thatcher and his team thatching a cottage in Chicks Grove. At the start, all seemed chaos as the sodden 30-year-old top thatch was stripped away exposing a lower layer of even older straw which, for all its age, has a valuable part to play in the continuing story of the cottage. Carefully it is repositioned to provide the base for bundles of new straw which, carried up ladders by strong young men, is expertly



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Barford comes to the rescue of the traditional village fête!

Who doesn't love a traditional village fête? Its origins date back to the Middle Ages when key towns would hold trading fairs, lasting about a week. However, this changed in the early 19th Century when the fête became less commercial and more about fun. This was the heyday of village life, particularly village fêtes. But by the 1970s the village Fête was almost consigned to the history books, because community life began to change as people moved from villages to larger cities.

More recently, the local village fête has seen a slight renaissance and is recognised as a wonderful day out for all the family. Who would not love being the proud owner of a family dog winning a rosette in the dog show, or enjoy consuming delicious home-made cake, listening to music or having a go on the coconut shy? Added to this, it is a great fund-raising opportunity for local good causes.

The small village of Barford St Martin in Wiltshire is helping to revitalise this wonderful traditional village event and has proudly stepped up to the challenge

of organising an action-packed village fête this June.

This promises to be an extravaganza of entertainment, delicious home-made cakes, beautiful plants, music, hand-made crafts and the now famous Duck Race on the river Nadder. There will be lots of children's entertainment, including a bouncy castle, a coconut shy and more besides. A pay bar run by the Barford Inn will provide beer and wine and a delicious BBQ, will also be available.

The fête is being held on Saturday 20th June 2026 running from 12.30 to 4.30pm.

This spectacular day out is being organised by the Barford St Martin Community Fund, which raises funds for the benefit of the village and the local environment. Stephanie Wheatley, one of the organisers of the fête said, "The Barford St Martin fête is guaranteed to be a fantastic day out for all the family."

Stephanie continues, "We are delighted that the fête will be officially opened by popular local author Mark Dawson, who once lived in Barford St Martin and frequently includes well-known local areas in his books. Mark will be signing his books on the day, and this could include the new one that is due to be published soon."

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BARFORD ST MARTIN
VILLAGE
FÊTE

RECREATION GROUND, DUCK LANE, SP3 4AN
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026 FROM 12:30 - 4:30PM

OFFICIAL OPENING BY AUTHOR MARK DAWSON

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FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 6.30PM - QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER WITH AUCTION OF PROMISES

Another exciting addition to the fête will be the appearance of well-known DJ Kevin Lawrence, from Radio Odstock who will be broadcasting live from the event and interviewing visitors and exhibitors on air throughout the day.

In the Fête's main arena entertainment will be provided by groups such as Fieldtastic from Chilmark, who will encourage family pooches to show off their skills in dog agility, a fun scurry run as well as a mini obstacle-based challenge. Aspire Martial Arts from Salisbury are also appearing in the arena and will demonstrate the energetic skills needed for TaeKwon-Do, and Modern-day Kickboxing.

The popular duck race along the River Nadder always attracts a huge crowd keen to bet on the likely winning duck. A cash prize will be up for grabs. In total 200 yellow ducks will be released in the river as part of this thrilling competition. It will be quite a spectacle and the excitement palpable.



Far right: Family pooches will have their moment to shine during the spectacular Barford St Martin village fête on Saturday 20th June from 12.30 to 4.30pm (pictured: Rufus proudly wearing his winning rosettes from a previous show).

The Cranborne Chase National Landscape will have a display highlighting their work in the designated Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB). While local charity the Alabaré Development Centre will be selling a range of ceramic, woodwork and vegetables grown and made by their various clients.

The Barford St Martin Fête is being held on Saturday 20 June 2026 in the recreation ground in Duck Lane, Barford St Martin SP3 4AN from 12.30 to 4.30pm. Signs will signify parking areas.

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Bringing together the neighbouring villages of Fovant, Compton Chamberlayne and Sutton Mandeville, The Badges Fête celebrates rural life with a vibrant programme of attractions, arena events, food, drink and live music.

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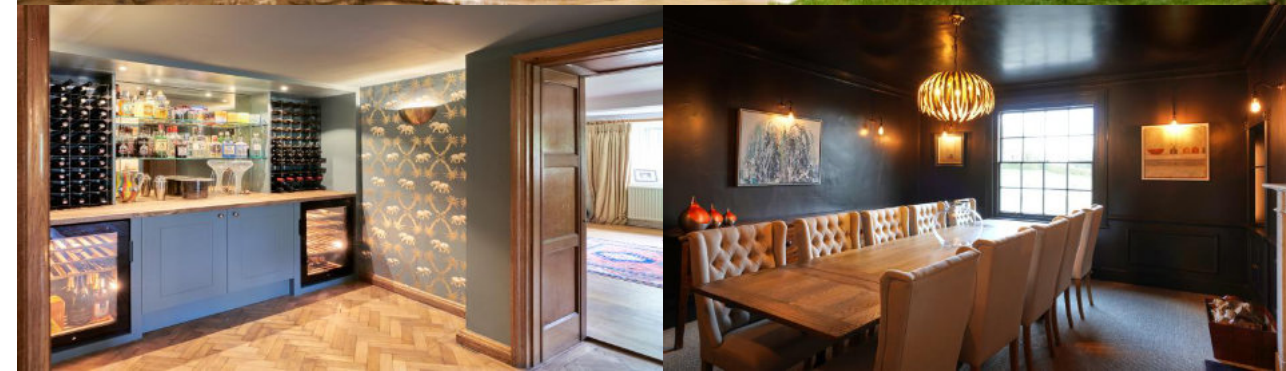
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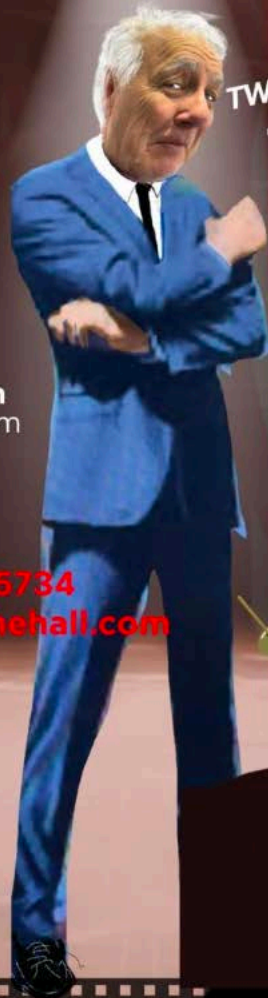
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SUTTON MANDEVILLE
SP3 5ND

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 pm
START 6:30 pm - 7:30pm

TICKETS: £15
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FOVANT BADGES SOCIETY

Annual Drumhead Service

SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026

3.00pm

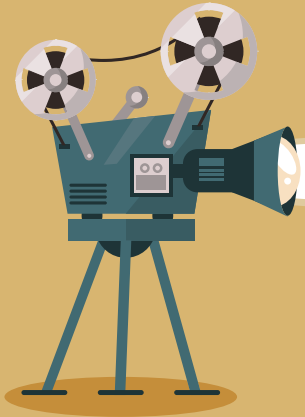
(Please be seated by 2.45pm)

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Follow signs on the A30

Please come
ALL WELCOME

To this poignant
Service of Remembrance



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.

Bookings should be made with Caroline either by phone 01722 781044 or email: bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com — Entry is £6, paid on the door by cash, card or cheque.

H is for Hawk

26 June 2026

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After losing her beloved father, Helen finds herself saved by an unlikely friendship with a stubborn hawk named Mabel.

Hamnet

24 July 2026

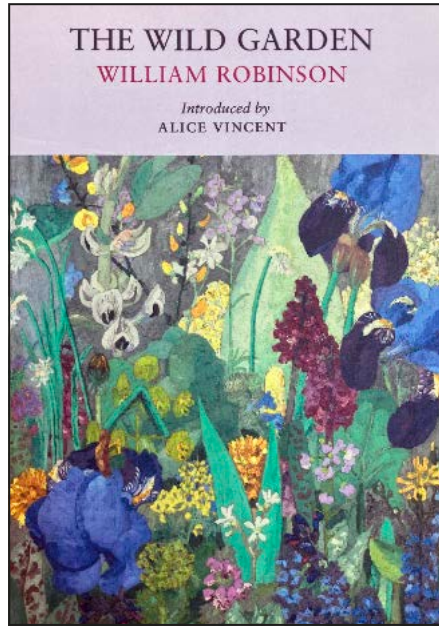
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In late 16th-century England, Agnes, a healer sensitive to the world around her, builds a home with William, a local tutor and aspiring playwright. As their lives fracture, they are tested by distance, silence, and grief.

Welcome to Bookworm Corner!

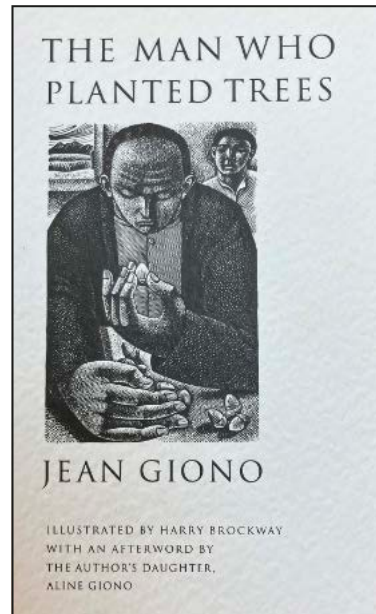
As Bookworm sits down to write about this month's selection, the cold May temperatures have suddenly overnight become almost tropical, so I am in the garden under a parasol setting this on paper (or should I say 'on screen'). From a thin volume to a rather chunky one, June's books are very different in subject and character. From gardens to AI via a gentle tale about the love of trees, they are each fascinating in their own way. So... instead of snuggling up to read by the fire, grab a deckchair or sway in a swing seat and enjoy the books in the first real summer weather of this year!



The Wild Garden
by William Robinson
ISBN 978-1-915068-48-4

Born in the mid-1800s, the gardener and writer William Robinson was strongly opposed to the formal garden styles that were popular in Victorian England and over time he developed the gardens at his home, Gravetye Manor in Sussex to reflect his belief in the use of plants in a naturalistic style. He also championed the use of native British species and there is a beautiful rich red clematis named 'Gravetye Manor' readily available. His head gardener was Ernest Markham who played a pivotal role in breeding and popularising clematis (he

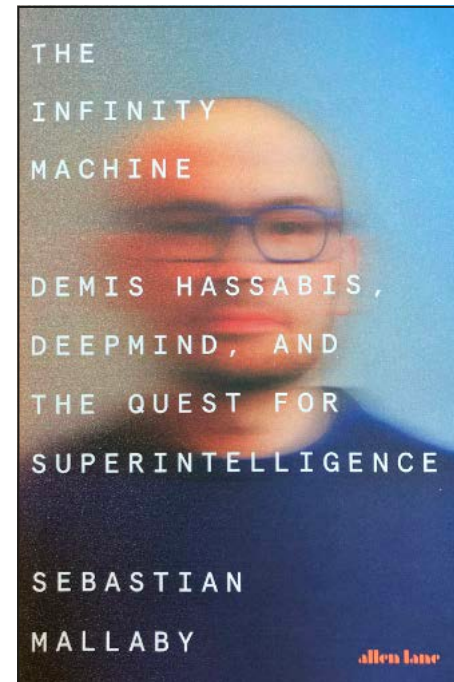
also has a clematis named after him). This book is a tremendous source of gardening information and planting advice for all situations, clearly written in an easy-to-read style. It can be dipped into when-ever you feel like it as each chapter is complete in itself.



The Man Who Planted Trees
by Jean Giono
ISBN 9781860461170

This is a beautiful, allegorical tale written in the mid-1950s. Its message was far ahead of its time and inspired readers to rediscover the harmonies of the country-side and so try to help prevent its wilful destruction. Giono, in writing this book, hoped to start a

worldwide reforestation programme that would rejuvenate the earth and put humanity back in touch with nature. It is a confident belief in man's ability to change his and the world's lot.



The Infinity Machine:
Demis Hassabis, DeepMind and the Quest for Superintelligence
by Sebastian Mallaby
ISBN 978-0-241-70356-4

Born in North London, Hassabis was a chess prodigy by the age of five and a wizard coder in his teens. He founded the ground-breaking company DeepMind in order to



pursue the goal of artificial intelligence long before the current obsession with it developed. DeepMind is now locked in a 'arms race' with its American competitors to build artificial intelligence. However, Hassabis has stayed in Britain and, unlike his rivals, his aims are not wealth and power but scientific enlightenment freely available to everyone. Over three years of interviews and unprecedented access, the author has written a portrait of a singular, dedicated mind and a historic reckoning with the AI revolution, a shift potentially more significant than any since the dawn of complex thought. Fascinating but alarming at the same time, it could change our world forever, perhaps not necessarily in a good way.

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June'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.

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DATE

7 June
Trinity 1

14 June
Trinity 2

21 June
Trinity 3

28 June
Trinity 4

UPPER NADDER BENEFICE SERVICES

Ansty
Swallowcliffe
Chilmark
Hindon
Chicklade
Fonthill Bishop
Fonthill Gifford
Tisbury*

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11.15	M	JA
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09.30	AAS Pet Service	JA

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09.30	PC	GB

LOWER NADDER BENEFICE SERVICES

Barford St Martin
Baverstock
Compton Chamberlayne
Dinton
Fovant
Sutton Mandeville
Teffont Evias
Teffont Magna

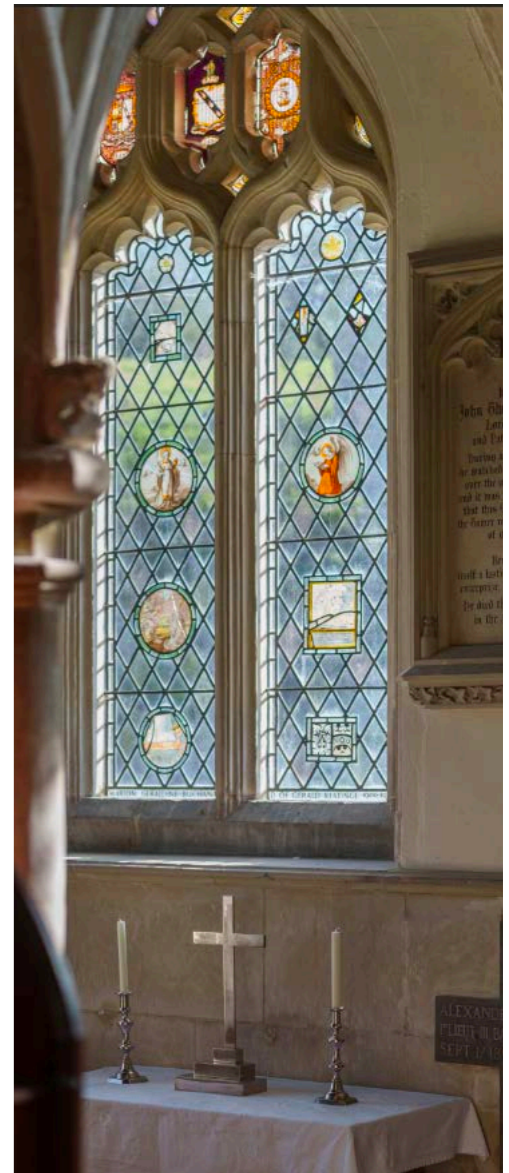
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Teffont Evias: Photo Ash Mills

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



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



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 a world troubled by war.



Jesus is the Light of the world
Wednesday June 10th, 4.00pm

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

God declares "I will pour out my spirit on all people" and "I will show wonders"

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Flower Festival on 20th and 21st June

June is one of the most beautiful months of the year. The days stretch long into the evening, gardens and hedgerows are alive with colour, and the world around us seems full of growth, warmth, and new life.

For the last year, the 7 parishes of the newly formed Lower Nadder Benefice have sought ways to worship and work together. Therefore, it feels the perfect time for our Flower Festival, themed “All Things Bright and Beautiful.”

The title comes from the much-loved hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander, whose familiar words have been sung in churches for generations:

*“All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,*

*All things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.”*

The world can often feel full of anxiety and uncertainty. News headlines speak of war, division, economic worries, and concern for the future of our planet. Against that backdrop, there is something deeply important about stopping to notice beauty again.

A simple flower arrangement, the scent of flowers, sunlight through stained glass, or birdsong on a summer morning can remind us that God’s creation still speaks of hope, peace, and renewal.



Our churches will be open from 10am – 4pm on both days and full details can be found at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flower-festival-sat-20-sun-21-june-tickets-1984812556787?aff=oddtcreator>

The theme “All Things Bright and Beautiful” also invites us to think about our responsibility to care for creation. The beauty we enjoy is not something to take for granted. Small acts of care — tending gardens, protecting wildlife, reducing waste, and appreciating the world around us — are all ways in which we honour the Creator and safeguard creation for future generations.

As summer begins, perhaps this festival can offer us a moment to slow down amid the busyness of life and to notice beauty. To find

peace in familiar hymns, flowers, and friendship. And to remember that even in challenging times, signs of hope and joy continue to bloom all around us.

All are very welcome to come and share in this celebration of faith, beauty, and community. And we hope that over there 2 day festival you will visit many of our churches.

Revd. Elaine Brightwell
Rector
Lower Nadder Benefice
elainebri57@gmail.com

Our Flower Festival on June 20th and 21st is an opportunity to celebrate that beauty together. The church buildings will be transformed with displays created by our talented volunteers, each reflecting the wonder and variety of creation.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his followers to “consider the lilies of the field.” He points to the natural world as a sign of God’s care and generosity. Even the smallest flower can become a reminder that we are loved, valued, and held within God’s creation.

Church buildings have long stood at the centre of village life, places where people gather not only in times of sorrow and difficulty, but also in celebration and thanksgiving. During the festival there will be opportunities to pause, reflect, meet friends old and new, and enjoy the peaceful beauty of the church building in a different way. There will also be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments.



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Sutton Mandeville



Barford St Martin



Burcombe



TEA and CHATS



A social get together with refreshments. A chance to see the floral displays of the flower festival.

ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 24th June

2-4pm in St Martin's church.

There is no charge, donations for the church and the flower fund.

Jenny Barrett

jennybarford@gmail.com



Sutton Mandeville



All Saints Church
Sutton Mandeville

MONTHLY DRAW RESULTS



APRIL 2026

1st £40 — 89

2nd £20 — 67

3rd £10 — 91

To join in please contact Kate Clutterbuck
kateclutterbuck5@gmail.com



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Join over 1,000 people at the Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards to support Salisbury District Hospital

Over 1,000 people have signed up for the Stars Appeal's flagship fundraising event, Walk for Wards, at Wilton House this July, and the charity is encouraging even more walkers to get involved.

Walk for Wards takes place on Sunday, July 5 and participants can walk 3k, 5k, 10k or the more challenging 15k route to say thank you to a ward or department at Salisbury District Hospital that has cared for them or their family, or to celebrate the memory of a loved one.

It is free to enter the sponsored walk on the Stars Appeal website, www.starsappeal.org. Lunch is provided and everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the Wilton House grounds after the walk.

Consultant Haematologist and Stars Appeal Ambassador, Dr Tracey Parker, said:



“We are delighted that over 1,000 people have already signed up to take part in Walk for Wards this July. It's fantastic to see such wonderful support from the local community for Salisbury Hospital. We would love even more people to get involved and help us reach our 2,000

walker target. It is a great event for all ages, and every step taken helps us to raise as much as possible to enhance care for our patients and their families.”

The Stars Appeal is the charity for Salisbury District Hospital. Money that is raised by the



Walk for Wards is held by kind permission of Stars Appeal President Lord Pembroke and Lady Pembroke and is sponsored by Salisbury Reds. The event is also supported by Wilton and Salisbury Rotary Clubs who marshal the event, and many other local people and organisations.

Walkers are asked to sign up in advance and commit to raising at least £20/£50 sponsorship per person (route dependent).

Register for free at: www.starsappeal.org or call the Stars Appeal office on 01722 429005.

ABOVE: Walkers at the start line at last year's Walk for Wards at Wilton House Picture by Simon Ward
TOP RIGHT: The President of the Stars Appeal, The Earl of Pembroke, with Stars Appeal Hospital Ambassadors, and staff from Salisbury Reds at a launch event for Walk for Wards at Wilton House. Picture by Mark Bastick



Tisbury



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FOUND GROWING in the Nadder Valley!

Stories, People and Events from
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With Mary Myers and Guests!



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St George's 50/50 Lottery Club

THE WINNING NUMBERS IN THE MAY 2026 DRAW:

1st £35 — 98
2nd £25 — 109
3rd £15 — 3

THIS IS THE SIXTH DRAW OF THIS 'LOTTERY YEAR'.

Very many thanks for your support in providing funds to the church to help with all these things that continually need attention.

Liz Daw and Sharon Knight

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Advertising and article submission deadline



Monday 22 June

If you plan to submit ready-made advertising please ensure that the file is in the format of either a high resolution Acrobat PDF file or a high resolution JPEG (300ppi) file – If we have to amend your artwork/image to make it usable, we reserve the right to add a small charge for doing this work, thank you.



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Salisbury Cathedral

Saturday 20 June 2026
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Guest Orchestra

John Challenger *conductor*

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