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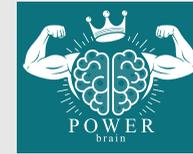
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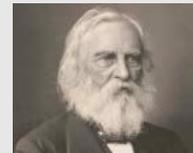
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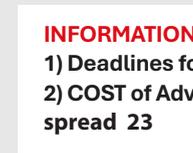
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Species of the month

# Marshmallow (*Althaea officinalis*)

Peter Thompson, Barford.

## Ever wondered where marshmallow confectionery originated from and why it is so called?

Ancient Egyptians were the first to enjoy a gooey treat, now called marshmallow, as early as 2000 BC. The treat was considered extremely special and was reserved for gods and royalty only.

The marshmallow delicacy was originally made from the marshmallow plant that grows wild in marshes. The plant is part of the Malvaceae family, which includes hibiscus, hollyhock and okra.



In Britain, Ireland and other parts of Northern Europe, marshmallow blooms from August to September, mainly along the coastal areas of the south and west of England and Wales. The plant has also spread throughout much of the western Mediterranean region.

The Egyptians squeezed sap from the marshmallow plant and mixed it with nuts and honey. However, it was when the

French were introduced to marshmallows in the early to mid-1800s, that the tasty treat really started to take off.

Owners of small confectionery stores whipped sap from the mallow root into a fluffy sweet mould. This time-consuming process was typically done by hand and candy stores had a hard time keeping up with the demand!

Confectioners started looking for a new process to make marshmallows and found the starch mogul system in the late 1800s. A starch mogul system is an industrial confectionery machine used for casting liquid, gel, or jelly candy - such as marshmallows - into cornstarch-filled trays. It facilitated high-speed, consistent production of detailed shapes.

At this same time, makers replaced the mallow root and stem with gelatine, which created the stable marshmallow form we now enjoy today!



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The delightful pink and white marshmallow sweets are probably this wildflower's main claim to fame, but not the only one. Throughout history various parts of this plant have also been used for a range of purposes, including potions to cure aches, pains and hangovers. It was also made into a poultice to draw out bee and other insect stings. Finally, it was also thought to act as an aphrodisiac!

Hippocrates was a big fan of marshmallow and he “gave to drink a decoction of its root-juice to wounded people thirsty because of blood loss, and applied the mallow leaf itself onto wounds with honey and resin; similarly onto contusions, luxations and swellings; and he applied it as above onto muscles, sinews and joints; he gave it to drink in wine to people suffering from spasms or dysentery”.

Furthermore, the clue is in the genus name *Althaea*, which may come from the Greek *althos*, meaning 'healing'. The specific word *officinalis* means official, which usually indicates that this plant is (or was)

considered to have pharmaceutical properties.

Humans are not the only species which rates this plant highly. The rare Marshmallow moth, which is restricted in Britain to a few scattered localities in Kent and East Sussex, is also a fan. Indeed, so much so that this is its caterpillars only foodplant! — 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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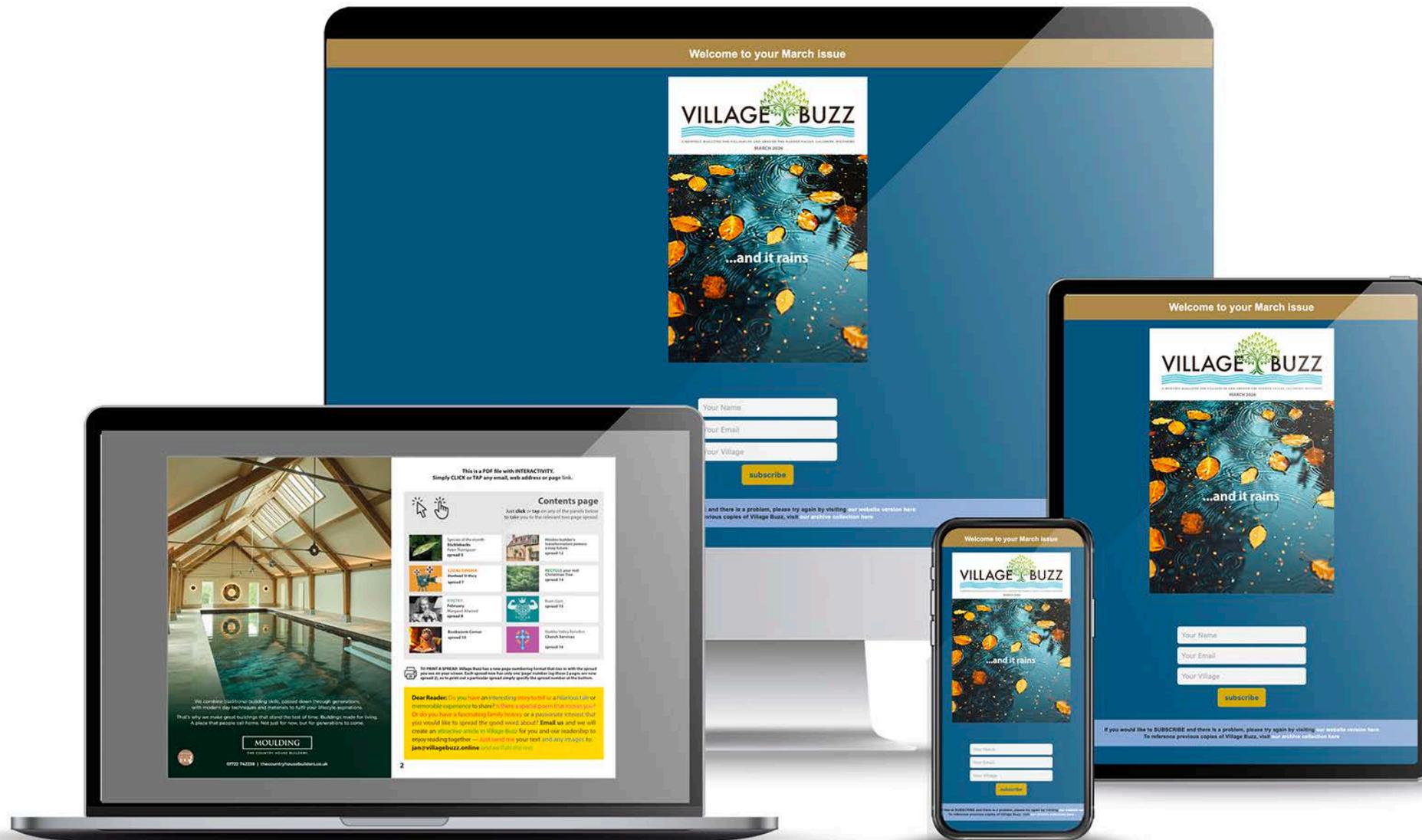
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Donhead St Mary



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# Moviola Cinema

## Donhead St Mary

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Tickets are available from Ludwell Village Shop from 11.00am.

If you would like to reserve your tickets online, please [click here](#).

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### Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale PG 12 February 2026



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### The Choral 12a 12 March 2026



A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army.



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## The Roses

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## The Ballad of Wallis Island

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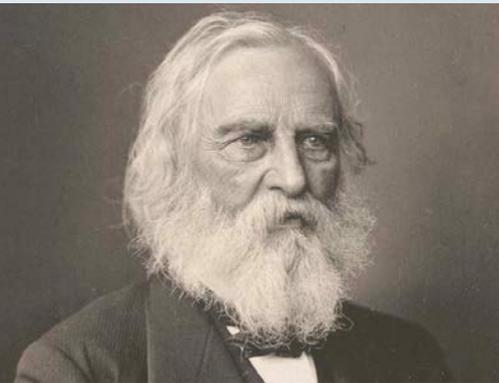
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An eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favorite musicians to perform at his home.



Poetry Corner



**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow** (1807-1882) was one of America's most beloved and widely read poets during the 19th century.

Born in Portland, Maine, he graduated from Bowdoin College and became a professor of modern languages at Harvard University, where he taught for nearly two decades. His academic career provided the foundation for his literary work, which often drew on European traditions and American history. Longfellow achieved enormous popularity with narrative poems that became embedded in American culture, including "Paul Revere's Ride," "The Song of Hiawatha," and "Evangeline." He also wrote shorter lyric poems like "The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls" and "A Psalm of Life." His work was known for its accessibility, musicality, and moral themes and he was the first American poet to be commemorated in Poets' Corner at Westminster Abbey, reflecting his international acclaim. While his reputation declined somewhat in the 20th century as modernist critics found his work too sentimental, he remains an important figure in American literature and his poems continue to be read and taught.

Longfellow's personal life included tragedy - his first wife died young, and his second wife died from burns sustained in a fire. He translated Dante's "Divine Comedy" and was fluent in several languages. He died in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1882, leaving behind a body of work that shaped American poetry for generations.

With the deluges we've been having recently this poem seems apt in the current circumstances.

## The Rainy Day

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary  
It rains, and the wind is never weary;  
The vine still clings to the mouldering wall,  
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,  
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary;  
It rains, and the wind is never weary;  
My thoughts still cling to the mouldering Past,  
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,  
And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;  
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;  
Thy fate is the common fate of all,  
Into each life some rain must fall,  
Some days must be dark and dreary.



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In 2012, the Syrian civil war was at its height. The Assad regime was on the defensive, with Opposition Forces closing in on the capital. Then reports appeared of strange clouds, mass poisoning, and death without visible injuries.

Jerry Smith, who lives in Bishopstone, was the Head of Operations for the Joint UN team that was sent to verify, disable and remove Assad's declared chemical arsenal. He outlines the challenges he faced in war-torn Syria.



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm for 7:30pm start  
Bishopstone Village Hall, SP54AA  
Tickets £12.50 – with canapes and a cash bar  
(18 years old and under: £5)



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[www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk/event/the-big-try](http://www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk/event/the-big-try)



## Salisbury Hospice Charity is set to host **The Big Try on Saturday 14th March at Salisbury City Hall**

The event invites rugby enthusiasts to take part in an 8-mile sponsored walk through Salisbury's most loved landscapes.

The walk includes a halfway pit stop at Salisbury Rugby Club, where participants will enjoy a free pasty and pint before returning to City Hall to watch live screenings of three Six Nations games. The event is kindly endorsed by Richard Hill and Cadan Murley, who will provide insights, encouragement, and fitness tips in the lead-up to the event, helping participants feel like the pros are right there in the scrum.

A special promotional evening was held on Wednesday 21st January which gave rugby fans the opportunity to attend "An Evening with Cadan Murley: Behind the Try Line" in March, an exclusive session with the England Rugby player and vice-captain of Harlequins.

Tickets for The Big Try and An Evening with Cadan Murley are available online. Fans are encouraged to book early to secure

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# Save the Date for The Badges Fête!

## Saturday 18th July 2026

12-4pm

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The fête, formerly known as The Three Towers is returning and is raising money for village causes in Compton Chamberlayne, Fovant and Sutton Mandeville.

Please join us for what promises to be a fantastic day for all the family. Plenty for the children to do including an amazing climbing wall, lots of games and races, sideshows, stalls and plenty of food and drink for the parents of course. And don't forget the dog races and show...

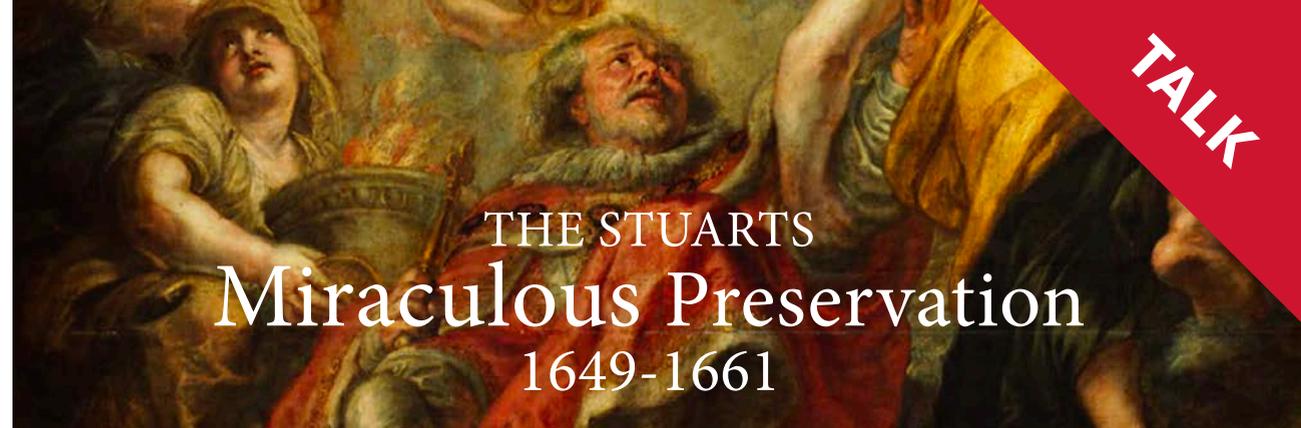
Furthermore, if you or your business are able to provide any sponsorship, donations or raffle prizes please do let us know by emailing us below.

Local author and historian Paul Cordle is generously giving a talk (see right) on Tuesday 3rd of March in Compton Chamberlayne village hall with part of the ticket sales being donated to the fête. We would love to see you there! Tickets are limited so we encourage you to book early!

To volunteer or support the fête please contact:  
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## THE STUARTS Miraculous Preservation 1649-1661

A 'POP-UP' ILLUSTRATED HISTORICAL TALK  
BY PAUL CORDLE IN SUPPORT OF THE BADGES FÊTE



Charles I being taken from St James's Palace to Whitehall for his execution, 30th January 1649

Paul Cordle will tell the gripping story of the King's execution and what followed until his son's return to England 11 years later.

Little did the King know, as he was being taken to Whitehall, that Parliament was even then voting to abolish the monarchy on his death; there would be no throne for his son Charles, then Prince of Wales, to occupy. The Monarchy and its royal treasures appeared to have no future in England. This richly illustrated and fast moving talk will bring to life one of the most turbulent and

romantic periods in our island's history. It will include little known artworks and insights into the execution and Charles II's escape to France, his nine year exile on the Continent, the Restoration of the Monarchy, his return to London in triumph and his Coronation (1661). It will touch on the repossession of royal treasures dispersed or sold by Parliament during the Commonwealth.

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Others have said of Paul's talks:

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# What unseen creatures lurk beneath the surface of the River Nadder?

Join us on Saturday 4th April from 10.00 to 12.00 noon

**Children and adults from the Nadder Valley are invited to attend a fascinating River Dipping event on the River Nadder in Barford St Martin on Saturday 4th April from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. The event, organised by the Barford St Martin Community Fund, is guaranteed to be a fascinating experience for all those attending.**

Come and get your feet wet and learn more about the mostly unseen creatures that lurk beneath the surface of the river. This intriguing event is being run by the very experienced duo of Peter Thompson, and Tracy Standish, Senior Education Officer for the Wessex Rivers Trust.

Pete Thompson explains more about the unseen wildlife in our rivers. He said, "In the UK we have over 4,000 freshwater invertebrate species that spend at least part of their lifecycle in freshwater, including mayflies, stoneflies, and caddisflies – collectively called

riverflies. These species play a vital role in maintaining clean water, recycling organic matter and providing a food source for fish, birds and mammals. Without these creatures the food web would collapse.

"For children to see and be able to study creatures such as water scorpions closely is an opportunity for them to experience creatures that they have probably not see before. It is a really important introduction into the natural world, that will hopefully grow into a life-long passion."

Pete and Tracy will use special river nets to catch whatever species happen to be in the river and will explain some of the extraordinary life cycles of the different creatures that will be seen, including vibrant dragonfly and damselfly larvae. They will also explain the conservation measures needed to ensure the

future of these important creatures.

The River Dipping event on Saturday 4th April runs from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. There is no charge for children and £5 per adult. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The event, which is raising funds for the Barford St Martin Community Fund invites Nadder Valley residents and children to put on their wellies and explore some of the extraordinary creatures in the River Nadder.

**To attend the River Dipping day on the Nadder, please contact Stephanie Wheatley to book your place and for meeting details.**



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Barford St Martin



Burcombe



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The Barford Community Fund's River Dipping on the River Nadder will show a range of fascinating river species such as stoneflies, the larvae of dragonflies such as this banded demoiselle or water scorpions.

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# Chief Executive of NHS Charities Together visits Stars Appeal at Salisbury District Hospital

**The Stars Appeal was delighted to welcome Ellie Orton OBE, Chief Executive of NHS Charities Together, to Salisbury District Hospital last week to see first-hand the impact of projects funded by the charity.**

During her visit, Ellie toured a range of hospital facilities supported by the Stars Appeal, including the Neonatal Unit and its parents' accommodation, the Stars Appeal funded David A Brown Breast Unit, and the Sarum Children's Ward, where she met two-year-old patient Mack and his parents, Jack and Bethany Mitchell.

She also observed a live demonstration in the hospital's Stars Appeal-supported Simulation Suite, met the hospital's chaplaincy team (funded by the charity), learned about the impact of the Stars Appeal Staff Counsellor, and spent time with a patient benefitting from the charity's companionship programme, Stars Appeal Engagers. The visit also featured music from the Stars Appeal Live Project.

Ellie met clinical ambassadors including Consultant Surgeon Mr Graham Branagan, Cancer Consultant Dr Tracey Parker and Paediatric Consultant Dr Rowena Staples, alongside patient ambassadors Richard Joy and Adrian Abbott. They discussed how Stars Appeal projects are enhancing care and supporting patients, families and staff across the hospital.

The visit provided an opportunity for the Stars Appeal to thank Ellie and everyone at NHS Charities Together for the grants awarded to the charity over the past five

years, which have supported many of the initiatives showcased during her tour.

Ellie Orton OBE said: "It's clear that the Stars Appeal is such a vital part of Salisbury District Hospital and the wider community. It was so special to meet the patients, staff, ambassadors, and volunteers who bring this work to life. There is such a powerful sense of ownership and gratitude within the Stars Appeal community, and that collective commitment shines through in every project I visited. We're proud to support their work and stand alongside them in championing the impact of NHS charities."

Mr Graham Branagan, Consultant Surgeon and Chairman of the Stars Appeal Clinical Ambassadors added: "It was a pleasure to welcome Ellie to the hospital and to show her first-hand how Stars Appeal donors, including NHS Charities Together, are making such a big difference to patients, families and staff at Salisbury District Hospital. We very much look forward to continuing to work alongside Ellie and all at NHS Charities Together as we strive to do more to enhance care here at Salisbury Hospital and support the work of the wider NHS charity sector."

The Stars Appeal is the charity for Salisbury District Hospital. Every day, work funded by the charity helps hundreds of patients at Salisbury District Hospital and supports the NHS staff who care for them. The Stars Appeal aims to raise £2million each year to fund projects which offer direct, practical support to patients, their families, and the Hospital's staff.

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[www.starsappeal.org](http://www.starsappeal.org)



Ellie Orton OBE meet Stars Appeal funded Chaplains Steve Hawkes and Sharon Boyle



Ellie Orton OBE visits the Neonatal Unit



# Stars Appeal Bookshop and bucket collection volunteers raise over £71,000!

**Stars Appeal volunteers are celebrating after raising over £71,000 in the charity's bookshop and through bucket collections at Salisbury District Hospital during 2025.**

The volunteers were joined by hospital staff for a special presentation to announce the total raised in 2025. Last year, the bookshop, which is in the main entrance of the hospital, raised £47,024.74, with bucket collection and contactless donations raising a further £24,329.93.

Stars Appeal Ambassador Sister Ingrid Webb, who works on the Neonatal Unit and attended the presentation, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for our wonderful bookshop and bucket collection volunteers, and we are hugely grateful for the time and dedication they give in supporting the charity. We would like to say a massive thank you to them

and to all the patients, visitors and staff who so generously support the bookshop and bucket collections, helping to make a difference to thousands of patients, their families and hospital staff."

Money raised for the Stars Appeal helps fund new equipment, enhancements to hospital buildings, and a wide range of projects supporting patients and making their time in hospital more comfortable. During the presentation, the volunteers were shown a variety of these projects including the emergency patient clothing and toiletry packs, and the new voice amplifier devices helping patients with hearing difficulties to communicate with doctors and nurses more easily. They also met Pembroke Cancer Unit aromatherapist Shelley Baker, and Children's Unit play assistant Emma Lewis, whose roles are funded by the charity.

Stars Appeal Bookshop and bucket collection volunteers with hospital staff and Stars Appeal Ambassadors



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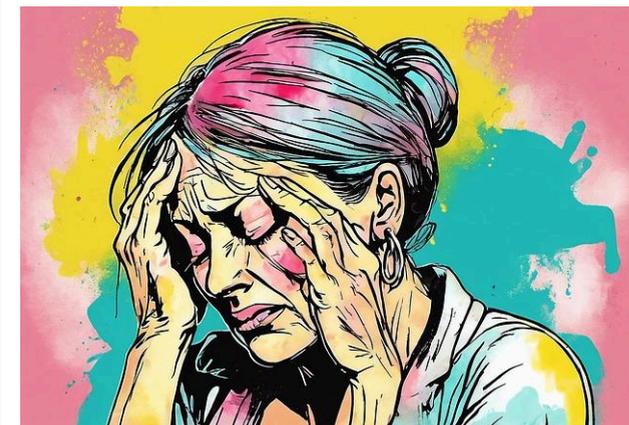
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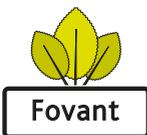
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Thur 26 March

Fovant Village Hall 4 – 5pm

### 'Headaches'





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## March'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.

[SOLUTIONS ON SPREAD 23](#)

## SUM SQUARE

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DATE	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March	30 March – 4 April
	Lent 2	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday Lent 4	Lent 5 Passiontide begins	Palm Sunday	Holy Week*

### Lower Nadder Benefice Services

\* Easter Sunday 5 April (last day of Holy week will appear in April's edition of Village Buzz)

Barford St Martin	11.15 AAC	EB	09.30 McW	LAY	10.00 To Compton	-	09.30 PCBCP	PC	10.00 To Teffont Evias	-	18.30	Wednesday 1 April Compline	EB
Baverstock	-	-	-	-	10.00 To Compton	-	-	-	10.00 To Teffont Evias	-	-	-	-
Compton Chamberlayne	09.30 PC	EB	-	-	10.00 AAC	EB/JT	-	-	10.00 To Teffont Evias	-	-	-	-
Dinton	09.30 AAC	MG	-	-	10.00 To Compton	-	09.30 MCW	EB	10.00 To Teffont Evias	-	-	-	-
Fovant	08.00 HC02T	EB	-	To Sutton	10.00 To Compton	-	09.30 PC	MG	10.00 To Teffont Evias	-	14.00	Good Friday 3 April Hour at the Cross	EB
Sutton Mandeville	16.00 AAS	EB	09.30 McW	EB	10.00 To Compton	-	-	To Fovant	10.00 To Teffont Evias	-	-	-	-
Teffont Evias	-	-	11.15 AAC	BH	10.00 To Compton	-	-	-	10.00 AAC	EB	-	-	-
Teffont Magna	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.15 AAC	EB	-	-	18.30	Maundy Thursday 2 April AGAPE meal with communion	EB

### Upper Nadder Benefice Services

Ansty	-	-	11.15 PC	MC	-	-	11.15 AAC	LE	-	-	-	-	-
Chicklade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.30	Tuesday 31 March Compline	JA
Hindon	09.30 PC	JP	09.30 AAC	BB	18.00 EBCP	MH	09.30 PC	LE	09.10 PC starting at the Village Hall	ND	18.30	Wednesday 1 April Compline	JA
Chilmark	11.15 AAC	RHS	11.15 AAC	MH	11.15 AAS	JA	11.15 MP	LAY	-	-	14.00	Good Friday 3 April Compline	+AR
Fonthill Bishop	17.00 EBCP	JA	08.00 HCBCP	RHS	09.30 MBCP	AT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fonthill Gifford	08.00 HCBCP	RHS	11.15 MBCP	JA	-	-	11.15 MBCP	JD	-	-	11.15	Good Friday 3 April	LAY
Swallowcliffe	11.15 PC <sub>T</sub>	BB	18.00 EBCP	JA	11.15 AAC	MH	11.15 MBCP	LAY	-	-	09.30	Good Friday 3 April	JA
Tisbury	09.30 AAS	JA	09.30 PC	MC	09.30 SoW 18.00 Choral Evensong	JA JA	08.00 HCBCP 09.30 PC	MH MH	09.00 PC 10.00 Procession	TM	18.30 19.30 13.30	Monday 30 March Compline Maundy Thursday 2 April Good Friday 3 April	JA +AR JA

#### 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
- 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

- PC Order 1 Communion (with hymns)
- PC<sub>T</sub> 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

- Lower Nadder Benefice**
- BH Ven Barney Hopkinson
- EB Elaine Brightwell
- MG Michael Goater
- PC Pat Clegg
- 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
- ND Nigel Done
- NW Nigel Worn
- RHS Ruth Howlett-Shiple
- TM Tony Monds
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## Healing & Wholeness



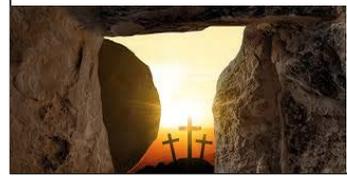
Come to join us in the stillness, bringing with you any person or situation you wish to pray for that is near to your heart.

### Wednesday March 11th, 4.00pm

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

Jesus is the Light of the world.

As Easter approaches:  
let us pray for healing for our troubled world





## Pool of Bethesda

RECENTLY, I have been reflecting on the signs or miracles of Jesus in John's Gospel. The third sign is the healing of a man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-18).

A little research indicates that for the people of the 1st century this story is potent with meaning beyond a simple healing story. John tells us that the miracle took place at the Pool of Bethesda. *Bethesda* is a compound word: 'Bet' means 'house' as in Bethlehem the house of bread; 'hesda' means mercy and points us to the 'hesed' a word rich in meaning describing God's unconditional love and kindness towards us. I believe that by including these details, John wants us to look at this passage through the lens of 'hesed' love.

I had always imagined the pool to be quite small, but when it was eventually found again by archaeologists, they discovered it was the size of an Olympic swimming pool. John tells us that there were a multitude of people who would sit by the side of the pool waiting for the water to be stirred, hoping to be the first in so that they could be healed.

One man, whose name we don't know, had laid there for thirty-eight years, his only hope was that he would somehow notice the water stirring before anyone else and beat the others

to it! He told Jesus that he had 'no man' to lift him into the pool, I hear a loneliness in his despair, did anyone know his situation? Did anyone care?

The answer is that the God and creator of this world knew this man by name, he knew his situation and yes, he cared. Jesus walked directly to him and asked him a question, 'Do you want to be healed?'

Note the man's response, his whole focus and hope remained on the pool, although by pointing out that he had 'no man' I wonder if he hoped that Jesus would help him to get into the pool first? He didn't know who Jesus was, he wasn't particularly deserving, we find later that it was necessary for Jesus to warn him not to sin again, there is no expression of faith whatsoever and yet he is the only one who was healed at the pool that day.

This passage tells us that healing is a gift from God, not something that we deserve or earn, it doesn't depend on how much we know about Jesus or how much faith we have. As we pray for the healing and flourishing of those we know we place our trust in the 'hesed' unconditional and undeserved love of God.

Reverend Denise Binks



Barford St Martin



Burcombe



## TEA and CHATS

Plenty of tea, coffee, cake and chat with many friends from our villages.

A talk about the SALISBURY STREET PASTORS by Brian Percey.

ALL WELCOME

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[jennybarford@gmail.com](mailto:jennybarford@gmail.com)



Sutton Mandeville



All Saints Church  
Sutton Mandeville

## MONTHLY DRAW RESULTS



DECEMBER 2025

1st £40 — 74

2nd £20 — 35

3rd £10 — 61

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## Meteorological Spring

While many of us wait for the official arrival of spring later in March, March 1st marks the beginning of *meteorological spring*. Unlike astronomical spring—which begins with the vernal equinox around March 20 or 21—meteorological spring is based on the calendar and temperature cycles.

We begin to look forward to March, April, and May – months that typically bring gradually warming temperatures, longer daylight hours, and the first signs of new life emerging from winter's rest.

March 1st can serve as a gentle reminder that change is underway – even if the weather still feels unsettled. Spring itself often arrives with showers and blustery days, yet even the rain plays its part in preparing the soil for new growth. Soon we will notice more bulbs pushing through the earth, blossom on the trees, birds returning and singing more boldly, and the welcome stretch of evening light lingering a little longer each day.

This year especially, the turning of the season feels significant. Over the past months, we have endured heavy rain and powerful storms that have tested homes, travel plans, and spirits alike. Fields have been waterlogged, skies have been grey for days on end, and many have felt the strain that prolonged wet weather can bring.

The arrival of spring can offer a welcome psychological shift – a reminder that the darkest and stormiest stretches do not last forever.



Spring also mirrors the spiritual rhythm of renewal. As the earth begins to awaken, we are invited to reflect on themes of growth, hope, and new beginnings in our own lives. Just as nature moves faithfully through its seasons, we too are reminded of God's steady presence through every season of our life.

Spring can speak deeply of hope. Hope is not merely wishful thinking; it is the quiet confidence that new life can emerge from difficult seasons. Just as the land absorbs winter's rain in preparation for growth, we can trust that God can bring renewal from times that have felt heavy or uncertain. The storms of recent months remind us that hardship is real – but they also highlight the resilience woven into creation and into us.

March 1st, then, is more than a date on the calendar. It is a quiet turning point. It encourages us to look ahead with expectation and to notice the signs of growth all around us. After months of wind and rain, we can welcome this new season with gratitude, trusting that warmer days, renewed energy, and fresh opportunities for growth lie just ahead.

**Rev. Elaine Brightwell**  
**Rector**  
**Lower Nadder Benefice**



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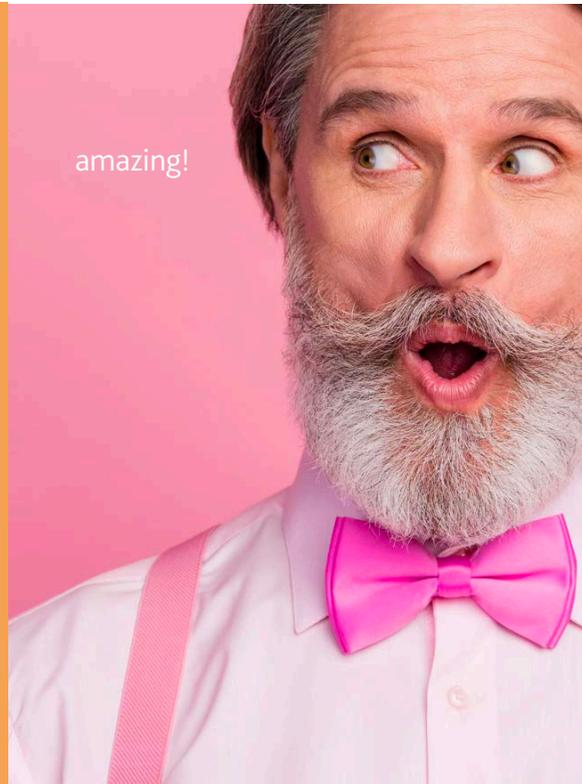
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**THIS IS THE FOURTH DRAW OF THIS 'LOTTERY YEAR'.**

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### BRAIN GYM solutions

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## Advertising and article submission deadline



### Monday 23 March

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