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YOUNG VOICES FROM AFRICA

I am writing this exactly three weeks since my team and I arrived in Kenya! It's been a whirlwind of three weeks, experiencing many new things and meeting so many new people, but I wouldn't change it!

On Saturday 22nd April upon arrival at the airport, I met the UK half of my team. We all seemed to get on reasonably well and after a thirteen hour flight, arrived in Nairobi. The first task was lifting our suitcases on to the top of the mini busses that were transporting us - which proved very difficult after two days travelling with no sleep! Once we arrived at the guest house, we met the other half of our team and did some team bonding activities to get to know them, then crashed as soon as we could into bed!

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THE DIARY

Please let Robin know of any Social Dates you have so they can be included in the diary. We deliver this magazine door to door to all our ten villages, and the editorial team would love to have a greater overview of what is going on in the villages.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION HEYTESBURY BRANCH

Our next meeting will be held on 26th July in the Residents' Hall of the Hospital of St John and is a talk by David Shaw entitled 'A life of fun and laughter - with some serious bits in between'. We do not meet in August so our next monthly Branch meeting will be held on 27th September and is a 'Social Meeting', possibly with a fun quiz. Visitors always welcome.

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MINISTRY LETTER

As I write this we are approaching the Summer Solstice, the day that has the longest period of daylight. Through the ages this day has been celebrated in all sorts of ways, with festivals and holidays, and in Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream.

*"I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine."*

The flowers and plants of Shakespeare's childhood, recalled in his play, still bloom and blossom on banks and hedgerows. Summer days are days for reflection, days for slowing down, holidays and pleasant evenings in the garden.

In the Bible we have Jesus' words asking us to come away with him to a quiet place to rest (Mark ch.6 v.31). Jesus also asks us also to lay our burdens on him and he will give us rest (Matthew ch.11 v.28). Summer months are a good time for us to listen to Jesus, to take a rest and look again at the world around us and to find God in every place.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all those people who have worked so hard to help people in need. The Lent Lunches in St John's raised £500 for Mary's Meals. The Big Breakfast in Corton before the Rogation Service raised £130 for Christian Aid, and brought our total for Christian Aid up to £702. Well done everyone.

KV



PRAYER GROUP

We meet weekly.
If you have any prayer requests,
please call Anne on 840339.

*Where the mist rises from the sea,
Where the waves creep upon the shore,
Where the wrack lifts upon the strand,
I have seen the Lord.*

*Where the sun awakens the day,
Where the road winds on its way,
Where the fields are sweet with hay,
I have seen the Lord.*

*Where the stars shine in the sky,
Where the streets so peaceful lie,
Where the darkness is so nigh,
I have seen the Lord.*

*The Lord is here, the Lord is there,
The Lord is everywhere.
The Lord is high, the Lord is low,
The Lord is on the path I go.*

David Adam

We all need to take time out to rest and recharge our batteries. Whether our travels take us far away or just a few steps from home, we can enjoy the sounds and sights of summer, and see the beauty in the world around us.

Wherever we go and whatever we do this summer, I hope we all have the chance to take some time out to rest and recuperate enabling us to return refreshed.

Jayne Buckles

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians ch.4 v.6-7

Robin Hungerford



Messy Church has been busy and such fun - we made all sorts of things. When it got to story time, we got involved, shouting "That's me!" Singing "Alleluia" jumping up and running on the spot and quite a few more too. These were all to illustrate the different parts of how Elijah heard God speak to him: not in the earthquake, not in the wind, not in the fire, but in a small still voice.

In activity time, we made seismographs, we broke codes, we blew down junk towers ... and in prayer time, we blew pretend bubbles. Steve couldn't keep up with how many sausages we ate during our meal! We all went home having learned a lot, full of food and having had a lot of fun.

July 16th is the final Messy Church of this school year and will have the theme of "The Soldier's Faith" followed by a Roman Banquet. Do come along and join in the fun at 4pm in Codford Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.
For more information,
email: messychurchinuwt@gmail.com

YOUTH EVENTS

The Breakout team has the ability to inform what local churches are doing in Warminster, over the next few months, by connecting the families we work with on the street.

Would you like your church events to be included on a leaflet for the young people to give away? Not Sunday services but a messy church event, would be good.

In addition has your church any young people or adults who would like to be on the Breakout team for the summer events. Age 13 and up.

(Breakout is the ecumenical youth group that meets ad hoc during the holidays run by the youth leaders from three of our Warminster Churches)

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TURBO'S TALES (The Dog Blog for May)

The Gardening Club had its annual Plant Sale last weekend. Quintessentially British, it is a wonderful bean/rose/shrub and houseplant fest laid on by a devoted committee that raises money by selling green stuff that has been grown in members' greenhouses and brought on in cold frames to be ready for the third Saturday in May. A sort of rural Chelsea Flower Show, it differs only from the real thing in that it is here, is more fun, has some really good cakes and happens only between 10 am and midday.

The Guvnor bought a rose bush called 'Jude the Obscure'. He doesn't need another rose but fell in love immediately with its name, thinking Jude needed a boost to her Public Relations. It reminded him of similar people like Ethelred the Unready who was the son of Edgar the Peaceful and his Queen, Elfthryth the Fruitful; Ethelred was King of England from the age of about 12 when his half-brother, Edward the Martyr, was murdered in 978 AD (well, he was called the Martyr later, naturally). Being called 'the Unready' was not entirely fair; then, it meant 'poorly advised' but why spoil a good story and, actually, there really were no defences when the Danes invaded in 980 AD. There was a rout and Ethelred fled to Normandy. When the Danish King Sweyn died, Ethelred was asked to come home - but he wasn't ready, and missed the boat.

King Sweyn's son was Cnut the Great (or Canute in English) and there is a

brilliant tomb in a Yorkshire Abbey that has a carved effigy of a knight in full armour lying above his coffin. He is called Cuthbert the Ineffectual - and has a small dog lifting his leg on his chain-mailed foot.

I have digressed from the Plant Sale. While the Guvnor's wife was buying a car boot full, the Guvnor was doing what he enjoys best - chatting up the lovely volunteers in the tea 'tent' and thanking them for their altruism and time. I happen to know that this is sometimes a successful ploy to get them to forget to charge him for cake.

He avoided the raffle until his cunning plan over the cake had been

exposed and he was spotted. Ashamed, he slunk over to one of his oldest friends who was selling tickets in the corner and to whom he has never said no and whispered in her ear, "I sensed the call; £5 worth please". Parting with one of the new 'rubber' fivers he pocketed his tickets, thinking no more about it. Later, a nice lady arrived at the door clutching a large tome called 'Villages of Britain'. It is a fabulous prize and he is truly delighted with it. He went straight to the index and looked for Codford. Not there, sadly, so in fury he has altered the address on his notepaper and email footer to read: 'Codford the Insignificant'.



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There is a large, free car park, level gravel paths between the lakes and an infinite amount of wildlife to be discovered and wondered at. Two words of warning though. Firstly dogs are not allowed, secondly this is a wonderful place to learn more about the plant and animal life around us but, as you are left to discover it for yourself, go armed with knowledge or a source of knowledge.

The information boards are few and far between.



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The re-discovery of an 18th Century product harder than stone

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The clay mix, sometimes coarse, sometimes fine, was easily moulded into complex shapes and proved ideal for large statues, sculptures and sculptural façades yet had incredible strength and resistance to weathering. Eleanor's list of illustrious patrons included King George III and examples of Coade work still survive at Buckingham Palace. Production ceased in the early 1840s and the clay recipe and techniques were lost.

Artist Alasdair Rennie, now living in Codford, spent eight long years of meticulous research, together with hours of trial and error re-discovering and perfecting the original Coade recipe and

its associated firing techniques, starting with a complete chemical analysis of a sample of original Coade.

Now located at premises in Wilton, Alasdair and his fellow artists restore old Coade work and create new Coade pieces in both classical and modern idioms. It is a time consuming process. The first step is to carve an original and then to make the many intricate pieces of the mould itself. This process alone may take many weeks. Once the piece is removed from the mould, detail can be intricately reworked before firing. Modern electrically controlled kilns are very much easier to control than the old wood-fired kilns of Eleanor's day - where temperature could only be roughly estimated by monitoring the colour of the burning process. Pieces shrink by 5% during the drying process and a further 5% during firing, so reproducing a piece from a direct mould is not possible. After firing, the pieces are subtly patinated using a mineral silicate paint although the colour remains largely true to the clay. The finished product is so hard that a diamond bit is required to cut it after firing. Eleanor used iron reinforcements (which have "blown" over time, damaging many pieces). Stainless-steel reinforcements are used today.

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YOUNG VOICES FROM AFRICA

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

The next day we left for Loitokitok!! A 5 hour journey through national parks and Maasai villages, so was incredibly interesting seeing giraffes and then the mud huts (manyattas) and all the traditional people in the Maasai tribes. Also not forgetting the beautiful view of Mt Kilimanjaro that surrounds Loitokitok!

The following few days we had training about the community and host homes, and were then paired with our counterparts (who we will live with) and matched to a host home!

My house is in a wonderful location, is built out of concrete and has electricity most of the time so I've been very lucky! However, there is still no running water anywhere, so showers and toilets are different! My host family is lovely and my host mum owns a shop in our garden and is also an amazing cook, so far so good!

Of course, there are challenges, helping to cook - but doing so outside, which took a while to get used to! Without a doubt, washing my hair with just a bucket of water is also difficult, not to mention the fact that the toilets and showers are outside all the way round the back of the house. The food is sometimes a challenge as well, a lot of rice, beans, and ugali (literally just a mix of flour and water) so a lot of stodgy filling foods, and dinner is eaten at 9pm - sometimes later - so all of us UK volunteers are struggling with this! Breakfast for most of us is usually just bread or a boiled potato - so very different to home! The thought of food at home is getting me through and I have already made requests to my parents for when I return!!

Our team of UK and Kenyan volunteers are great, we all get on really well and have had multiple social events so far which are so much fun. We have a good mix of skills and interests, which complement each other, and we are all

having the best time together.

I have also found out the placements that I will be working on which I am very excited about. I will be working with the Community Care Centre (CCC), which is an HIV/AIDS testing and treatment centre, and Boma La Tumaini (BLT) which is a support group for people living with HIV. My team of 4 will be running peer education sessions on HIV/AIDS to all the schools in Loitokitok with the aim to try and increase awareness and prevent the spread. We will also be trying to set up a new filing system at the CCC with the aim to reduce waiting times for patients, as currently the doctors have to search for each file for around 10 minutes before seeing a patient. Our other aim is to help the support group at BLT have a market to sell their products such as beaded jewellery, and agriculture that is easily kept so they can eat healthily.

We are also working with Skylink Youth Polytechnic College, which is a rescue centre and vocational school for youths. There are four subjects taught here; dress making, hairdressing, engineering and mechanics. The students have so much potential, so we will be working with them teaching them life skills, raising their awareness of issues such as drug abuse, HIV/AIDS, health and

sanitation and also teaching them skills for the future such as CV writing, interview skills and public speaking! We are also hoping to improve the grounds of the school, which currently doesn't have any access to water or electricity, and try to create a small income and possibly apply for grants to secure the funding.

The Youth Enterprise Development Fund is our final project, which provides grants for youth groups and individuals around Loitokitok. We are visiting multiple groups both in and out of Loitokitok to see what they do and what help they need in order to secure these grants. We are also planning on working with the youth of Loitokitok to reclaim the use of what used to be a Youth Resource Centre, but for the past few years has been used as a hospital store cupboard for medicine. Hopefully after approval, we will be able to run training on essential skills to the many young people, and will provide a place that many groups such as dance or drama can meet and practice, enabling them to express themselves and develop their talents.

We have a lot of work on our hands, and with only eight weeks left it's a big task; but our team are determined to do the best we can do and hopefully make a positive impact to all these people and children we will be working with.

Thank you once again to everyone that has donated and supported me in my fundraising journey. I managed to raise £2400 for VSO to help them continue to provide volunteers like myself in the future to developing countries that need our help.
Emily Firth

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HISTORY IN THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY

The duties of Church Wardens from early times are many and varied. Beside being on duty during Church services or ceremonies they also had very influential tasks which helped to keep their parishes orderly. One was to look after a child or children who are orphaned, have no father or have a poor widowed mother. Because some were called base-born and the mother had no steady income, the parish had to support the children if the father was unnamed or unwilling to help financially with his off spring.

The mother, often a farm labourer and relying on casual labour, needed to go before the Church Wardens to attend a hearing possibly held in the Church, to explain her position. If a father admitted to fathering her child, he was often bound to give the mother a certain amount of money weekly for its upkeep until the child was 7 years old when apprenticeships could be found for the child and the parish would pay for the apprenticeship.

If the father failed in his duty to help support the child, he would be expected to go before the Church Wardens to explain why and was often fined. Once the child, either girls or boys, reached the age of seven the Church Wardens would find apprenticeships for them and off the child would go to their new home often

many miles from their own surroundings to learn a trade. ref WSHC no; 1507/61

The Church Wardens did have a huge amount of authority in days of yore. Not only attending to Services and the parish registers and unfortunately a few, well all right, nearly all, could not read or write until the nineteenth century. They needed to maintain the solvency of the church and keep a manageable hold on finances; the needs of paupers and pauper children was also a duty for them. It may be hard to believe that who came to live in or leave the parish was within their control.

There was a standard printed form to be filled in before anyone could move to another parish or be able to live in either Boyton or Corton. There is one dated 1736 allowing one James Oke and wife Ann to move away with the agreement of four Church wardens who signed the licence. Another small piece of paper gives Edward and Mary Ellis leave to move from Pertwood and live in this parish. Ref; WSHC 1507/62, 1507/59

The Church Wardens were arguably custodians of the well being of their parish and as all parishioners had to pay a small amount to help maintain the solvency of the Parish outgoings, it was also the duty of Church Wardens to keep within that contribution.

When times were especially hard, the Church Wardens announced they would pay for the culling of sparrows, which obviously were pests. This occurred for about ten years after 1833 at a time

when agricultural workers were very badly paid and crops failing year after year.

Thus in 1836 Mr Churchill and Mr Withers recorded "to the value of 3 shilling and thruppence for 15 dozen sparrows paid to Charlie Nokes, Charles Bendal and James Swayne", not much divided between three, but it was honest money. Charlie was 23 and Charles 8 years old. Ref; WSHC no; 1507/33

Barbara Saunt

DOG OWNERS ALERT

Please be aware with the weather improving, that if you walk a dog in a field where there is livestock, that dog should be on a lead! I recently observed dogs being walked through fields where there were cattle. The owners walked ahead, with the dogs behind. One of the dogs started worrying the cattle by barking and snapping, and then eventually decided to catch up with its owner.

The cows were not impressed and the next person through the field had to make a rapid exit, although their dog was on a leash, as the cattle started moving towards her in a threatening manner,

We also have the dog poo problem resurfacing in our villages. If your dog does its business, please make a point of picking up after your pooch. Some dogs are making a mess on footpaths and places where people will sit and rest during their walk, or, as one of my neighbour's put it, stand and gossip? Dog walkers do like to appreciate the wonderful scenery, but spend a great deal of their time having to watch where they are walking. Some of the villages provide poo bags and all provide bins, but people seem to think it is not their problem.

Another concern about dogs not on leads involves the highways and byways. If you are walking on the roads, your dog really should be on a lead. No driver wants to be responsible for killing a four legged friend.

Finally, the majority of dog walkers are friendly, approachable folk who will pass the time of day with fellow dog walkers, some just need to keep a closer eye on their four legged friends and everyone will be happy!

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VILLAGE NEWS

CODFORD WEEKLY CAFÉ NOW OPEN!

On Thursday 1st June The Café opened for business promptly at 9.00am.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers and cake makers who assisted both before and during the morning.

Some forty people attended (including seven children) who all enjoyed various cakes and drinks - thank you to all who came and made the morning such a success.

Don't forget we cater for all ages - magazines, word searches for adults and lots of toys and games for the children. We look forward to seeing you all again each week - don't forget to bring your friends.



DID YOU KNOW?

To get the maximum use of sunlight Summer Time was introduced in April 1916. Later in 1916 and with the threat of Zeppelin raids all windows were to be darkened including churches, after sunset. Then in October all church bells and chiming clocks to be silenced, again because of the Zeppelin raids.



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CODFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year I can announce that as a result of prudent fiscal management and effective fund raising we have moved out of debt and our financial situation is improving.

Thank you to Codford Parish Council for their guidance and active support, particularly in terms of the grant they have provided from the precept. To those who have recently served on the Committee: Roger Fairbairn, Karl Cleiffe, Sara Glasby and Steph Nielsen-Hunt.

Thank you in particular to Sara for continuing to run and develop the new website and Steph for her continued involvement as a key member of the entertainment committee. Alec Thomson for taking such a strong lead in taking on the burden of daily maintenance of the site, supported in particular by John Wyeth and also John Foster. Alec is also a member of our Development Project Team, led by Crispin Edmonds and also involving Derek Mitchell. Our employees do a great job in running the Hall, the ever cheerful Karungi Grant who is now booking clerk as well as the cleaner, and Terri Webb who has replaced Katie Detheridge as bar manager and the rest of the bar team.

The current committee is: Patricia Bettaney - Secretary; Don Bartlett, Vice chair who is both a councillor and a CVH trustee; Ann Levick - Treasurer; Bridget Lorimer - Booking Secretary; Laura Lewis - Bar Member; Dennis Mackay; Murray Mcleod-Jones.

I have two requests for assistance:

First, we need one or two people with a little time and the ability to work within written documents to undertake a short term project assisting us with reviewing our policy documents against the sources of best practice available. Secondly, we wish to establish the Friends of CVH. Ideas on how to establish this group of friends would be most welcome.

John McIntosh

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All contributions are most welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

The family name of Pothicary, or any of the six ways to spell it, have been recorded in the Parish Registers for about three centuries. They lived in both Boyton and Corton. In the 1841 census the many members of the family lived in Pothicary Lane, Corton and possibly in just a 4 room house. However, the last known Pothicary, living in Corton, used to live in a cottage where Greenways now stands.

Old Benny Pothicary and his sister Miss Ashton, lived there but had to move about 1962. When another of Corton's well known characters, Charlie Stokes, tried to help them by moving the old dresser in the kitchen, the cottage fell down. The only thing holding the cottage up was the kitchen dresser and once that was shifted the upper storey collapsed. But, calamity or not, Miss Ashton was obliged to hand the front door key to the owner Mr. Jeans which she did saying "here is the key to the cottage but it veld down" and then took to her heels.

Source: Conversation with Lady Anne Blackinson née Jeans.

(Editor. Thank you to Barbara Saunt, for this piece. If you have an interesting fact about your village please let us know.)

A View of Heytesbury, Imber & Knook Parish Council Meetings

The members of the newly elected Parish Council met in mid-May when the first business on the agenda was to elect new officers. Both Cllr Ann Perry and Cllr Dave Bond were duly re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Unfortunately a new Parish Clerk has not yet been appointed and the post is being re-advertised. If anyone is interested in a part time post, with local government rates of pay, then please contact Cllr Perry for more information on 01985 841474

Also in May the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the school hall. Representatives from a large number of village organisations were invited to speak and, interestingly, the recurring theme appeared to be that more volunteers are needed by these various clubs and organisations to help run events. This was an interesting, informative meeting and was enjoyed by the large majority of attendees.

All information on Parish Council matters can be seen on the website: www.heytesburyparish.co.uk

Sarah Buttenshaw

VILLAGE NEWS

HEYTESBURY

HEYTESBURY GRAVE PROJECT

For some years, a small group has been working on a project to produce a single data base for burials in Heytesbury, Knook and Tytherington. The project is in two parts: first, transcribing into a data base all burial records starting in November 1582; and secondly, recording all graves and memorials in our churches and churchyards.

We started with Heytesbury where, thanks to the Heytesbury Church project, we have an accurate, measured churchyard plan showing all 431 graves, divided into three sections: A, west; B, south and C, north. Each grave is marked with its section letter and number and now has a file into which all available information, photos of the gravestone (front, back, close-up of inscription and a location shot), photocopies of burial records and, where available, notes about individuals commemorated, are gathered before being entered onto a grave record sheet.

Once completed, details are also entered into a section of the data base, which so far contains 282 individual entries. The grave record sheets will then be made available through our website and hard copies put into a ring binder for

each section of the churchyard, which will be kept in the church.

The first priority is to record the inscription precisely as on the gravestone, and here pairs of recorders, armed with cameras, kneelers, brushes, toothpicks and Jeyes Fluid, are needed. A close up photo is often all that is required, although sometimes, organic growth has first to be carefully removed, earth around the base dug away, or we have to wait for the light to be just right before the inscription can be deciphered and photographed. Many early burials probably only had wooden markers, long since rotted away but even gravestones eventually become so worn or delaminated that the inscription can no longer be deciphered. Our earliest grave with a readable inscription is that of William Ball who died in 1675, unique in that it has a concave shape carved out of one side and is paired with its adjacent mirror image. The next oldest is that of William Badder, who died in 1709 aged 19, one of two grade 2 listed chest tombs.

Whilst all this is going on, individual burial records are transcribed chronologically onto another section of the data base, formatted in the same way so that, eventually the two parts can be combined and any duplicates deleted. The data base can then be shown in both chronological and alphabetical form.

Out of a total of nearly 6,000 individual burial records, we have now transcribed some 3,600.

We now have almost all the information and photos needed to complete the task but we still need help both in transcribing burial records and completing grave record sheets. More importantly, we would like people to come forward with stories about their relatives and forebears buried in our churchyards. Volunteers and those willing to tell us something about their family history are asked to ring Joe Charlesworth on 840184.

DID YOU KNOW?

1916 was not a good year for people living along the Wylde Valley with 38 camps of trainee troops spaced along the Valley- numbering 38.000 men plus horses and mules and the resident civilian population, spotted fever, meningitis and influenza was rife during the winter months.

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SHERRINGTON

High summer and on an evening such as this who would wish to be anywhere else? The garden is bathed in sunlight, the lightest breath of breeze stirs the air and a foam of cloud drifts across blue sky.

The garden seems to be filled with bees, wonderful when one considers the constant reports of their fallen numbers. They are swinging on the nepeta and the masses of blue geranium, squeezing into the inviting foxgloves and of course, the modest, tiny flowers of cotoneaster attract them in their dozens.

On the cress bed clockwork ducklings dart and weave. This morning I had to stand aside to give way to Mrs Mallard importantly marshalling her little platoon of nine across the lane to the safety of the

water. No moorhen chicks at the moment, in fact few adult birds. There is often a gathering of elegant tufted duck and the pen swan dreams away tucked on her nest on the smaller island. There would be general rejoicing if a cygnet or two could reward her patience and the cob would swell with pride!

In our garden we are lucky enough to have a goldcrest on eggs in a nest so delicately fashioned, a small miracle wrought by only tiny beaks. Our hoped-for spotted flycatcher ignored our nest box this year yet again but I saw one feeding young in a box tucked under the thatch at the Farmhouse.

I have yet to hear a cuckoo this year but this afternoon, near Great Wishford in the water meadows, Nigel saw two and heard a third all at the same time!

Where have the amazing, blundering maybugs gone and no moths come through an open lighted window, what is going on?

I look at the motley herds of calves and indeed all the vast dairy herds. When I was a small girl and came to summer at my uncle's farm in Norton Bavant, I remember helping to sketch the markings of the calves in a special booklet that went up to the British Friesian Society for entry into the Herd Book. My uncle had the Norvant Herd of British Friesians, one of note. I well remember a magnificent bull, Norvant Macbeth who seemed about the size of this cottage! All is so different now. *BL*

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Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Fridays	Sherrington	8.30am	Morning Prayer

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

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happy years of married life together*

Funerals

*Our sympathy and love to those
who mourn the passing of*

Roger Witchell

On 6th June

at Upton Lovell & Semington
Gerald (Jed) Davies
On 7th June at Codford St Peter

Bruce Gray

On 15th June

at Upton Lovell & Semington

*May they rest in the peace
and light of Christ*

*Please contact the Ministry Team to make
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Confirmation preparation or Service of Prayer
and Dedication after a Civil Marriage.
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crematorium service.*

UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

JULY

2nd 3rd Sunday after Trinity	Heytesbury Codford St Mary Norton Bavant Sutton Veny Upton Lovell Codford St. Peter	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Family Service communion Morning Prayer Taizé	Choir
9th 4th Sunday after Trinity	Boyton Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Codford St Mary Knook Upton Lovell	8.30am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Flower show service Family Service Parish Communion Parish Communion Patronal Evensong (BCP)	Choir
16th 5th Sunday after Trinity	Tytherington Codford St Mary Norton Bavant Codford St Peter Heytesbury Sutton Veny Upton Lovell Codford Village Hall	8.30am 8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	BCP Communion Patronal Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Matins Parish Communion Messy Church	Choir
23rd 6th Sunday after Trinity	Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Heytesbury Boyton Heytesbury	8.30am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong	Choir
30th 7th Sunday after Trinity	Boyton Codford St Mary	10.00am 6.00pm	TEAM SERVICE Evensong	Choir

AUGUST

6th Transfiguration	Upton Lovell St Leonard's (Sutton Veny)	10.00am 6.00pm	Team Parish Communion Team Service: Evensong	
13th 9th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Mary Boyton	10.00am 6.00pm	Team Parish Communion (Lammas) Team Service: Evensong	
20th 10th Sunday after Trinity	Knook Sutton Veny	10.00am 6.00pm	Team Service: Matins Team Parish Communion	
27th 11th Sunday after Trinity	Codford St Peter Heytesbury	10.00am 6.00pm	Team Parish Communion Team Service: Evensong	

WEDDINGS

24th June - Sian Blake and Mark Wilkinson- Codford St Mary

1st July - Isobel Neville and Edward Dick - Sutton Veny

19th August - Sally Haines and Jason Carter - Codford St Mary

26th August - Molly Stuart and James Payne - Heytesbury

26th August - Camilla Cumming and Nicholas Hornby - Upton Lovell

27th August - Emily Diamond and James Leonard - Sutton Veny

Please pray for these couples as they prepare for their future life together

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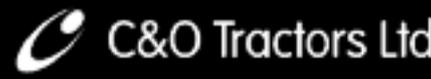
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