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*Through The May Window*



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*"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and temperate;  
Rough Winds do shake the darling buds of MAY..."*

# 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 monthly Branch meeting will be held on 24th May 2017 and will be our annual outing, which this year is afternoon tea at Wilton Garden Centre.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Monday 8 May.

Simon Firth - a Patron of the Salisbury based charity Alabaré Christian Care & Support, accompanied by Andrew Lord, its Chief Executive.

The cost is still £10, but this time Bishopstrow House Hotel will generously donate the cost of the breakfast so that all the money will go to Alabaré.  
www.alabare.co.uk.

If you would like to attend please contact Philip Clark on 840868, philip.clark@uwvbreakfast.myzen.co.uk or Henry Collins on 850193.

## A TALK by KATE ADIE

For anyone who missed Kate's fascinating talk in Warminster last year, about her life as a correspondent in trouble spots world-wide - there will be another chance to hear her, in St John's School, Marlborough, SN8 4AX on Wed, 17th May at 7pm. Tickets £15 each. Please visit [www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com](http://www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com) for more information.

Belinda Southwell who founded this charity which is now entering its 6th year, is passionate about the rehabilitation of prisoners, most of whom are redeemable in this Category C. establishment - if given a helping hand; if enabled to learn to sustain a work ethic, and if their family ties are supported to stay strong. The Friends charity aims to fulfil all these objectives.

If the journey to Marlborough on 17th May isn't an insurmountable obstacle for you, PLEASE come and support this charity. Tickets are available from Belinda - tel 850252 or via [bms@rcs-qc.com](mailto:bms@rcs-qc.com)

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## ADVANCE NOTICES

Boyton and Corton Church Fete will be held on Saturday, June 17th starting at 2.30 pm in Corton.

Codford Village Fete  
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Salisbury Cathedral Boys Choir will be giving a Concert in St. Mary's Church, Codford on Monday, 18th September, 2017, in the evening.  
Tickets available at a later date.

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## ST JOHN'S SOCIAL EVENTS

### COFFEE MORNING

Our coffee morning is Wednesday 10th at 10.30am; and in the evening at 7.30pm we will have a concert by U3A, refreshments and small donation, all welcome.

### CHAPEL NEWS

There will be no service on Wednesday 24th but instead on Ascension Day at 10am.

## SAVE THE DATE! HEYTESBURY, IMBER AND KNOOK

Annual Parish Meeting  
22nd May 2017 6-8 pm  
AT HEYTESBURY SCHOOL

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## SAVE THE DATE! HEYTESBURY, IMBER AND KNOOK

Non-selective hustings for Heytesbury Parish Council  
2nd May 2017 between 7 pm and 9 pm at Heytesbury School.

Don't forget the election on 4th May 2017.

## MINISTRY LETTER

### BUILDING BRIDGES

Bridges are symbolic places. In our day, they are taken for granted yet in antiquity they were great marvels which symbolised the connection of one place to another - they brought people together. It is particularly poignant that the terrible atrocity committed by Khalid Masood in Westminster last month began on a bridge.

Khalid Masood killed four people on Westminster Bridge, injured fifty, fatally stabbed a police officer at the Houses of Parliament, and was himself shot and killed, all in the space of 82 seconds. It is difficult to see how this sort of atrocity could be prevented, except by draconian levels of security.

Whilst bridges are important symbols of unity and connection, it is likely that a different symbol will be looming large in the minds of those engaged in ISIL's campaign. That symbol is the Great Mosque of Al-Nuri with its leaning minaret in Mosul. This is where in June 2014 the apparent leader of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) Abu Bakr al Baghdadi, declared a caliphate asserting the leadership of Muslims everywhere. This Mosque was built in the 12th Century to celebrate Al Nuri who mobilised and brought Muslims together

during the second crusade. It is a place soaked in symbolism. The next few weeks or months will likely see this so-called caliphate come to an end in its present shape. The forces arrayed against ISIL number more than ten to one and include members of almost every Muslim community including Sunnis and Shias, as well as different ethnic groups, Arabs, Turks and Kurds. The Great Mosque will fall to Iraqi Government forces which will be a real threat to the symbolism of this so-called caliphate. Even in the midst of fake news and conspiracy theories, there can be few people outside its own number who believe that ISIL has been a good thing. Reports by respected independent bodies tell of the cold-blooded murder of children, widespread rape, and genocide. Sunnis whom ISIL was set up to defend have borne the brunt of its violence and dislocation, though Shias and ethnic Kurds as well as Christians and Yazidis have suffered too.

There is more at work here than this one symbol. Masood's actions may be as much a result of western selfie society as they are of Islamic extremism. A society built on intense competition, vanity and desire is bound to have its casualties. Maybe we should be looking for causes in the extreme individualism that has come

to characterise our lives in the west, where increasing competition on uneven playing fields has, through a powerful cocktail of envy, powerlessness and humiliation, created a colossal sense of resentment...

As I walked over Westminster Bridge a week after the attack the symbolism was clear. We can live together and we will not let this sort of violence drive us apart. Met Police Officers (one of them carrying his toddler daughter), Rabbis, Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, women, men, children, black people, white people, Asian people along with Lord Bourne who, though a Minister of State with the Faith and Integration portfolio, had clearly come as himself and was walking along with everyone else. It was very powerful.

The rich symbolism of faith means that those who seek to justify their actions no matter how nefarious and destructive will be able to quarry it for meaning. But faith's real power is in building a positive view of human society. It provides the resources to enable us to develop a new understanding of responsible human freedom and of inclusive equality. Where hopes and aspirations are at least possible, where we get to develop strong and resilient identities able to overcome life's challenges, where all of us prosper and have a proper place in our economic life, and where we learn to live together with mutual respect.

With every blessing,  
Canon Paul Hackwood  
Executive Director, Church Urban Fund

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

*(Acts chapter 2 verses 36-41)*

Robin Hungerford



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# THE PARISH NEWS DISTRIBUTORS – A message from the Chairman

The Parish News Committee is passionately protective of its volunteers. There are about 100 people who work for and support the successful delivery of the UWW Team's flagship communication to 1300 homes and without those who push the magazine through letterboxes; everyone else's efforts are in vain. It is easy to assume that it is a relatively simple matter for them to insert additional leaflets or envelopes at the same time and while for some distributors this might not be a problem, for others it can be a burden for which they did not volunteer.

There have been a number of

requests to 'piggy-back' on the Parish News's network. The Committee has considered these carefully but cannot sanction any additional burden on its distributors other than the annual inclusion of flyers for Cards for Good Causes, which supports some 30 charities at Christmas.

Discrete arrangements may be made in individual villages and some of our kind distributors may well be willing to assist but there will be no overall 'licence' as our volunteers are too precious a group to risk upsetting. I hope anyone who might think that this policy

wastes a resource will understand our responsibility to a group of devoted people and our determination not to take advantage of them, even with the best of intentions.

David Shaw

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There are two trails in Salisbury... a murder mystery around The Close and a treasure map trail around the Historic Inns. Some trails are rather long for young

children but a guide to suitability is given on the website, or you could spread the trail over a few visits.

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## SPORT – ANGLING AND FOOTBALL

**ANGLING NOTES** March has been a month of preparation. This is the time to buy new leader material nylon, fluorocarbon or copolymer? I recently sought some new nylon, very good quality, of German manufacture. The supplier whom I went to had only a small number of diameters on offer and the largest diameter was the material, which I use for my everyday fly fishing. When I asked if he had nothing heavier for mayfly fishing he said no there was no demand for the heavier stuff and suggested that I buy some other material for the mayfly which I will do. The problem with the diameters, which he was offering, is that I cannot even see them, never mind tie knots in them! It is essential to fish with something heavy when mayfly fishing to avoid the stresses produced by the twisting and necking of the leader caused by the large artificial leader.

The other activity at this time is to peruse the catalogues and in particular the 'sales' for items of tackle, which I have persuaded myself, I must have. I have bought another new reel; there are lots of good reels on the market these days and they are very attractive and tempting. This one was in a sale and therefore cheap and it has replaced an old reel which I used with my very light 3 weight rod. I have salved my conscience by putting the replaced reel in an auction along with some other items of tackle. I have also bought a new pair of waders, boot foot as opposed to stocking foot on the grounds that they are much easier for a mature person such as me to get on and off.

It is an early spring judging by my garden but we are still desperately short of water and there is little sign of any weed growth yet. I saw grannom (a small sedge) hatching from the river in Salisbury at around 7.0 p.m. on Match 29th and fish rising to them. This is very early for this species but, unfortunately, numbers of grannom decline rapidly upstream of Salisbury and consequently they are rarely of importance in fishing terms on our Avon fisheries in the Woodford valley.

*Robin Mulholland*

### DID YOU KNOW?

July 1914 according to the *Warminster and Westbury Journal* everyone was advised to wash their hair at least each month and those with greasy hair to wash the hair fortnightly.

**FOOTBALL** Some mixed performances from the Football club during March and early April. A strong finish to the league campaign was needed, but unfortunately it never came. Hilpert United were the first opponents. The game ended in a 3-0 defeat, but it set the scene for what was to follow. Heytesbury played well but failed to take their early chances, defensive errors then cost them the points.

This was followed by another away trip, this time to Melksham to play fellow strugglers Trowbridge Town reserves. A strong Heytesbury team dominated the first half, but again failed to take the chances they created. In the second half, Trowbridge took control and ran out 4-1 winners. The Heytesbury goal came from Jamie Howse.

The last two league games of the season were back to back matches against strong local rivals Stockton and Codford. A very good performance from Bury Keeper Sam Spratt helped keep the game scoreless at half time. As Heytesbury pushed forward they were awarded a penalty. The spot kick was blasted over the bar, and two late goals from the home side gave them a 2-0 victory.

In the return match the following week, a good first half performance, with more missed early chances was followed

by a second half collapse, Stockton and Codford ran out 2-9 winners. The Heytesbury goals were scored by Luke McGuckian and Dan Dicks. A disappointing end to what has been a very difficult season. Player of the month for March was awarded to Luke Love, good performances, from a player who travels from Bournemouth to play for us, whenever, work allows.

April will see Heytesbury again playing in the Hospital Cup, their first match, an evening game, away to Zeals.

*Martyn Spratt*

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## TURBO'S TALES (THE DOG BLOG AT EASTERTIDE)

The Guvnor came home last month spitting tacks. This has become a common experience in this house as he becomes grumpier about almost everything and especially matters on which he either has an opinion or he thinks he can do better. As you can imagine, life produces many such opportunities for him to comment on things that annoy him such as whingers, belly-achers, moaners, complainers and groaners - and always with a total disregard for the fact that what he is doing (complaining) is exactly what he deplors in others. This was all about having listened carefully to the first lesson in church. It was from the Book of Exodus,

chapter 17 and told the story of how the Israelites became impatient with Moses as his promises receded further into the background and hardships increased:

'The whole Israelite community quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."'

"Stone me", said the Guvnor; "Poor old Moses. After all, he was on a mission and all was going to be well in the end but people, even in those days, were impatient for the good life and couldn't take just a teeny hardship on the way. No change there, then."

The Guvnor decided that the only way to make this story any better was to pursue it to its logical 2017 conclusion so he added a sentence or two to the story. It went like this: 'Moses turned to the Israelites and tried to cheer them up. "Come on everyone; we are off to the land of milk and honey" he promised, only to be met by more whingers in high-viz jackets. "That's OK for you to say, Moses, but half of us are lactose intolerant and the other half allergic to bee stings and there's no sign of any anti-histamine pills in your bag.'"

Moses took a few more than a couple of tablets and went up into the mountains.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

*In the mid 18th century tenants of the Boyton Manor living in Corton, by tenancy agreement had to manure Boyton garden and vegetable garden at a time set by the bailiff. They had to supply their own transport, supply labour and their own manure. Manuring the fields were a separate clause in the agreement.*

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## YOUNG VOICES

From today (10th April) it is only twelve days until I fly out to Kenya to spend three months living and working with a small community called Loitokitok! I am so excited to go, and I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me during the fundraising part of my journey because I have now smashed my target of £1500 by raising over £2300!

I can't believe how much I have managed to raise, and it's all thanks to this extremely generous and supportive community in which I live! My biggest fundraiser was the Quiz and Curry night that we put on at the Prince Leopold Inn

and advertised in this wonderful magazine.

I was overwhelmed by the amount of people that came to take part; we had eleven teams and it was certainly a very busy night! Thank you so much to all the people that came to support both the event, and myself and to those who bought raffle tickets, because the night raised an amazing £750 in total.

A massive thank you to Emily and Paul at the Prince Leopold for supporting me with this event and making the fabulous curry that was well and truly devoured! I still can't believe how

generous people have been, and I will definitely write something on my return for people that are interested, so I can show what my team and I achieved whilst out in Kenya, and the work that you have all supported over the past few months. Thank you again!

*Emily Firth*

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#### INFORMATION

Following on from last month's "A View of Heytesbury, Imber and Knook Parish Council Meetings". It has been brought to the attention of the editor that the views of the architects were not accurately represented, therefore, I have been asked to include some more information from the Sassoon Estate.

Mr Mike Fowler, representing agents of the Sassoon Estate, adds:

- The Sassoon land will NOT be sold to a developer. A major feature of the plan is that almost 12 of the 14 acres of the Parkland in question is to be given to the village in perpetuity.
- The developer will NOT be allowed to sell ALL of the houses before delivering the village hall. To provide the necessary funding for the Village Hall and to ensure that it is actually built, the developer will only be permitted to sell HALF of the houses proposed in the enabling project. Wiltshire County Council will ensure through legal conditions that the completed village hall is delivered.
- The reason that the sports changing rooms are not now included in the Village Hall is that following the

consultation process, it became very clear that neither sports club wishes their changing facilities to be provided within the proposed building. Both Clubs wish to remain independent of each other and of the proposed Village Hall. It is, however, a prime objective of the Sassoon Trustees to safeguard the future of both clubs on land that will be owned by the village.

- Following the extremely helpful village consultation process, a further revision of the proposals is underway which I hope will address concerns expressed. This will be available for all to see very shortly.

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## Extracts from a 1915 Diary.

A young girl was staying in Boreham during 1915. At this time Britain with other countries was at war with Germany and thousands of volunteer troops were encamped along the Wylde Valley. She excitedly recalls the pipe and drum bands which accompanied each Scottish Regiment who played 'rippingly'. There were 5 Scottish battalions, along with many southern infantry battalions who marched with their own bands with buglers. Finally, and after almost an hour and a half, the Royal Engineers brought up the rear.

This was quite a spectacle and obviously made an impression on a young girl, who could have been shot for her descriptive writing of the parade and giving the names and numbers of the Battalions. General Mackenzie-Kennedy rode in the front of his troops and reviewed them outside Christ Church, Warminster.

Her name was Mary Zwilchbart Erskine and her diary is held at the Warminster Museum. BS

## Medical Report

When war was declared between Germany and Great Britain very few people thought it would last more than a few months and certainly not to become the Great War or World War 1. There was little preparation for the training of the eager volunteers who answered Lord Kitchener's call for more troops; little preparation for their housing, supply of equipment, blankets, food, medical facilities and so on.

Thus one afternoon in early August 1914, about the time of the declaration of war, two lieutenants, late of the India Army, arrived by train at Codford Station, marked out the camp grounds at Corton and Boyton and were soon on the train again on their way back to London. No one at that time had any idea that that autumn, although initially mild and sunny, would shortly bring wind, rain, mud and misery. For the troops who arrived, also at Codford Station, their accommodation was in bell tents and nothing else was supplied.

Eventually, sickness became a huge problem because these men had been based in another 'infectious' area that had been duly recorded by the then County Medical Officer of Health in his annual reports which hadn't penetrated the Army's medical services. The first man to be transferred to Salisbury Isolation Hospital was Arthur Blanley of the Royal Berkshire Regiment who was admitted for 41 days suffering from tonsillitis, 1st October 1914. The nearest civilian hospital was being relocated and constructed at Warminster and the war had hindered its completion until early 1920.

Before Christmas 1914, 23 men from the Sherrington/Codford area had died in Salisbury Isolation Hospital from one of the many infectious diseases. Records held at Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre ref: no J9/173/3 re medical conditions. Details from diary kept by Rev Steward privately owned. BS

## Searching for information.

Somewhere there is a school in Warminster without a WW1 memorial and a memorial without a school.

During recent research into local World War Memorials and the names engraved on them, the information came to light that there used to be a school in Warminster called the Warminster County Secondary School. Has anyone any idea where this school used to be located?

Research has discovered that this school, whose head master was Mr E.E. Dent asked for names of old boys to be added to the memorial at the school. Initially, one name in particular, that of F.D. Rendell, is recorded as having served and is named on the May 1915 Roll of Honour. This information was found in the Warminster and Westbury Journal. At the end of the Great War, F.D. Rendell's name was placed on the memorial's tablet, along with twelve other names.

F.D. Rendell, along with his parents, lived at 'Red Lion' public house Heytesbury and his story is related in the book 'When the Call Came' prepared by Heytesbury School to commemorate the beginning of WW1.

But, where was the school? There is a Memorial to the thirteen old boys who lost their lives during the Great War, but there is no school where the memorial should be placed. BS

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## A VIEW OF HEYTESBURY, IMBER & KNOOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the Parish Council meeting at the end of March, councillors learnt that the new Parish Clerk/RFO (Responsible Finance Officer) had withdrawn her application. This is a blow as she was due to shadow the present Parish Clerk and then take over her duties as soon as possible. Mrs Reade has kindly agreed to remain as the Parish Clerk until May and will complete the annual financial audit before retiring. Villagers may have seen a number of

official signs attached to telegraph poles in Park Lane and near to Parsonage Farm. These are the notices, issued by the County Area Transport Group, informing residents of proposed 30 mph speed limit changes. If no objections are received these changes will be implemented as soon as possible.

The new Parish Steward scheme has now been implemented and Councillor Gould has met this Wiltshire Council

official. He expects to be in our parish every month and plans, initially, to cut back mud and grass from pavements and spray the weeds along the side of the road. Councillors were told that an environmentally friendly solution will be used.

SB April 2017

# wylve valley



Saturday 27 May - Sunday 4 June 2017

The wait is nearly over: the 2017 Wylve Valley Art Trail is nearly upon us. Painters, sculptors, potters, glass artists, jewellery and furniture makers, photographers and even a milliner are throwing open their studio doors to the art-loving public from 27th May until 4th June.

The Wylve Valley Art Trail is the largest and most diverse open studios event in Wiltshire, and takes place in some of the most gorgeous countryside this beautiful county has to offer. There are 73 venues in locations from tiny rural outposts to bustling market towns, all within a ten-mile radius of the centre of the Wylve Valley in south Wiltshire.

Some artists are exhibiting in their own studios, others have grouped together to show in larger spaces, such as village halls and even galleries. There are award-winning artists with an international clientele exhibiting close by others who are only just starting out along their creative path, traditionalist landscape painters near abstract digital artists, glassblowers not far from scrap metal sculptors, potters hard by jewellers: there's something to suit every taste and, if you're in the market to buy, every budget.

Artists are, in the main, a fairly reclusive bunch, working as they often do in splendid isolation; the Wylve Valley Art Trail offers both the visitor the chance to meet the artist and discuss their creative

world, and the artist the chance to get direct and hugely helpful feedback on their work. Many artists will be demonstrating their working techniques, and may even be encouraging visitors to have a go themselves in 'take pArt' sessions. It's easy to find out where you can 'take pArt' and how to plot your route around the venues: attractive brochures, available free from many locations (April onwards) from Tourist Information Centres to shops and pubs, list all the venues and artists, giving directions, opening times and an illustration of what's on view and where. If you can't get out to find a brochure, there's always the website: [www.wvat.co.uk](http://www.wvat.co.uk) which will have all the brochure bumf, plus links to artists' websites and the Wylve Valley Art Trail Facebook page.

Need any further encouragement to go out and hit the Trail? It's free!

The Wylve Valley Art Trail is an artist-led, non-profit project, organised by an enthusiastic team of volunteers. For further information contact Wvat Coordinator, Laura Rich: 07910 736563 E: [info@wvat.co.uk](mailto:info@wvat.co.uk)

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The seventh day of April and summer has leapfrogged over spring! Already, on a sunny bank in the Great Ridge, there are first bluebells, nestled amongst primroses, violets and drifts of wood anemones that lift starchy heads towards the sun. This morning there was no breath of wind, the freshly greened arms of the larch trees were hanging quite still. Hedgerows stand draped in pristine drifts as of snow. Surely blackthorn is a misnomer for such snowy delicacy. Air is faintly scented and soon the amazing scent of balsam poplars will drift over the village. These trees stand alongside the railway beyond the Mill House and release their wonderful aroma

in mid April.

Rooks fuss at their nests with raucous voices; how the nests survived Storm Doris is quite a miracle. A long-tailed tit was trapped in our porch. On releasing it, I marvelled at the featherweight in my hand, almost nothing and the only indication the brush of tiny claws. No swallows or martins over the village yet, though seen lower down the valley, perhaps this weekend?

The pen swan of our resident pair has now built on the small island, almost concealed by a glorious clump of golden kingcups. It seems impossible that any eggs will hatch but nonetheless she is

obviously going to lay a clutch. What a delight to see a song thrush in the garden, a bird that has been absent far too long. Well there are lambs, cowslips and the butter softens in the dish, life must be good!

We had Evensong in the little church on the second of April, a gentle service on a magical spring evening. Historians show great interest in the tomb by the lower gate. It is Grade 1 listed and the intricate carvings excite speculation. One theory is that the covering slab was used elsewhere at one time, perhaps part of an ancient game on the lines of Four Men's Morris.

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## "BURIED IN WOOLLEN"

An intriguing expression, 'buried in woollen', appears after almost all of the names in the burial records for Heytesbury in the mid 17th Century. A few influential local landlords, whose tenant farmers earned their living, and therefore their means of paying their rent, by keeping sheep, often controlled rural areas, in those days. An influx of goods 'from across the seas' such as linen and silk looked as though it might affect the price and demand for good 'English' wool. Two 'Protectionist' acts of Parliament were passed; the first during the reign of Charles II in 1666 and the second in 1678.

They were pretty clear: 'No person (except those that shall die of the plague) shall be buried in any shift, sheet or shroud or anything whatsoever made or mingled with flax, hemp, silk, hair, gold or silver, or in any stuff, or other thing, other than what is made of sheep's wool only'.

The second Act introduced a fine of £5.00 for non-compliance - a very large sum of money in those days. Half the fee went to the person who reported the offence and half to the maintenance of the poor. Creative accounting (or possibly

even a bit of tax avoidance) is nothing new apparently. Where grieving relatives wished for their loved one to be buried in their finery rather than a plain woollen shroud, a family member would 'report' the offence and therefore receive the £2.50 so that effectively the fine was immediately cut in half.

Over time the Act became increasingly ignored and was finally repealed in 1814 in the reign of George III.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the Christian Church*

**Emelia Helen Joan Horstman**  
11th March at Codford St Peter

**Florence Rose Davers**  
12th March at Sutton Veny

**Florence Elizabeth Birlison**  
26th March at Upton Lovell

*May they grow in the Christian Faith*

### Funerals

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

**John Gunnell**

22nd March at Semington

**Mary Evans**

31st March at Semington

**Sheila Morris**

10th April at Salisbury

**Joan Welch**

11th April at Sutton Veny

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

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<b>7th</b> 4th Sunday of Easter	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 Morning Prayer Taizé	<i>Choir</i>
<b>14th</b> 5th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday	Boyton Sutton Veny Corton  Upton Lovell	8.30am 10.00am 10.00am  6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Rogation Sunday service (to be held on a local farm) Evensong (BCP)	
<b>21st</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	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	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Matins Parish Communion Patronal Messy Church	<i>Choir</i>
<b>25th</b> Ascension Day	Sherrington	6.00pm	Ascension Day service	<i>Choir</i>
<b>28th</b> Sunday after Ascension	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 Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	<i>Choir</i>

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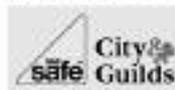


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