MOST glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;

Edmund Spenser
FROM THE EDITOR

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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Editorial Copy for the UWPN must be with the editor by the 10th of the previous month in which the article is to be published. The editor cannot accept any copy after this date.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

The final meeting of this season will be on Monday 1st April at 8.15am at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill.

The speaker will be Dr Alex Goodwin, Consultant in Anaesthetics & Intensive Care Medicine at RUH Bath, who will speak on the subject of ‘Leadership - Nature or Nurture’.

Cost - £12 (£2 to the charity of the speaker’s choice). For more info or to book contact Richard Jackman or John Russell on uwvmfb@gmail.com.

This is not a club. Anyone can attend. Breakfasts will resume on the first Monday in October.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Women’s Section Heytesbury Branch

Our next meeting will be held on the 24th April in the Residents’ Hall at the Hospital of St John and is a social meeting!

Warminster and District Christian Aid Group

CHARITY DINNER

MONDAY 8TH APRIL
(Booking Essential)

The Agra Restaurant, East Street, Warminster BA12 9BN
(by kind permission of Mr Muzib Rahman)

Two sittings 6pm / 8.30pm

Bring your own wine or alcoholic beverages.

£20

Tickets on sale now from Group members or via email on rectoryh@gmail.com or phone 01985 301137/216056 or 07713327377

PARISH NEWS – FUNDRAISING

Money is short due to the loss of advertisers caused by recent uncertainty.

Thus we have an Open Gardens event on the 13th of June.

Time 6 pm to 9 pm.

Two gardens will welcome visitors in Norton Bavant, namely Nos. 7 & 13. More details to follow next month.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER’S CHURCH AGM

Wednesday 15th May 2019
7pm in the Church
All welcome
Refreshments afterwards

HEYTESBURY, KNOOK AND TYTHERINGTON CHURCHES

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Wednesday April 24th at 7.00 pm
in Heytesbury Church for all those on the Church Electoral Roll.

HEYTESBURY VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Sunday 28th April
Join us for the Village Spring Clean between 10am and Midday.

Equipment will be provided.

Meet outside the Red Lion Public House at 10am.
Can you volunteer for a couple of hours?

Contact: Vanessa Sturmeysvsturmeys@hotmail.com or Liz Colvin lizcolvin@icloud.com

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WARMINSTER AND DISTRICT

Good Friday Witness

Friday 19th April 10.30am - 11.30am
Starts at Warminster Baptist Church (North Row)

ANZAC DAY

Thursday 25th April

A service of commemoration will be held in the ANZAC War Grave Cemetery, Codford St Mary
starting at 06.30 followed by ‘Gunfire’ Breakfast in Codford Village Hall.

Breakfast costs £6.00, tickets available from the Post Office, Smith’s Budgens, New Road Service Station, Codford
‘Lest We Forget’

Important Notice

HEARING AID CLINIC

Cherry Orchard Surgery Codford

NEW DAY AND TIME

From April 2019, the hearing aid clinic will be held on the second Thursday of the month from 2.15 pm to 4 pm

April clinic will be 1st April

Please contact Gill Drayson for details 01722 580014 or 07570 670 643 gillian.drayson@hearingloss.org.uk

TRAVELLING TO THE SURGERY IN CODFORD

Appointments at the Surgery are difficult for people without cars, as the buses are only once every two hours. Does anyone have any suggestions? Could each village appoint a travel coordinator? Ideas please to Katherine Venning 840283

FILMS AT THE WOOLSTORE

Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30 pm

THE WIFE

Drama 100 mins 15

After nearly forty years of marriage Joan and Joe Castleman (Glen Close and Jonathan Pryce) are complements. Where Joe is casual, Joan is elegant. Where Joe is vain, Joan is self-effacing. And where Joe enjoys his role as Great American Novelist, Joan pours her considerable intellect, grace, charm and diplomacy into the private role of Great Man’s Wife. Joe is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work. His literary star has blazed since he and Joan first met in the late 1950s. The Wife interweaves the story of the couple’s youthful passion and ambition with a portrait of a marriage, thirty plus years later - a lifetime’s shared compromises, secrets, betrayals and mutual love.

“BLACK ROD... BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT”

A fascinating talk by

Lt Gen David Leakey, CMG, CVO, CBE
Former Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod

Tuesday 2nd April, 6.45 for 7.15pm

SUTTON VENY VILLAGE HALL

Tickets £18.00 each to include a drink on arrival and a home made supper

Available from: The Friends, tel: 01985 840501 or sbuttenshaw@btinternet.com
Cheques made payable to; ‘The Friends of H, K & T Churches
In aid of Heytesbury, Knook and Tytberington Church Reg. charity no:1168352

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THE DIARY
When we speak to one another, we do not do so only with words, but also with body language. With body language we convey emotions and modify meaning when communicating. You may have heard people say: “Wait a minute, let me put my glasses on, otherwise I can’t hear what you are saying”. This is an example of how words, our body gestures and facial expression work together interdependently to put across meaning.

During Holy Week, the week before Easter, you suddenly have Passion plays popping up all over the country. The passion of Jesus (the suffering and death of Jesus) includes very few words. The drama unfolds in what happens to Jesus and how Jesus and those around him respond to the tragic events.

During Lent and especially in Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday we attempt to retrace Jesus’ steps towards the Cross we observe:

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Comfort in times of bereavement can rarely be expressed even in the most carefully thought out words. Comfort comes principally from being there and simply sharing the grief.

Jesus shows his love and forgiveness most effectively when he “allows himself to be handed over into the hands of wicked people”. He shows his love and forgiveness principally in how he reacts to what others do to him. Society in the past has erroneously taught us to judge people by what they do. The Christian message and the Passion in particular, show us that we should judge people by how they react to what happens to them.

"Life is mostly froth and bubbles; two things stand like stone, kindness in another’s trouble; courage in your own.”

(Adam L. Gordon)

A very happy Easter to you all.

Jayne Buckles

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Listen! I will unfold a mystery: we shall not all die, but we shall all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet call. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead will rise immortal, and we shall be changed .... 'Death is swallowed up; victory is won! O death, where is your victory? O death where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and sin gains its power from the law; but God be praised, he gives us the victory through our lord Jesus Christ.

contributed by R H.
Hello, once again I’m glad to say that the bees and I have made it through another winter, so after such a strong hint in last month’s issue by the Editor, I thought I’d better awaken and make a start, so here goes.

Having gone around all the Apiary sites, checking their stores in January and February, all seemed to be good apart from one hive. After closer inspection, I found the colony to have lots of stores but, unfortunately, the bees had died, I think from isolation starvation. This is when the bees have used all the honey on the frames they are living on, but for some reason, they didn’t move over to the next food frame. But losing one out of 32 colonies is okay, isn’t it?

Then on the 8th of February, I was at the Wiltshire Country Market in the Warminster Library where I sell some of my honey (amongst lots of home-produced jams and preserves, plants and much more; you can even get tea or coffee if you wish), when my phone rang and it was my friend from Longleat to say that two of my hives had blown over. At the time, it was very windy and raining hard and I could not go straight away, so he said he would try to put a tarpaulin over them. After the Market closed, I put on my bee suit and off I went to Longleat. I found the hives to be completely upside down and the roofs to be full of rainwater containing quite a lot of dead bees that had drowned. All I could do then was to rebuild the hives back on their stands, empty out the water from the roofs and put them back on. To say the bees were cross would be an understatement! They kept trying to sting me, so there’s gratitude for you.

The last week of February was so mild, just like spring was here, so I went back to check on the two hives. As I went through them, I found eggs in the first hive, which told me the Queen was alive and well and in the second hive, I saw eggs and the Queen. So this tells me that all’s well and they will be able to recover and build their numbers back up. All the hives that week were bringing in loads of pollen; this tells me that all the Queens have started laying so the colonies can replace the old bees that are now getting on for six months old. As the new brood emerge and take over, then the old bees will die. The numbers will grow from 10,000 or so by the end of May to something close to 70,000 per colony, quite impressive don’t you think?

Den Pictor, your local friendly beekeeper

**BOOK REVIEW**

**THE CUT OUT GIRL**

A Story of War and Family. Lost and Found
Bart Van Es

Browsing through the bookshop and especially the buy one, get one half price section, I came across this book. My initial reaction was that it was another version of Anne Frank or a similar story. I am pleased to say, this was nothing like ‘Anne Frank’s Diary’, far from it. It is a story of giving away a child to hide for the duration of the war. It takes place in Holland, after the German occupation. Some 4000 children survived the war in hiding, in Holland; at the end of the war, they went back to Jewish families, only 358 stayed with their foster families.

The story revolves around a girl called Lien, who was given away by her parents to a foster family in the hope she might be saved. Hidden and raised by her foster parents, she survives only to find that her parents did not!

Years later she fell out with her foster parents and Bart Van Es, the grandson of the foster parents, wanted to find out why. The story is also his account of tracing Lien and deciding to tell her story, which becomes a moving exploration of two lives and two families.

In parts it is quite harrowing, and definitely not for the faint hearted, but it is also a story of love and misunderstanding, it shows the ways that our most painful experiences, so crucial in defining us, can also be redefined.

In 2018, it won the Costa Book of the Year and has only recently come out in paperback. The only problem with the book ... it was not under the section, buy one, get one half price!

RC
We are having a very dry winter. Rainfall in January was 48% of long term average and whilst I do not yet have a figure for February that month also has been dry. The local winterbournes are not running, temperatures in February have broken records and with a hot summer forecast, the outlook for fishing, crops and gardens is dire.

I fished once during the month, on the 14th, on our lakes. The temperature was high which should have been helpful, the sun was bright which was not helpful and there was no wind. There had been some hatches of midge in previous weeks, but on this day there was none and there was no evidence of feeding fish. Four members fished and two fish were caught (not by me!). They were big fish which had been in the lake for more than a year but, when one was examined, it had very little in the way of food in its stomach. I tried all of my ‘fail not’ patterns, bloodworm larvae trundled along the bottom, peeping caddis and tiny nymphs to imitate any midge which were hatching, even large lures stripped fast, but, on this day, none worked. As we left, my friends and I concluded that we did not know much about how to catch rainbows in winter. Other days will be different and we may be convinced by success that we are knowledgeable.

I saw a large brown trout covered in fungus and clearly close to death. A few trout get into the lakes from the river when they are quite small and able to pass through the grills. They thrive and grow and this one had probably been in the lake for some years. It was disappointing to see it covered in what was probably furunculosis. Furunculosis is ever present in water bodies and perhaps some stress factor had caused this trout to succumb.

We saw two yellow brimstone butterflies on this day. The earliness of their appearance surprised us, but they do overwinter in the adult form and any warm day will encourage them to come out. Since that day they have been in evidence everywhere and have been plentiful in my garden during the very warm days. These sulphurous yellow butterflies have a lovely green sheen when they are fresh and are one of the species from which the name butterfly was derived.

I have had a pair of siskins on my bird feeder for the first time in many years. They have been feeding on niger seed alongside the goldfinches. RM

ANNE AND ROB HAWKINS

Just before Christmas well-known local couple Anne and Rob Hawkins moved to Cornwall to be near their family, after many years of wonderful service to the people in this area. They are already sadly missed. Let me tell you a little bit about them!

Anne arrived with her parents and brothers from St Helena in 1953. She and Rob met at school but they didn’t get together until 1961.

In 1963 Anne was persuaded to train as an LPA by Robert Webb, then vicar of Heytesbury and Denis Brett, Vicar of St. John’s Boreham Road who led the course. She was commissioned with Anne Bennett Shaw and Margaret Lemon and Anne Bennett Shaw found Anne very supportive and an invaluable listener while she was training for the Ministry.

Anne helped Hugh Hoskin’s wife to run a youth group and also a junior choir. When Anne and Rob lived in Sutton Veny they were very involved with raising money to buy the land to get Sutton Veny Village Hall built. Rob has spent his working life farming and has a great love of ploughing competitions, both as a competitor and judge. In fact I remember standing on the top of Haycombe Hill one day, when Rob told me he had worked in every field as far as the eye could see and knew the names of every one of them!

They moved to Heytesbury in 1999. Anne has always been interested in people; her dedication to pastoral care means she knows just about everyone in the village and beyond, and as Abs says ‘She has great spirituality!’

Last year Anne and Rob went to Lincoln Cathedral and were presented with The Order of St John’s Care Trust Chairman’s Commendation for Meritorious Service as ‘Volunteers of the Year 2018’, in recognition of their years volunteering at Ashwood Care Centre in Warminster. They must both be very proud of their achievements and contribution to village life.

Hence, we say goodbye to a much loved and generous couple who are now settling in to their new life near their family - but who still keep an interest in what is going on here.
Most residents of Codford have heard - and perhaps occasionally grumbled about - the bells of St Peter’s Church as they ring out for services, for weddings and on practice nights, much as they have for hundreds of years. Most of the six bells are indeed old; the oldest dates from 1608, the youngest (the Memorial Bell) from 1946. Four bells date from the 17th century, and accordingly are listed for preservation by the Church Buildings Council.

Like all musical instruments, bells must be cared for if they are to sound their best. This implies that they may have to be re-tuned from time to time, and in particular, it implies that the ringing mechanism - all the moving parts, the clappers, ropes, wheels, pulleys, bearings, sliders, etc. - must be maintained in good condition. Our bells have received no significant attention since the treble bell was added in 1946. Moreover when a bell has been struck at the same points of its inner surface many thousands of times the metal becomes compressed and ceases to respond with the tone to which it was tuned.

The PCC has agreed with the recommendation of local ringers that the bells should be refurbished by the country’s foremost bell hangers, John Taylor of Loughborough. So from late-July the bells will be removed to the foundry and after due attention will be reinstalled in the tower with completely new fittings. Before being loaded on the lorry for their journey, and again after their return, the bells will be on display inside or outside the church. Do please come and see them. To ensure this becomes a community project, senior children from Wylye Valley School will be doing their own projects on the bells during the September term, and will no doubt be photographed beside the bells when they return.

We are keen to get the Codford community involved in this almost unique project. One way is for individuals or groups to become donors and in so doing have their names in perpetuity on the headstock castings. I will update readers on this and other aspects in the next few months; meanwhile please let me know (851079; afbainbridge@gmail.com) if this idea appeals to you.

Saturday 11th May
SEEDLINGS SALE
Red Lion Heytesbury.10.00 – 12.00
Seedlings and plants plus cakes, quiches, preserves etc for sale. Please bring your surplus plants and seedlings to sell and enjoy coffee and a chat.
Contact Ali 01985 841192

flowers for the bees to forage in.

We are now also looking ahead to grass silage season, a true sign that spring has arrived, and the fields will now be filling with lush green grass, the trailers being built, and pits lined for this busy and productive time ‘down on the farm’.

Kit Pottow

DOWN ON FARM

The Mad March Hare will now have boxed its way in to April and we begin to look ahead to a busy period of field work. By the time this is published the work will have been ploughed into already.

It’s been an interesting year as the extreme weather conditions have proven to be challenging what with the beast from the east last winter an out of the ordinary hot, dry summer, a dry autumn and a mild, dry winter (the snow did not escape my attention but was short lived).

The big bug in farming is the ‘cabbage stem flea beetle’. He is a persistent chap about as big as a pin head with a fancy for young oil seed rape plants. A few nibbles and the plant is dead! The larvae live in the surviving plants and slowly eat them from the inside. A few of these is not a problem but the hot dry summer led to an epidemic. The autumn was party time for the humble ‘cabbage stem flea beetle’ along with his mate in this area called the ‘Wessex flea beetle’ who also likes to party on oilseed rape.

Control of them for a while was easy, put a chemical on the seed and the flea beetle is no longer happy when he eats the plant. New research has shown the chemicals may harm bees which has caused much argument between the environmentalists and chemical industries. We maybe years from a result.

Europe has banned the chemical but only 3 countries have implemented it and the UK is one of them. This is fair enough as we all need happy bees. However, the beetle is resistant to all the remaining insecticides that can be used, and these chemicals tend to harm other useful insects in the field.

So, with partying beetles you will notice many oilseed crops looking bedraggled and being re sown with another crop. We are currently ploughing up 50% of our crop to be replaced with spring barley. It is quite likely that next year there will be a huge reduction of oilseed rape in this country, which sadly will reduce the number of small farm birds and beneficial wildlife.

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**THE BULLS OF CODFORD ST PETER**
If you, or someone you know, would like to take on new or exciting challenges in 2019, then Wiltshire Air Ambulance has a choice of events. Our bumper events calendar includes an abseil, skydive and a Snowdon challenge. As well as a personal challenge, by taking part, you will be helping us to keep saving lives. If an abseil appeals to you, experience the thrill of a controlled descent down Avon Gorge, directly by the government and receive no National Lottery grants. For more information go to our website https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events / or call the team on 01225 300536.

If you want to see Wiltshire from a great height, take part in our skydive at Old Sarum Airfield, near Salisbury, on 2nd June. Jumping in tandem with a professional instructor from either 10,000 or 15,000 feet, you can see the sights of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

We are a charity and rely on donations to keep saving lives. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and we are not funded directly by the Government and receive no National Lottery grants. For more information go to our website https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events / or call the team on 01225 300536.

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Dear friends and neighbours,

On 26th April 2019 it will be 20 years since my wonderful cousin Jill Dando was brutally murdered. Jill was not only a hugely talented broadcaster but she was much loved and respected by all who knew her. I wanted to mark this anniversary by doing a significant personal challenge so I am running the London Marathon - something I always swore I would never, ever do! The training hours spent pounding the streets and country trails will allow me to reflect on the anniversary away from the media merry-go-around and I like to think that Jill will be keeping me company. Along the way I hope to raise funds in her memory for the British Heart Foundation for whom she was a keen supporter. Jill had life-saving heart surgery as a child at the Bristol Children’s Hospital and was forever grateful for the fabulous life it bestowed upon her.

I am well past my physical peak so this run will be gruelling and the hardest physical challenge of my life. I hope that all those who loved Jill from near or far will support my endeavour in her memory in aid of the British Heart Foundation, a fantastic cause. I really appreciate all your support and thank you for any donations: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiser-Page?pageId=1010229.

Judith Dando
made it worse and, besides, he couldn’t hear the instructions about ‘opening wide’. So much for that bright idea!

Once he had been cleaned up, it was in to see Herr Flick in the other surgery and where he was met by Helga, his assistant, with a cheery ‘allo, ‘allo. ‘Herr Flick’ comes from Eastern Europe and is a fine dentist, but is one who dons his latex gloves by stretching them and ‘flicking’ them and thereby making a sound that very accurately sounds as if a visit by the Gestapo is imminent. The only mitigating factor is that his assistant, a Helga Geerhart lookalike, is not wearing a grey uniform and is really helping in a most efficient and quiet, if slightly domineering way that goes with competence; come to think of it, that sounds a bit Germanic.

The guvnor’s check went well, I gather, although these days they must examine all sorts of things around the head and face that must be connected to the mouth and teeth. At one stage, he recounted, he had to put his tongue to one side and then the other as Herr Flick tutted knowledgeably but without giving any hint of approval. Of course, if you are the patient lying prostrate on the couch with your mouth wide open, it is not easy to query the diagnosis so he had to wait until it was all done, and only then could he offer his question. Before that, he was asked if he bit his tongue occasionally and when the guvnor answered in the affirmatory (because we all bite our tongues, don’t we) Herr Flick said quite firmly, “Well, stop it.”

To conclude this tale of everyday country folk, and my guvnor’s day in particular, he was given the ‘all clear’. After that, Herr Flick said, “Now listen very carefully; I shall say this only once...” and issued orders to floss more often, drink more water and considerably less alcohol, watch his intake of tea and coffee as it discoloured the teeth and told to give up red wine for the same reason. My Guvnor had tuned out by then.

PRESS RELEASE 2019

If you are not familiar with The Vintage Nostalgia Festival then now is the time to change that! Set in the beautiful countryside of Stockton Park, Wiltshire, VNF is a fun filled, nostalgic weekend of live music, dance, vintage & antique shopping, classic cars, automobilia, children’s entertainment, and so much more!

You can visit for the day on the 31st May, 1st & 2nd June or stay for the whole weekend camping from the 30th May. (Camping is subject to availability)

There is so much to do: enter our ‘Best Dressed Competition’, learn to jive, swing dance to Annie & The Midnight Shift, sample the finest real ale from Ringwood Brewery, enjoy the vintage theatrics from our re-enactors, meander through the Vintage Village trade stand area, get busy in the children’s activity & entertainment section. If that’s all too energetic, you could just sit back, relax with a Pimms at the airstream Cocktail bar!

Final preparations are underway, the VNF team have organised a fabulous line up of live music and dance acts over the weekend, offering jazz, blues, pop, swing and rock & roll. Friday night performers the Bandits will be playing a back catalogue of full on 50s and 60s rock and roll classics. ‘Great Scott’ will be smashing out the best tunes from 80s. The acclaimed Bamboozle are headlining on Saturday! The Tootsie Rollers are also performing on Saturday Night, fusing old school classics with contemporary hits. We celebrate in style over the weekend. Bring your dance shoes!

Come and enjoy those balmy summer evenings with us! We have received rave reviews in the Vintage Life publication, Classic Car Buyer magazine, Classic Car magazine, Classic Car Weekly, Wiltshire View, Valley News, Salisbury Life magazine and various other national and local publications.

Why not experience it yourself? Tickets are limited and camping is pre-book only. Buy your ticket now on www.vintagenostalgiafestival.co.uk/tickets
LOCAL HISTORY

A small committee has been formed to promote local history, and we intend to republish a much enlarged version of the Rev Ginever’s guide to the parishes of Heytesbury, Tytherington and Knook. There are 799 households in the Parish and each one will receive a questionnaire through their letter box between 3rd and 10th May, all delivered by one of your local Councillors.

There is no cost to you or the Parish as all households are given a pre-paid envelope in which to return the completed survey. Residents will be asked to return the completed surveys by 3rd June. The forms will be recorded and analysed by the Service Development Officers at Wiltshire Council, and all information supplied will remain anonymous.

All households will be asked to complete the first section of the form. If a household considers itself in need, or likely to be in need of affordable housing within the next five years, it is invited to complete the rest of the survey. If you live outside the Parish, you can still take part. Details nearer the time will be published on our website and will also be available from Wiltshire Council’s website. Councillor Vanessa Sturmey is the expert on this project for the Parish and can be contacted for further information or to take your questions, by email: vsturmey@hotmail.co.uk

For more information contact Heather Parks, Clerk, Heytesbury, Imber & Knook Parish Council. Tel: 212340 email: parishclerk@heytesburyparish.co.uk
February lulled us into expectations of an early Spring with temperatures on some days to rival June. Snowdrops faded overnight, out came the Brimstone Butterflies (ill advised of course) and daffodils too and as Easter is late this year there will be few daffodils left to decorate the church. However, temperatures reverted to normal, plenty of rain and a wind that bites, buffeting the newly completed rook’s nests. How they remain in the treetops is a small miracle.

No sooner had I submitted last month’s contribution than the absent swans returned. We may have a nest in the village this year after all. Another return is a pair of Collared Doves. They are neat little birds, much smaller than a wood pigeon, soft grey plumage, a bright black eye and beak and of course, that distinctive collar. The bird feeders keep our attention, visited regularly by House Sparrows and a Nuthatch, Long Tailed Tits and a healthy number of Goldfinch. These are such beautiful little birds their beauty once working against them as they were caught and kept as cage birds. The Kingfisher has been in evidence, often perched on the pollarded stump on the edge of the large island.

Panic coverage in the press about the dramatic downturn in insect numbers worldwide. Astonishing that we clever clogs humans can put rockets into orbit, men on the moon but we cannot get a grip on indiscriminate use of pesticides, deforestation, habitat after habitat of Mono-culture and cannot apply ourselves to creating wild-life corridors, seriously cultivate insect friendly plants, and sensibly consider and enhance the environment, it is after all the only planet we have, plenty at stake then. Hats off to the initiative of the Marlborough Downs Nature Enhancement Partnership. Look it up on Spacefornature.net.

Interesting facts Nigel spotted in some Bird Ringing data. Oldest recorded living bird, a Manx Shearwater at 50 years 11 months, longest recorded journey, an Arctic Tern, Wales to Australia 18,000 km and a bizarre recovery, an Osprey ring in the stomach of a crocodile in the Gambia!

The amazing Mrs Dorothy Cull attained the age of 107 years. What changes she must have seen in such a long life. I met her at a Village party held for the Queen’s Jubilee. I recall a bright, alert face and a firm hand. What a very lucky lady to have had such care from her family.

Church Services
**Holy Week** Wednesday 17th April. Compline 7.00pm
**Easter Day.** Sunday 21st April. Easter Communion 9.30am
Flowers in the church will be very welcome on Saturday 20th April to decorate the little church for Easter Day.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

**Funerals**
Our sympathy and love to those who mourn the passing of
Sara Woodward on 16th February at Sutton Veny
May she rest in the peace and light of Christ

Please contact the Ministry Team to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation preparation or Service of Prayer and Dedication after a Civil Marriage.
The clergy will officiate at any crematorium service.

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**HOLY WEEK 2019**
A short service of COMPLINE
Monday 15 April 7.00 pm, Knook
Tuesday 16 April 7.00 pm, Tytherington
Wednesday 17 April 7.00 pm, Sherrington

**Good Friday**
19 April
An Hour before the Cross
The Last Hour
2.00 pm, Tytherington
The Last Hour
2.00 pm, Norton Bavant
CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

7th
Tytherington  8.30am  Holy Communion (BCP)

5th Sunday
Codford St Mary  9.30am  Parish Communion

of Lent
Norton Bavant  9.30am  Holy Communion (BCP)

(Passion)
Sutton Veny/Vill Hall  10.00am  Café church, breakfast from 9.30am

Sunday
Heytesbury  11.00am  Parish Communion  Choir

Upton Lovell  6.00pm  Short Evensong (BCP) + APCM

Tytherington  6.00pm  Evensong (BCP)

14th
Boyton  8.30am  Holy Communion (BCP)

Palm
Sutton Veny  9.30am  Parish Communion

Sunday
Codford St Peter  10.00am  Palm Sunday Procession of Witness

Codford St Mary  10.30am  Palm Sunday Service

Knook  11.00am  Parish Communion  Choir

Upton Lovell  6.00pm  Evensong (BCP)

HOLY WEEK
Monday 15th
Knook  7.00pm  Compline

Tuesday 16th
Codford  7.00pm  Compline

Wednesday
Sherrington  7.00pm  Compline

Maundy Thursday
Codford St Peter  7.00pm  Remembering the Last Supper

A simple meal with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY
Codford St Mary  12noon  An Hour Before the Cross

Norton Bavant  2.00pm  The Last Hour

Upton Lovell  2.00pm  The Last Hour

Saturday 20th
Heytesbury  8.00pm  Easter Vigil

with Readings and Hymns  Choir

21st EASTER DAY
Tytherington  8.30am  Holy Communion (BCP)

Codford St Mary  9.30am  Easter Communion

Sherrington  9.30am  Easter Communion

Upton Lovell  9.30am  Easter Communion

Boyton  11.00am  Easter Communion + baptism

Heytesbury  11.00am  Easter Communion

Norton Bavant  11.00am  Easter Communion

Sutton Veny  11.00am  Easter Communion

Knook  6.00pm  Evensong (BCP)

28th
Sutton Veny  8.30am  Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday of Easter
Codford St Peter  9.30am  Parish Communion

Heytesbury  10.00am  Sunday Worship

Sutton Veny  3.00pm  Anzac Service  Choir

Heytesbury  6.00pm  Evensong (BCP)

WEEKDAY SERVICES every week
We welcome you to share in prayers for the Church, the Nation, the World, the Sick, and for others as well as ourselves.

Tuesdays
Heytesbury  8.30am  Morning Prayer

Wednesdays
Codford St Peter  8.30am  Morning Prayer

Codford St Peter  9.00am  Holy Communion

Thursdays
Sherrington  8.30am  Morning Prayer

Fridays
Sutton Veny  8.30am  Morning Prayer

HOUSE GROUPS
Mondays  6.00 - 7.30 in Codford. Contact Clifford Stride 850941

Wednesday  Meet in Church House, Heytesbury (840522) fortnightly.

HOSPITAL OF ST JOHN, HEYTESBURY

CHAPEL SERVICES

Sundays  10.30am
Eucharist with hymns

Masses  Saturday 6.00pm

Wednesdays  10.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 10am

Holy Communion (1662)

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