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On 31st July 2019 the Bishop of Salisbury, with the consent of the Mission and Pastoral Committee of the Diocese, terminated the 'Suspension period' created on 15th January 2015 in respect of the benefice of the Upper Wyllye Valley Team with effect from 16th August 2019 thus enabling the title of Revd Trudy Hobson, currently 'Priest in Charge', to become 'Team Rector'.

In a celebration of new ministry on the 29th July, all our hopes were realised in the Licensing of Revd Trudy Hobson, our new Priest in Charge, by the Bishop of Salisbury in Heytesbury. A full congregation welcomed the Bishop, the Rural Dean and clergy representatives from near and far, who, together with the choir, and music chosen to fit the occasion, witnessed and celebrated both the solemnity of the occasion, and then her joyful installation.

Churchwardens, Lay Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants led the Welcome of Parish Councils, Schools and the many aspects of church and community life. We rejoice in Trudy Hobson's calling, her appointment and her licensing and we look forward to her ministry here. We hope she will find fulfilment and great happiness.



THE DIARY

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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section Heytesbury Branch

Our next meeting will be held on 25th September in the Residents' Hall at the Hospital of St John and is a Social meeting. Visitors always welcome.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Friends of Heytesbury, Knook & Tytherington Church

There will be a series of autumn and winter talks, with supper, once again to be held in Sutton Veny Village Hall.

Tuesday 15th October:

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PRAYER GROUP

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Saturday 7th September,
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MINISTRY LETTER

As I write this in the first few days as Priest-in-Charge of the Upper Wylde Valley Team, there are a mix of feelings inside me, a little bit of nerves, a whole lot of optimism and excitement, and everything in between. I simply cannot wait to start meeting and sharing God's love with all in this place. May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who joined me to celebrate my licensing by the Bishop of Salisbury, and especially thank you to all who contributed in any way to help the whole evening run smoothly. My family and I were made to feel very welcome. Thank you.

In my personal study of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, I hear God speaking clearly through the reflection and application on 6:11-13; "An open heart. All of us at one time or another have been encouraged to keep an open mind about a person, a situation, an idea. As important as it is to be open-minded, Paul teaches us that it is even more important to be open-hearted, especially when it comes to our dealings with other people. As long as we hold others within our hearts, regarding them with affection, compassion, and magnanimity, we are able to overlook their foibles and shortcomings with mercy and even a sense of humour. We can be

patient and generous with them, choosing to focus on their good qualities. Genuine open heartedness is rooted in humility, as I recognise my own faults and limitations. Failure to maintain an open heart, that is, closing one's heart to others - is symptomatic of a hardened heart, one in need of the Spirit's cleansing and replenishing of life" (T.D. Stegman, Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture, Second Corinthians, p.163)

I truly believe that God has brought me here to love this team of parishes and to tell of His love for each and every one of you, His beloved children. Paul reminds me that, as I settle into life in this new area of the country, meet new people and learn all the local traditions and quirks of this context, I must not only be open minded, but also open hearted.

Over the coming months, I hope we have many opportunities to meet, talk and get to know each other, to share our joys and celebrations, and to draw strength from each other through times of struggle and sorrow. I hope that we may come together to worship God, to share times of prayer, to serve each other, our wider communities and any who are in need so that we may grow together in the love of God, deepening our relationship with God and one another.

We see in Jesus Christ the perfect example of being open-hearted. Through His humility, He treated all whom He met with compassion, patience, gentleness, generosity and most of all love. He reached out to those who were cast out from society, those who were declared unclean or diseased, to those who were judged to be sinners and worthless. And Christ not only reached out to them, but He befriended them, sharing meals and spending time with them, letting them know that they are valued and loved. This month let us all follow Jesus' example to approach all whom we meet with an open-heart. Let our hearts be open to allow the love of God to fill us, and to flow out from us so that all those whom we encounter may come to see and know Christ.

Rev Trudy, Rector

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

Paul's letter to the church in Galatia Chapter 6 verse 9

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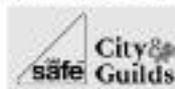
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

New voices are leading church services, and some who led before are showing new confidence. On June 17th Bishop Andrew commissioned eight new Worship Leaders, after a 10-week training course led by Clifford and Jane, accredited by the Diocese. It was a memorable occasion, with some of the service led by the new Worship Leaders. One serves in Bridport, but the other seven are in our own team, and have already led services of Morning or Evening Prayer, Café Church or Sunday Worship. They are a welcome addition, as we offer an increasingly diverse range of worship services.

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ANGLING NOTES

All of my angling efforts in July have been taken up by a two week trip to South Uist to fish for trout. The weather was Mediterranean and the island and its lochs looked beautiful. However, the fishing was difficult and I learnt what 'coming short' really means. Many trout came and looked at our flies but turned away at the last moment. This was exciting at first, but became frustrating. So for 4 days we struggled and the number of trout caught was small. However, I did catch my largest ever Uist trout which, weighed in the boatman's weigh net, came to 2 pounds 14 ounces. On the fifth day, we fished one of the salmon and sea trout lochs and my boat partner caught his largest ever sea trout at 4 pounds and another at 2 pounds. On the sixth day, we had a complete blank on a very fertile loch which had an algae bloom. This, of course, removes some of the oxygen from the water and makes the trout lethargic.

The second week began with wild winds and we lost the first two days but this was followed by four days of brilliant fishing, albeit in pretty high winds. Of particular note was our trip by Argo cat to one of the high hill lochs. When I looked out of my bedroom in the morning, I thought that there was no way that we would be going into the hills but the

fishery manager said that there were lots of islands which would provide shelter. The loch was remote and steep sided with heather-covered rock margins; unusually there was nowhere where it is possible to fish from the bank. The fishery manager was right of course and once we had launched the boat and pulled away from the windward end of the loch we found shelter. We caught more trout in the day than I care to mention, up to 12 inches in length, 3/4 of a pound. We killed some and took them back to eat and they were very good. All told, we caught more trout than the previous year which I had thought outstanding.

The birds were very quiet, the breeding season was over and we were not bombarded on the lochs by Arctic terns and various gulls. The corncrakes had almost stopped 'craking' and the cuckoos had gone back to Africa. We saw Short Eared owls and Hen Harriers regularly, but alas no eagles.

Robin Mulholland

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This year saw us hold Evening Prayer on Sunday 4th August, where many from the village and further afield came along to join us as we worshipped God in the ancient ruins of this Church. The weather was extremely kind to us, and although many turned up with umbrellas, there was no need as the sun shone, warming all who were sat in the remains of the nave. Once again we were joined by our wonderful local musicians who added to the historic atmosphere leading the hymns with a folk band made up of a violin, traditional accordion and the rarely seen and heard wind instrument called the serpent. They really did add to the whole service for

which we give our heartfelt thanks.

We were blessed to have the Bishop of Ramsbury, The Right Reverend Dr Andrew Rumsey, join us to lead the service, giving a humorous, yet thought provoking sermon enjoyed by all and much discussed afterwards over a glass of Pimms and very tasty nibbles.

A huge thank you to Brian Long and Annabel Elliott, who made the arrangements for the service, to Judy Cooper and Richard Jackman, who

orchestrated the food and drink respectively, and to all who helped to ensure that this service ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone. Without such wonderful and hardworking volunteers, this service and much that we do as parish churches in our villages would not happen.

After such a wonderful, Holy Spirit filled evening we are looking forward to next years' service and would love to welcome you to join us.

Rev Trudy

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AROUND THE APIARY

Hi, it's that time again, yet another month gone. I don't know where to start as it has been full on with the bees, and I also have an allotment where I try to grow veg on an organic basis, so we know our veg is not covered in chemicals. But with the lack of the wet stuff from the sky, even this is more difficult than it should be, and, on top of that, the wife wanted to go on holiday! We did manage to get down to Dorset in the caravan for a few days which was very nice.

We came back before the end of the week as I had to get ready for a flower show where I took the observation hive, talked about bees, and tried to show people how dependent we are on our pollinators. I also got the opportunity to sell some honey.

On the bee front, it's been a very swarmy year. All around the country there's been many swarms, but this has given new beekeepers the opportunity to get their first bees, at no expense, but it

seems there is still not enough to go around so I just sold a nucleus hive and full colony to a fellow beekeeper that had lost his bees; by this I mean they had all died, why, I don't know.

One great thing, since I took up beekeeping, is that it's given me the confidence to talk and share my passion about bees, in fact my wife sometimes

tells me to shut up and give it a rest! On that note, I'm going to get on with some beekeeping and maybe get stung some more for my trouble - great! Sorry ... it's not really that bad.

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TURBO'S DOG BLOG FOR AUGUST

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Thus saith the oracle, but I'm not sure I knew that - or at least how serious it might be when planning my raid on the 'Crown Jewels'. The Guvnor and his wife had a friend for tea and I popped myself onto one of the chairs from whence I could survey the plate of biscuits. A Labrador would have given the

game away by drooling all over the floor, but I am far too cunning for that; I kept one eye open as I carefully made my plan. At last, the perfect opportunity presented itself. Our guest went off to her car and then they all indulged, for about twenty minutes, in 'threshold paralysis.' For anyone who has not come across threshold paralysis before, it involves two or three people who seem to remember half a dozen topics that they had forgotten about during the previous six hours they had been together. Intense discussion ensued, and I was 'in like Flint'.

Again, I might have to explain that phrase as it comes from a film of 1967 when even the Guvnor was young (I know,

hard to imagine) and when James Coburn, playing Agent Derek Flint, has to act fast to prevent a (specific gender) group taking over the world. Now we have sorted that out, we can return to the plot - my intention to make a swift and clandestine foray back to the now well out of sight Summer House to steal a chocolate biscuit. Imagine my delight at finding a whole plateful.

At first, I thought the Guvnor's wife might blame him, but she was onto me at once and they both began to worry I had poisoned myself. All was well, however, and I am still alive (but feeling sorry - and a bit fat). A cautionary tale, apparently, but those biscuits were so good...

DID YOU KNOW **Moral Dilemmas.**

The current edition of World Archaeology Magazine has a very interesting article by Chris Catling who writes about moral dilemmas from an historical and Biblical point of view. This article was stirred by Oliver Scott Curry (senior researcher at the Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, Oxford).

Oliver Scott's has tackled such questions as what is morality, and he asked many people world wide of all colours and religions to define moral values. The general consensus listed seven global and universal rules. The first is

interesting and worth a thought: "help your family, respect elders, be a loving and protective parent, look after the frail, and pass on property to your offspring". He also mentions that the first five books of the Bible do give some valuable information to anyone wishing or seeking to understand the archaeological phenomena and to balance this with religion.

There is a great deal to learn from Genesis on how to conduct everyday life, kinship, value of children and women, boat building, textiles and umpteen more interesting pieces of information. Genesis is a collective social and religious chapter on how to conduct ones' life.

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THE LAST MESSY CHURCH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The sun shone for our opening game of football, and apart from the 'obvious' stars, the girls and smallest people put up a good show. There were 11 goals and the score couldn't have been closer.

We then talked about how we are all together like a body: we are all different and all have a part to play. None of us can think or say we don't need anyone else. 'The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"' So we put together a 'cut-out' body with different parts labelled, such as preparing food, saying prayers, playing games, helping with activities, listening and learning, tidying up, being friendly, sharing equipment, showing kindness. We had 'Walking Colours', and watched different coloured

liquids creeping between beakers. Colours mixed together make it far more fun and colourful. We stepped into paint and walked along together so that we could help each other along the way.

A great deal of fun was had at 'Strong foundation Jenga'. On each of the blocks were words characteristic of Christians - love, gentleness, kindness, forgiveness, meeting together, and praying for one another. As we took the blocks away from the Jenga tower (and so removed some of these qualities), it became more unstable, until so many had been removed that it collapsed. We need the foundations of Christian character to build the fellowship.

We were asked what we thought would happen if we walked on eggs. They'd crack, they'd break. Believe it or not, we walked on eggs. Two dozen eggs sat in boxes and, starting with smaller people, steps were taken on the eggs. The

people got bigger and bigger, and still the eggs sat whole. "Take the lids off!" So we did and everyone walked again, some with shoes on, some barefooted. One egg was slipped on and cracked open, which proved they weren't hard-boiled! But the other 23 stayed intact. We may expect that something is impossible but we find, when we trust in God, that things we think are impossible, are possible with God. Our togetherness is based on our relationship with God.

At our time of Celebration we sang "Bind us together, Lord", and gave prayers of thanks for Messy Church before Messy Grace. Our BBQ included chicken, sausages, kebabs, lovely salads and bread. Pud was a birthday cake for Stu, who also agreed to become a junior leader, so really a very good afternoon.

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BOOK REVIEW

THE LIGHTLESS SKY

by Gulwali Passarlay

Would one be so eager to hope that a migrant Afghan refugee in the Calais Jungle might be able to hide under a lorry bound for Dover, without having read this book? This is an extraordinary story, of a journey from Afghanistan, via Pakistan, Iran, Turkey (twice), Greece and on across Europe, to Britain. Gulwali, aged twelve, lived within a comfortably stable family, albeit both primitive (to Western standards) and authoritarian under Taliban rule. Then came unrest, with the US military, and Gulwali's parents decided 'you need to leave, go far away', probably knowing little, if anything, of what would actually happen.

With his brother, Gulwali began to travel, passed between what we call people smugglers, who have been paid handsomely by the family. The brothers became separated, and Gulwali found himself with other migrants, some friendly, some desperate, all displaced people. But the journey itself! Maybe a bed at night but often the ground; starved, shot at, captured, nearly drowned, always at the mercy of the men whose only motive was money. Gulwali's strength of character helped him to make friends, and he often became the leader of the current group (even adults). Clever enough to use his childhood state, there were occasional 'treats', but mostly it was abusive treatment, running away, and always, fear.

Travelling by six different modes of transport, it took a year to reach the Calais camp - the Jungle, a temporary city of desperate human flotsam. And that lorry to England? Just one of many attempts, another leaving him in agony from chemical substance burns...

Gulwali reached Dover, but his troubles were not over: Kent Social Services refused to believe his age and no school would take him. There was, of course, a satisfactory ending eventually. This book tells how it was, and more, and is strongly recommended.

Catherine Hayne

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Just over a hundred years ago a school girl, Helen Mary ZwiSchenbart Erskin witnessed a march by the 26th Division, in July 1915. Most of this Division were encamped around Sutton Veny and Longbridge Deveril.

She wrote a list of regiments taking part in this parade: "The Cameronians, The Black Watch, Argyle and Sutherland and lastly the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Each regiment had 'their pipes and drums and played rippingly'. Followed by The Cornwalls, The Devons, The Wiltshires, The Hampshires, and Berkshires, Gloucesters, Royal Engineers and lastly The Oxfords and Buckinghams. In the

middle were The Royal Field Artillery with ammunition, who are stationed at Codford. They all had their bands, the Wiltshires and Devons having their brass bands and the rest bugle ones."

It took an hour and a half for the parade to pass her viewpoint, which was possibly in Bishopstrow.

There were at least 11 military bands and the whole parade was lead by General Mackenzie-Kennedy riding a white horse. He took the salute by Christ's Church, Warminster.

She was very lucky that this written observation did not come into the hands of the police as Helen Mary was itemising the positions of regiments the enemy would like to know about, and most of

Britain were fearful of spies.

But after all, this was a public parade.

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(This gem of information was found at Warminster Museum at The Library)

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The Mill Pond

Dedicated to Meredith

We can barely believe we have the mill pond to ourselves, just Mummy and Meredith

Meredith swims under water in her lime green swim suit, hair streaming out behind her

Minnows scatter before her like pouches of pigment dropped from a height

She delights in the tiny bubbles, like mercury, wriggling upward, urgent and angry

Through clear chalk water, penetrated with shafts of sunlight plummeting silently out of view.

We leap off the bridge together, reckless with girlhood joy - playful, brave - then grabbed!

Rolled, tumbled and spun out on the current; two buoyantly happy buddhas bobbing by.

Slender water moss wraps around our ankles, grasping at our wrists with its feathered threads

This is our time, our place, drawn sharply into focus, two lenses neatly closing over each other

Forever a moment, caught like a spiralling silver coin spun skyward, bright in the desert sun.

I wade back to the bank and hurriedly jot down words on my damp pages; quick! quick! quick!

My memory serpentine to commit this day, wrapped in emerald satin, drenched in light, to us.

Meredith lays her head on my thigh as I write, her fingers weaving the sunlight through her hair

We can barely speak of our shared happiness, the sound of the river, this willowy amphitheatre

To be with Meredith forever now; the air sweet, the river's song, the moment grasped and gone.

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THE BELLS OF CODFORD SAINT PETER

The ring of bells in St Peter's began with one bell in 1608. Three others were added in the 17th century, one in the 18th and one, the Memorial Bell for the men of Codford who gave their lives in WW2, in 1946. The four oldest bells are 'listed' by the Church Buildings Council as protected 'ancient artefacts' and may not be substantially altered.

Like all musical instruments, church bells need care and attention, or their performance will deteriorate. Ours have received none since 1946. The Friends of St Peter's having agreed to underwrite the majority of the cost, and contributions having been gained from several charitable bodies (including the Diocese of Salisbury's own bell restoration fund), the PCC gave their approval to a major programme of refurbishment.

So, down and out the bells came! Starting on 17th June, they were lowered from the tower of St Peter's into the baptistery, rolled into the light of day on Thursday 20th and taken on a low loader to the John Taylor and Co bell foundry at Loughborough. There, they are being refurbished, with new headstocks and

bearings, new clappers, wheels and stays. The children of the Wylde Valley School came to look and be amazed by the bells, as did many parishioners and villagers. The schoolchildren will be writing projects on the bells next term.

Early in September, the bells will return and be rehung in the tower - after many have again come to see them, we hope, in their pristine glory. Please look out for announcements as the date approaches.

Anthony Bainbridge

HEYTESBURY

HEYTESBURY GRAVE & BURIAL RECORDS

At our PCC meeting on 22nd July, Joe Charlesworth presented the Heytesbury PCC with a large box full of documents, together with a memory stick containing the same material in electronic form, all relating to the project to enable families and, on a restricted and controlled basis, the public, to access details of anyone buried at Heytesbury. To date it has taken some 7 years, to transcribe over 7,000 burial records, starting in November 1582, into single Excel data base and to record the 430 graves (including stones marking the interment of ashes) in the churchyard and 21 monuments inside the Church.

Each grave or monument has its own grave record containing details of those individuals commemorated as well as photos of the grave and of relevant extracts from the burial registers. Outline details have been entered into a separate section of the data base and will, in due course, be integrated into the main one. Each grave record conforms to a standard format extending to at least two sides of A4 paper, and each has been inserted into cellophane envelopes enclosed within 7 ring binders, colour coded according to the section of the churchyard in which the gravestone is located or if it is a monument inside the Church. Other folders contain photocopies of every page of every one of several parish or burial registers which, other than the current one, are held at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre at Chippenham.

The data base will be made available via the Church Website so that those seeking information about their family members and forebears buried at Heytesbury can use it to access available information about them and their graves or monuments. A fee, laid down by the Church of England (currently £38 an hour of research, payable to the PCC), may be requested for this information.

Some grave records include additional notes about certain individuals commemorated, not just those, such as William Cunnington, one of the earliest archaeologists, who are well known, but about the lives of ordinary people, like Albert Sparey, our last stationmaster and Jim Kitley, a former Japanese POW and well-known Heytesbury character. We would much like to extend and widen the number of such notes for which we need the help of the families concerned. Anyone who may have relevant information about their forebears is asked to contact Joe Charlesworth (joe@alexc.com or telephone 840184).

Responsibility for the project was passed back to Joe Charlesworth as Chairman of the Heytesbury Local History Group. The documents need to be kept up to date and the project will eventually include graves and monuments at Knook and the 9 stones at Tytherington marking the interment of ashes.

Joe Charlesworth expressed his gratitude to all 16 members of the team who helped, either in the recording and photographing of graves or in transcribing burial records.

PUB QUIZ

A pub quiz was held to raise funds for the Parish News at the Red Lion in Heytesbury. The usual three teams who support most causes over the year attended this event, and although small in number the sum of £121 was raised on the evening.

We need to thank Sam and Lorna for hosting the quiz and Martin our fantastic quizmaster.



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VILLAGE NEWS

HEYTESBURY VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

Many small organisations struggle to find a suitable bank account these days and money initially raised by local residents of Heytesbury, for a Village Hall, were 'stuck' in an HSBC account which had been closed, due to inactivity. The Parish Council took action to claim the funds for the village, so that the sum of £4596 did not disappear and the money could be used for its original purpose.

It took nearly two years to secure a new bank account, ring-fenced by the Parish Council and at the recent Parish Meeting, members of the public were asked what was the best use of the money to ensure that it was put to good use.

Although there are no definite plans for a new Village Hall at present, it was felt that putting the money somewhere to grow would be ideal and it was agreed that the money be transferred to the Raymond Trust and invested in their capital account, which will hopefully give it a chance to increase in value in readiness for any future plans.

The Raymond Trust was set up in 1935 and managed the Raymond Hall in Heytesbury which, in all respects was the Village Hall. This building was sold in the 1980s and the proceeds were invested. These are managed by the Trustees who can at any time apply the whole or part of the property of the Charity in or towards defraying the cost of providing land and buildings for use as a village hall.

The Parish Council agreed to release the balance of the account to the Raymond Trust for them to invest within its Capital Account.

For more information contact Heather Parks, Clerk, Heytesbury, Imber & Knook Parish Council. 01985 212340 parishclerk@heytesburyparish.co.uk



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NORTON BAVANT

OPEN GARDENS IN NORTON BAVANT in aid of Parish News

The 13th June dawned cloudy and wet which worried the Parish News Committee, as it could easily douse the enthusiasm of people planning to visit two stunning gardens in Norton Bavant. As it was, the rain stopped just before 6 pm and the village was bathed in the evening sun. That set off two jewels in Norton Bavant's crown: the gardens of Jon Royds and his neighbour opposite, Jill Cowley. 'Small but perfectly formed' could describe these gardens but the sunshine helped highlight the contrasting colours there and the plants for sale between the two added a green dimension, but which held out the promise of so much more. The Acworth's 'mini-pub' was the icing on the cake and gave visitors a chance to pause for sustenance.

Without the special support, however, of Norton Bavant Village, it would not have been possible at all. Without Jon Royds' planning, organisation and very hard work over many weeks, and Committee members' contribution on the day, it would not have been the success it was. £275 was raised; quite brilliant. Thank you, everyone.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian Church

Elliott Jack Adrian Keehn

on 21st July at Sutton Veny

Arthur William Robert Keehn

on 21st July at Sutton Veny

May they grow in the Christian Faith

Funerals

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

Pippa Shorland

(Mrs Prudence Gentry)

on 22nd July at Semington

Hilary Gibson

on 24th July at Sutton Veny

Hermione Young

on 31st July at Sutton Veny

*May they 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.*

THOUGHTS FROM SHERRINGTON

I love these days at Summer's end. This morning there was the faintest breath of Autumn on the air. Then the sun came out and it was gone, but the hint had been there. In the village the purple loosestrife is in full flower on the island and lining the bank. Our hollyhocks are coming to the end, just flowers now at the top of the plants though still visited by enthusiastic bees. We shall soon have a palisade of bare stalks as we leave them to seed. Anyone is welcome to take some seeds and I hope they grow! Scatter them at random and trust to luck. My three sunflowers flourished but could not match the height of the hollyhocks, however, the bees are visiting them too.

A vigilant person pulled up some ragwort in the churchyard, thank you. I know it is host to the cinnabar moth, but we do not want it to get established here. The churchyard is looking a little ragged now that the lovely crop of bedstraw has faded; there was a show of yellow and white, visited by bees and butterflies and this of course is the object of a wild space.

Having enjoyed the Flower Festival in Chitterne Church I was saddened to read that the door had been forced and windows smashed. Hard to understand that particular mindset.

Late one evening we caught sight of the bustling rear view of a hedgehog, the first sighting for a very long time.

For a week in August there was a Pop-up-Shop in the village. Prices were not exactly bargain but the little cakes were delicious and I bought a beautiful bunch of flowers for the church. The shopkeepers Matilda and Poppy wore pretty dresses and one wore a fetching straw hat!

Trees were wonderful in the really hot days, cool, green shade, a benison. Amongst all the violence and gloom on media and in the press, I saw a welcome beam of light. It is an African initiative to create a 'Green Wall' across the Sub Sahara from Senegal to Djibouti in Ethiopia. It is of drought resistant trees and already 54 million acres of land have been reclaimed. The result so far is communities can now cultivate, wildlife is returning, and of course wonderful trees can go some way towards countering climate change.

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UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

1st 11th Sunday of Trinity	Tytherington Codford St Mary Norton Bavant Sutton Veny Village Hall Upton Lovell Heytesbury Sherrington	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP with hymns) Holy Communion (BCP) Café church, breakfast from 9.30am Parish Communion Parish Communion Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP) <i>Choir</i>
8th	Boyton	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Patronal Festival
12th Sunday of Trinity	Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Codford St Mary Knook Upton Lovell	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Sunday Celebration Parish Communion Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP) <i>Choir</i>
15th 13th Sunday of Trinity	Heytesbury Codford St Peter Norton Bavant Vill Hall Sutton Veny Upton Lovell Codford Village Hall Knook	8.30am 9.30am 9.30am for 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Café Church for Harvest Harvest Festival Parish Communion Messy Church Pimms & Hymns <i>Choir</i>
22nd 14th Sunday of Trinity	Sutton Veny Codford St Peter Tytherington Boyton Heytesbury	8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Harvest Festival Sunday Worship Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP) <i>Choir</i>
29th 15th Sunday of Trinity	Upton Lovell Norton Bavant Codford St Mary	8.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) TEAM SERVICE – Parish Communion Evensong (BCP) <i>Choir</i>

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.

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

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

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