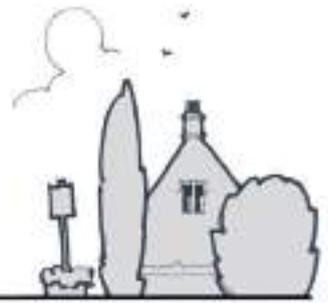




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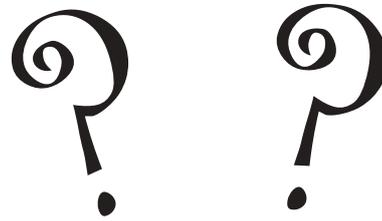
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# Editorial October

Welcome to another packed edition of the Broadsheet, you will see from the enclosed envelope and donation sheet that it is that time of year again! There will also be a Quiz on 25th October in the village hall in aid of the Broadsheet so please come along and join in the fun.

Slaughterford Fair and Pet show made over £2000 this year, well done to all who helped to make this a success. We have a couple of photos on the back page. If you have any more please send them to us for next time.

The Safari supper was a huge success this year raising even more money for St. Nicholas Church, well done to everyone who helped to make this such a wonderful event.

As we move into Autumn it must be time for pumpkins, ghosts and ghouls so watch out for those around the village on 31st October Closely followed by Bonfire Night up at the village hall on Friday

1st November, details on page 14

Upcoming dates for your diary include the Advent Supper on 14th December and Caroline Dale's Christmas Concert on 21st December. More detail on these nearer the time.

### Village Notes

Welcome to Christian Rowell and Ralph Wendell who have moved into Home Place. And to Richard and Hannah and their little boy Arthur who have moved into Robyn Cottage. We hope you will enjoy living in the village.

We regret to report the death of Adrian Webb of Hartham, and send deepest sympathy to all his family.

(Mr. Webb, who died aged 93 on 22 August, had been a regular worshipper at Slaughterford until failing health prevented this.)

## *Biddestone Farm Shop pops up*

A new Biddestone Pop-Up Farm Shop offering local produce from The Best of Wessex will be visiting the village hall, initially on a fortnightly basis, from 13th September.

Items such as hams, cheese, chutneys and biscuits will be available to taste and buy along with local seasonal vegetables and some West Country spirits.

Fresh food such as fish, meat, bread, cakes etc can also be purchased if ordered by midday the previous day via the website [thebestofwessex.co.uk](http://thebestofwessex.co.uk) or by phone (01225 938 100).

Other items on the website's 'virtual shelves' can also be ordered by noon on the day for pick up that evening.

The Biddestone Pop up Farm Shop will be open on the following Fridays:

11th October 5-8pm

25th October 4-7pm

If villagers have any thoughts or recommendations please email [giles@thebestofwessex.co.uk](mailto:giles@thebestofwessex.co.uk) or phone Giles on 01225 938 100.

# Recipes

by Julie Walton

## YOGURT

Would you like to reduce the plastic waste you buy? Then try this easy yoghurt recipe. If you prefer flavoured yoghurt, you can add fruit or a compote to the finished yoghurt.

### Ingredients

500ml full fat milk

25g dried milk powder

3 tbsp live, plain whole milk yoghurt

Cooking thermometer

Pour the milk into a saucepan and whisk in the dried milk powder.

Stand the thermometer in the saucepan and warm over a medium heat and stir gently. When the temperature reaches 46C take the saucepan off the heat.

Pour the milk into a warm mixing bowl and whisk in the live yoghurt.

Cover with a lid and wrap the bowl in a towel. Place in the airing cupboard or on a radiator. Alternatively, pour the mixture in to a thermos flask and seal.

Check after 6-8 hrs or over night. When thickened, put into a clean container and refrigerate.

Homemade yoghurt is not as thick as shop bought. If you want a thicker yoghurt. After it is set, strain through a muslin lined sieve in the fridge.



## Biddestone & Hartham Women's Institute

At the W.I. meeting on 18 September the speaker was Edward Barrett who gave us a talk entitled "Lunch with the Queen". This referred to the Civic Lunch in Bath on 2nd May 2002 as part of the Queen's Golden Jubilee tours of

the U.K., and in his role as Clerk to the Charter Trustees of the City of Bath he played a major part in the arrangements for this Lunch.

As early as February 2001 the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset contacted Mr. Barrett to say that Bath was a possible venue for a visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on 2nd May the following year, although at that time he had to keep this information totally confidential. Six months later it was confirmed that they would be visiting Cornwall and Devon the previous day, then on to Somerset, arriving in Bath in time for lunch, at which Her Majesty would make her first speech during her Jubilee Grand Tour of the U.K.

The venue would be the Guildhall, and it was decided that, rather than hire a catering firm, local Bath people would be used for every aspect of the Lunch, including a local chef and sous-chef, the Council's dinner ladies (who became waitresses) and students from the City of Bath College Culinary Arts Department (who acted as wine waiters). Everyone concerned agreed either to donate their products or charge basic costs. Three interchangeable menus were submitted to the Queen, using locally sourced produce, wines and beer (for the Duke), and she made the final choice of the three simple courses. It was realised that some items would need to be prepared the day before, and transported from the College in a refrigerated van; other items could be cooked in the (very small) Guildhall kitchen. In addition to the royal party of ten there would be

120 guests, seated at 15 tables, and the Lord Lieutenant had very strong views as to who should sit next to whom. There was also a reserve list of guests in case anyone dropped out. Dietary requirements had to be taken into account, and security passes and parking arranged for everyone. Bath paperweights were provided as a memento for all the guests – as there were ten short when they arrived, Mr. Barrett took the decision to remove those from the royal party's places, and ten more were subsequently purchased and sent to the Palace.

On arrival the Queen and the Duke went to the Mayor's Parlour to freshen up and sign the Visitors Book, and then proceeded to the Lunch. There was one potentially disastrous moment at the end of the Queen's speech, when Mr. Barrett had to move very quickly to make sure her chair was in the right place as she sat down.

When they went out into the courtyard, they were greeted by hundreds of cheering adults and children, many of whom presented flowers to Her Majesty – these were subsequently sent to the Royal United Hospital. The royal party then went on to visit the Abbey and the Pump Rooms.

HTV (as it then was) made a film of all the behind-the-scenes activities on the day, and Mr. Barrett completed his presentation by showing us this film. Although the sound quality was inevitably rather poor, it illustrated in detail the many facets of this complicated, but ultimately very successful, occasion.

Alison Flint

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on Wednesday, 16th October (2-4 p.m.), at which Karen Meek will give a demonstration of "Quilling". Visitors welcome.

# Farming notes

by Ian Smith

The harvest is in, a bit stop start at times but good yields and a decent spell of weather to get the main wheat crop in made up for that. I assume slightly because I don't grow any. A good harvest has papered over the cracks because the price of wheat and barley are at best par with the mid-seventies. I was at a farming wedding in Bedfordshire post-harvest where more than one arable farmer said to me that if the government and people want only park keepers that is what they might soon get. Always be careful what you wish for.

As I write the Brexit imbroglio is in full swing to end in who knows what. It is of course a typical example of the propensity of humans to wander unthinkingly into a situation and then find that it is a completely different bucket of fish to get out of it. At least we should try to understand how we got here, who to blame? David Cameron? Theresa May? Nigel Farage? Boris Johnson? Uncle Tom Cobbley? The fact is it was always going to end in a vale of tears once an entire generation of the political establishment failed to manage our relationship with the EU in line with the feelings and expectations of the population outside London.

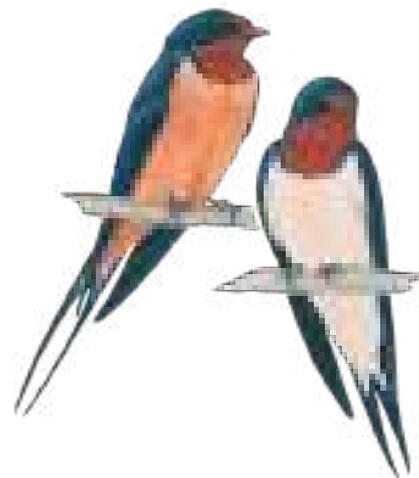
Let it not be forgotten that the original 1975 referendum showed a healthy majority for membership of the European Economic Community, a trading partnership with our close European neighbours. All the subsequent expansion of European Parliament, Courts of Justice, Single Currency and most significantly the inclusion of Eastern European states with nothing like our living standards was done by

intergovernmental treaty, far removed from any ratification by any popular sentiment. I particularly remember at the time of the Eastern expansion of the EU that the then Labour Home Secretary Jack Straw, incidentally a classic

example of how over my life time more and more seemingly irredeemably stupid people have come to occupy high offices of state, saying that only 15,000 people would seek to work in the UK from these countries, hearing this I thought to myself more like 500,000, and so it proved thus sowing the wind that has brought us to where we are.

How we get from where we are to where we want to be I have no idea given that the country is split down the middle all I do know is that if MP's vote in the Commons was by secret ballot rather than Division Room a deal would by now have probably been passed and we would have had something to work to.

The editor has said that I should stick to the subject of Farming, well that is for you to judge, but to end on a joyful note, my pair of barn swallows have reared two broods this summer producing 7 healthy fledglings, this is the best result for thirty years and shows perhaps that all the doom mongering about the lack of insects may well be overstated.



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## How does your garden grow?

by Julie Walton

The flower borders in early October are still full of perennial flowers, such as rudbeckia, phlox, and Michaelmas daisies. If your borders are lacking in late summer/early autumn colour, now is a good time to buy bargain plants at the garden centres and plant them whilst the soil is still warm.

Autumn is a good time to make a garden pond as it will fill with rain water over the winter, but don't fill it with plants until the spring.

### Things to do in October

- Plant tulips, these are best done in October.
- Split perennials early in the month and replant. If you have any floppy sedums, splitting them will help prevent this.
- Clear summer pots of summer plants, replenish the soil by taking the top 5cm of compost off and replace it with fresh. Plant with bi annuals and spring bulbs.
- Lift tender perennials such as dahlia and chrysanthemums and store in a frost free place for the winter, .

- Rake fallen leaves and make leaf mould by storing it in wire meshing.

- Prune deciduous shrubs such as roses, Lavatera and Buddleia, by about a third

- Tidy ponds by cutting back marginal plants to just about the waterline. Take out any fallen leaves and blanketweed .



# Movie Review

By Adan Walton

## The Deep Blue Sea Director: Terence Davies, UK, 2011

London, 1950: ration books, bombsites and doomed love affairs in dingy bedsits. Davies' version of Terence Rattigan's stage play has an elegiac period feel about it – more Brief Encounter than Close Encounters. Hester is a lost soul, craving passion the way a moth craves a flame. Trapped in a loveless marriage to a well meaning but hopelessly repressed older man, she falls for Freddy, a decorated fighter ace who is equally at adrift in the post-war gloom. The love triangle premise is hardly original, and indeed there are strong shades of Hardy's Bathsheba Everdene, and her relationships with the lonely farmer Boldwood and the tempestuous Sergeant Troy. But in the hands of a great director like Davies, the characterisation is subtle and nuanced, and the post-war stiff upper lip, make-do-and-mend milieu is beautifully evoked. Rachel Weisz is winsomely fey as Hester, and Simon Russell Beale creates a surprisingly sympathetic portrait of William, her estranged husband. Even Tom Hiddleston, typically typecast, manages to use his natural woodenness to good effect as the superficially charming but troubled Freddy. A particularly strong aspect of this film is the soundscape: space is given to the most mundane of sounds, like the creak of a leather armchair or the click of a suitcase catch, creating real intimacy and poignancy, in between the Romantic swirls of Samuel Barber's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. A satisfyingly old fashioned film, in the best possible sense.



## McMillan Coffee morning

In conjunction with thousands of people nationally, I held a coffee morning on Friday 27th September 2019, in order to help raise funds for the superb care provided by Macmillan Nurses for cancer patients.

Many people donated cakes and edible goodies and as hosts, we also baked some tempting cakes, savouries and assorted snacks. Everyone who came had the opportunity to take part in some games and a picture quiz and there were prizes to win. There was a lot of chat and a loud hubbub, with guests selecting their favourite snacks and enjoying the social with tea or coffee.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of my friends and family we were able to raise £371.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support, which is a great effort. Prizewinners were Maureen Greenwood and Sue Watson.

Let's hope that many millions were raised that day for such a worthy cause.

KJ



Grittleton Village Hall

on

Wednesday October 30th

Fisherman's Friends [12A]

Based on the true story of the Fisherman's Friends, all-male folk singers from Port Isaac in Cornwall who in 2010 unexpectedly made it into the charts. When music executive Danny (Daniel Mays) arrives in Cornwall for a stag weekend, he finds a close-knit community wary of incomers. As part of a joke he offers to sign up the group, under their leader Jim (James Purefoy), but comes to see that they have real potential. He also encounters Jim's daughter Alwyn (Tuppence Middleton).

Tickets £6 adults

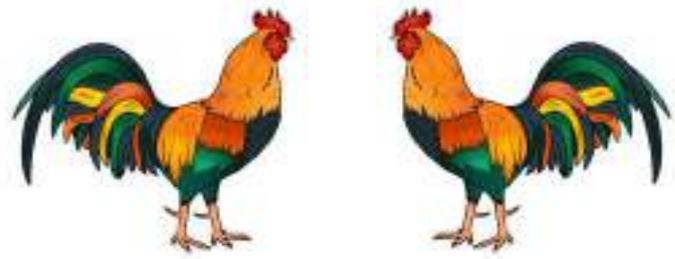
# Poetry

Thank you to Hilary Noyes for this month's choice

## Cock-Crow

Out of the wood of thoughts that grows by night  
To be cut down by the sharp axe of light, -  
Out of the night, two cocks together crow,  
Cleaving the darkness with a silver blow:  
And bright before my eyes twin trumpeters stand,  
Heralds of splendour, one at either hand,  
Each facing each as in a coat of arms:  
The milkers lace their boots up at the farms.

by Edward Thomas (1878–1917)



“The Angel that presided o’er y birth”  
The Angel that presided o’er my birth  
Said, “Little creature, form’d of Joy and Mirth,  
“Go love without the help of any Thing on Earth.”

By William Blake (1757–1827)

# Pound Arts

Highlights of October events at the Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, Corsham. For more details, see [poundarts.org.uk](http://poundarts.org.uk) or call 01249 701628.

**Thurs 17 October 7pm:** Live Screening - A Midsummer Night's Dream. The Theatre becomes the forest – a dream world of flying fairies, contagious fogs and moonlight revels. The seating is wrapped around the action while the immersive tickets allow the story to be followed on foot. Tickets £15 (£14 concessions).

**Weds 23 October 11am;** Eldermirth Three stand-up comedians, same usual club sets, but mornings are the new Saturday night. Join us for friendship and laughter! Eldermirth is a Celebrating Age event.

**Tickets £7.50**

**Thurs 24 October, 7.30pm:** Grace Petrie Smart, witty, a talented lyricist and an electrifying live performer, her young career boasts four studio albums, a dedicated fan base and national tours supporting Emmy the Great, Billy Bragg and comedians



Robin Ince and Josie Long, as well as a string of festival appearances including regular visits to Latitude and Glastonbury. Tickets £15

**Weds 30 October, 7.30pm:** It's True, It's True, It's True. Fringe First and Total Theatre Award-winning Breach (Tank, The Beanfield) restage the 1612 trials of Agostino Tassi for the rape of baroque painter Artemisia Gentileschi. Based on surviving court transcripts, this new play dramatizes the seven-month trial that gripped Renaissance Rome, and asks how much has changed in the last four centuries. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions)

# Book Club

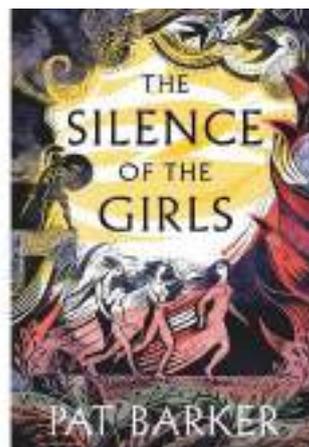
by Diane Ross-Smith

We had a long, detailed discussion of 'The Children's Book' by A S Byatt which received mixed reviews. She is an erudite writer who included a great deal of historical reference about the period in which the book was set. It covered the end of the 19th Century and finished just after the First World War. Subjects covered included writing for children, pottery, puppetry and politics. Interspersed with the fictional characters were real events like the founding of the LSE, the suffragette movement and the first staging of 'Peter Pan'.

On October 21st at 7.15 p.m. we shall be convening at Lorena's house to discuss 'The Silence of the Girls' by Pat Barker.

For November the choice is 'This is going to hurt' by Adam Kay.

Any enquiries? Phone Diane on 712105



# The Butts Land -

*Biddestone's precious green space.*

Dear Helen & The Fete Committee,

Just to say "Thank You so much" for including & approving The Butts Land donation request to enable the "Tree Health Survey" in amongst your greatly deserving list of other donations.

It is also greatly acknowledged that this is only possible following the huge, generous & committed works of all the Committee & all those involved to make the Fete such a memorable & enjoyable Country Village Day for everyone.

Thank you

With Best Wishes

Anthea

ANTHEA KELSALL (On behalf - The Butts Conservation Working Group)



A couple of weeks ago we spotted this hedgehog in the garden. Emily saw that it had something around its middle. So for the next couple of evenings we tried to spot it again and sure as anything, you could see something very tight around its middle, making it look a bit like a number 8.

After a couple of failed attempts, we caught it and after bringing it inside, very gently had a look. Deep inside its quills, there was a coloured band. It had obviously been on for some time, as it was extremely tight. Whilst I held the hedgehog, Gertie managed to cut off the band. It was one of those rubber wrist bands that you get for various charities. He must have



crawled into it, then had no way of getting out. He spent the night asleep in a box with a towel, along with some food and water. He slept all the next day, as we monitored him. Luckily, the band was quite wide, so didn't do any permanent damage. We let him out that evening and he waddled off. I'm so happy that since then he or she was back and looking really healthy and happy !!

Chris Draper

## MUSIC @ THE CHAPEL.

Over the weekend of 28 and 29 September 2019, there has been a very special Music Event in Hartham. This Music Evening has been organised by Jennifer Thomas (Soprano) and Caroline Dale (Cellist) and they were supported by 8 other cellists, 2 Guests Solo Violinists and 2 conductors, forming a Cello Octet. All these world class musicians joined together to perform works by Bach, Handel, Pablo Casals, Villa-Lobos, de Falla and others, in the gorgeous candlelit surroundings of Hartham Chapel. de Falla

The Music Event began with guests meeting at Hartham Park for drinks and canapes. They were then bussed down to the Chapel for the beginning of the concert at 7.00 pm. The Chapel was full and there was a wonderful ambience in this historic building.

The varied bill included a selection of well known and some more unusual pieces, mainly arranged by Caroline Dale. One

piece by Villa-Lobos is rarely performed as it needs a Cello Octet and they are quite rare. Jennifer Thomas entertained us with her beautiful soprano voice and performed some popular Arias, filling the space with wonderful sound.

There was a 20 minute intermission and the opportunity to buy refreshments at the Gin Bar Horsebox parked outside.

The second half of the programme offered delights like The Theme from "Inspector Morse", Vivaldi, Elgar's Nimrod and Pagannini. The finale contained 2 aria's sung by Jennifer accompanied by all the musicians with music by Puccini from Gianni Schicchi and then Tosca.

The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and we were given a real treat. This is hoped to be the first in a series of musical events to be performed in Hartham Chapel.

KJ

# Village Walk

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The last Village Walk took place on Sunday 1st September 2019. Everyone met at the White Hart Pub at Ford at 11.30 am.

We had 24 keen walkers and set off in gorgeous late summer weather, with shorts and t-shirts much in evidence.

Our route took us up to the A420 and then right-handed through Ford village, taking the left turning up the lane towards Castle Combe. At the top of the hill we went right through a kissing gate and traversed across Long Run Field, with Danks Down wood on our left. The footpath then descends to the right and comes out in the hamlet of Long Dean.

We then swung left onto the lower footpath, just by the Bybrook. We had Hill House Wood on our left and we walked along on the left side of the brook, in the direction of Castle Combe. The path through this area is really pretty and secluded and we saw many butterflies and birds on our journey. At Colham Mill House there is a wooden bridge that took us right-handed again and up a small rise to join the upper footpath, which is on the Macmillan Way. The path goes left for about ½ mile and then we cut off to the right up a steep incline through Parsonage Wood. Many of the party had not been up this path, so were delighted to see the view at the top of the hill. We did have a small shower of rain at this juncture, but fortunately it was short lived and was not too heavy. From this vantage point you can look down over Castle Combe village and can clearly see the Manor House with all the chimneys and interesting roof structures and also St Andrew's Church, so well worth the

climb. We then dropped back down left-handed through the woods, to regain the road between the Market Cross and the White Hart Pub, in the middle of the village. As usual there were many tourists swarming around the village, once voted the "Prettiest Village in England".

We walked through Castle Combe and stopped on the Roman bridge across the Bybrook for a photo and a dip for all the dogs, which was much enjoyed. On leaving the brook, we turned to the right and walked up another fairly steep hill through Beckers Wood. At the top we went left and joined the footpath that runs through Danks Down Cottage Wood, in the direction of Ford. There is a steep descent back down to the Bybrook again and a stone bridge to cross the brook at the bottom. Then finally a meadow to walk along before crossing the A420, to reach the Pub once more.

Many people stopped at the Pub to have some refreshments, as it was still lovely and warm and the sun was shining on us. We sat in the pub garden, by the river and enjoyed the company and the chance to rest our legs after a good ramble. The walk was 4.6 miles, we had done 502 feet of elevation (according to Strava) and it had taken us almost 2 hours to walk at a fairly leisurely pace. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the day as it was really beautiful scenery with hardly any roads and lots of flora and fauna to see.



# The fields that surround us

by *Graham Priest*



Fig.1. Aerial view of Biddestone from the North in 2009 (Prestige Photo Company)

**As we walk in the footprints of Biddestonians long departed, it is satisfying to know that much of the landscape they once knew remained largely unscathed. Nothing reinforced this more than the field systems that cover the locality. [Fig.1] Within living memory, Alan Hayes and others knew the field names that once defined the local geography to residents. When many villagers had rarely travelled more than one day's walking distance from Biddestone the minute details of each pasture and wood allowed precise directions to be shared.**

A good example of this surrounds the recorded glebe terriers, documents that noted the property of church benefices. By detailed notation the house, glebe land, tithes, offerings and endowments that financed the incumbent clergy were secured. Centuries on, many of the landmarks can still be identified. Luckily Biddestone's enclosure (c.1812) and tithes (1840) maps at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre named the various fields and their owners.

The defunct rectory of St. Peter's church Biddestone had glebe terriers recorded for 1671, 1677, 1704 and 1783. (Hobbs: 2003:28-30) In the first three we learn that the rectors were John (Johannes) Ferris and Thomas Tattersall, with tithes of corn and hay originating from Thomas Mountjoy, Benjamin Bristow and Thomas Dark.

Biddestone Manor had been occupied by William Mountjoy since 29th June 1627. He organised construction of Biddestone Pond around 1661. St. Peter's church was still viable then.

After his death in c.1662 Thomas was patron of the church until his demise in 1695. St. Peter's became 'lamentably ruined, and converted to a barn' in this period. A second William Mountjoy provided the tithes in 1783, possibly due to Thomas's ill health. The rector was Thomas Page. A tantalising (undated) sketch of the church, viewed from the north-east, seemed to show the dove-cote and manor in the distance. [Figs.2&3] Unlike St. Nicholas's church the bell-cote was at the west end. The ecclesiastical building was demolished in 1846 and only the bell-cote survived as a garden ornament at Castle Combe.

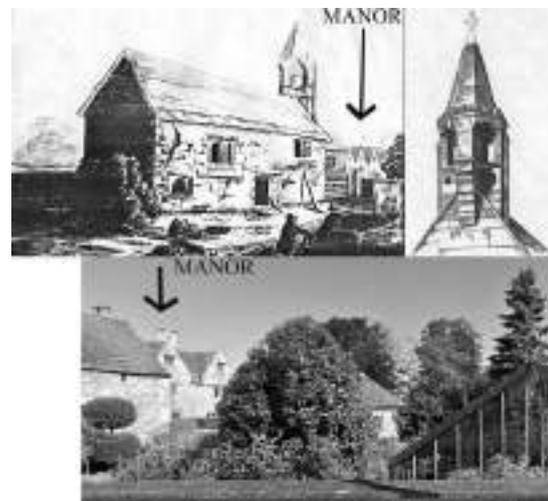


Fig.2. Undated sketch of St. Peter's church pre 1846. Biddestone Manor appears in the distance. The bell-cote is at Castle Combe (Biddestone Archives)



Fig.3. Undated photograph of the dove-cote at Biddestone Manor. The greenhouse covers the church location (Biddestone Archives)

In the glebe terrier of 17th July 1783 (D1/24/16/5) the cottage was described as ‘one dwelling room c.10ft. square and 6ft. high paved with stones. A pantry or woodhouse of similar dimensions with an earth floor. Two garrets over the whole covered with straw or thatch. Small garden and c.1 fardell (½ acre) of land adjoining. The above never remembered to have been deemed a parsonage house, but inhabited by a cottager at c.20s. (£1) a year. The yard or barton surrounding the ruined chapel there’. An old photograph of Manor Cottage probably resembled its appearance. [Fig.4]



Fig.4. Manor Cottage (Biddestone Archives)

Each of the terriers mentioned specific fields. Thus in 1671 (D1/24/16/1) ‘in the North field 3 acres; in North More (Moor) 1 acre and in Long furlong 2 acres. In the West field (Westmead?) 3½ acres: 2½ acres in Stanhills and 1 acre in the field called Blackslow’. Produce from these financed the rector. Although not conclusive, maps of 1812 and 1840 had a numbered key that identified fields with similar names. Compared with the later Ordnance Survey maps a few hedges & boundaries seemed out of scale but some fields could be located. [Fig.5] Modern farming methods had amalgamated several smaller enclosures.

Superimposition of probable fields on a modern map showed several clusters of fields outside the rectorial glebe that surrounded the current old St. Nicholas’s rectory (Westmead) and the missing one near Biddestone Manor. Stanhills seemed to be near Bushy Barrows along the green lane that branched

from the Yatton Road at the village hall. Blackslow (Blackslough) was near Butt’s Close between Hartham Lane and the Old Rectory. Modern photographs of course show much larger compounds.

By 1677 (D1/24/16/2) Stonehills and Blackslow were mentioned as part of West field (so Westmead may have been more extensive than later on. Income also came from small and personal tithes from both Biddestone and Slaughterford.

Fields in Slaughterford (one ½ acre surrounding the ruined (sic) St. Nicholas’s church) and Parson’s Quarry were noted. William Mountjoy had 30 acres at Homemeads (near Manor), 6 acres at Redbrink, 12 acres at Rudge Ways, 6½ acres at Witch mead (near Manor), 10 acres at Broad Heaths and a disputed 8 acres at Rowans. Some of the latter could not be identified but others, not attributed to William, were. Thus 5 acres at Ashtons, 10 acres at Charlcroft pasture (with 7 acres arable), 1 acre at Squeak pasture and a total of 15 acres at Pye Corner were along Hartham/Weavern Lanes.

Finally Honey Brook House (Farm?) and garden, Dukes Hill & Bonds Hill Houses and land, plus three cottages near Witch mead (near Manor) contributed.

Space limits a fuller coverage of the fields but here are some that were located.

In conclusion the terrier for 1677 mentioned the furniture of the church (which one?) viz: decent pulpit cloth, cushion and desk cloth, a green serge and white linen communion table cover, pewter flagon, c.8oz silver chalice and cover and a small bell. Where are they now?

#### References

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Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, Slaughterford & Biddestone St. Nicholas Tithe Appointments, 1840.



Fig.5. Possible locations of named fields in glebe terriers. Letters refer to figures below (Ordnance Survey, Chippenham & Castle Combe, Pathfinder 1168, revised 1986)

# Friends of St Nicholas (FOSN)

RAISE £26,500 IN 2 YEARS

Summary minutes of FOSN AGM Sept 19th 2019 at 7pm in St. Nicholas Church

Present- Paul Sneddon(Secretary), John Owen (Treasurer), Stewart Entwistle Charlotte Bruce,Victoria Tunsley, Maureen Greenwood . Apologies Simon Bruce

## Introduction / Background

Paul reminded the meeting the Friends of St. Nicholas charity was founded 10 yrs ago in response to a crisis call by the Church for urgent roof and other repairs. The charity raised £23,000 in first 2 years mainly from Corporate/individual donations . £18000 was given to the PCC for repairs in 2012. By 2014 FOSN still had £10,000 awaiting disbursement on Church projects but for a variety of reasons it was not possible to progress any new projects so fundraising was suspended for 3 years . In Aug 2017 a new group of FOSN volunteers came forward providing fresh momentum (Simon Bruce, Paul Sneddon , John Owen & Stewart Entwistle ). On day one we set a fundraising target of £20,000 by end 2020 and in our first year we raised £13,300 from 10 fundraising events. Momentum also returned to Church improvement projects with the completion of the Bellcote restoration which enabled the bells to ring in Biddestone for the first time in 5 years !! Our second year proved to be both challenging and rewarding .

## Annual Report - Year 2

At last year's AGM we indicated that sustaining the year one level of fundraising in a village the size of Biddestone would be difficult . Nevertheless we ambitiously set a goal of 7 fundraising events between Sept 2018- Sept 2019.

We're delighted to confirm £13,255 was raised last year > £26,500 in 2 years !!

Fundraising Event (people supporting raised)	Timing	Funds raised
1. New Gift Aid donors(11)	Sep 18- Aug 19	£2,740
2. Advent Supper (45)	Dec	£900
3. Caroline Xmas Concert(120)	Dec	£920
4. White Horse Quiz (12)	Apr	£70
5. Survival Sunday Football party(50)	May	£650
6. Open Garden Teas & Pimms(500)	July	£1,725
7. Safari Supper & Auction(70)	Sep	£6,250
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>£13,255</b>

Demand is high for these funds and last year the PCC and FOSN discussed and agreed 4 priority Church Improvement Projects which might require access to FOSN funds ;

1.Urgent Roof tile replacement/repairs £1000	Summer 19
2.Water Ingress / Masonry repair £11,500	Summer 19
3. Repair Chancel arch £5,500	Autumn 19
4. New path upgrade & handrail £6000	July 19

Unexpectedly in mid year we also faced emergency repairs to the vestry floor at a cost of £2000. The PCC is hoping to access Grants for at least £8000 towards the total cost of all 5 projects and will then approach FOSN with a net request for funds . FOSN completely funded the new path & handrail project in July which was achieved within budget , to spec and on time - a good example of fundraising at work, creating real improvements in

Church fabric, fixtures & fittings.

FOSN continued to deliver on our commitment to communicate progress at least quarterly and to hold an AGM. As a very hands on committee we meet frequently to plan , execute and monitor progress whilst providing regular updates in the Broadsheet .

John Owen ( Treasurer) presented the Financial Report for the year ending Aug 31st 2019 which excluded the Safari Supper funds raised on Sept 14th .

## Headlines;

Opening Balance - 01.08.2018	£23,578.09
Income received	£7,635
Payments made	£6,141.08
Closing balance - 31.08.2019	£25,072.01

John pointed out that 80% of funds raised came from actual events which need to be planned and organised taking a lot of time and resource . We need to see growth in our Gift Aid donations in future too.

The FOSN team feels it will be more practical and relevant to move our financial year end from August to December putting us on a calendar year going forward. The change was proposed and unanimously carried making this planning year a one-off 16 month period ending 31.12.2020

## Outlook & Priorities 2019/20

Paul confirmed FOSN plans 3 more fundraising events before the end of 2019;

- \*A Magnificent 7 Rugby World Cup competition ( Mid Oct )
- \*Our traditional Advent Supper ( likely Dec 14th tbc)
- \*Caroline Dale Xmas Concert at the Village Hall ( Definitely Sat Dec 21st 2019)

Last year's Xmas concert was widely regarded as the best in many years, so we will strive to repeat the Village Hall format and the fair control of extra seating with priority going to village residents and their friends.

FOSN will produce a 2020 calendar of events by December as well as our Church Improvement Project priorities. We can expect another Quinquennial report within the next year but likely PCC priorities will include

- \*Redecoration and plaster repair of Chancel Arch
- \*Pew removal to enhance hospitality and access.

FOSN supporters can be assured that we will insist the PCC pursues every opportunity to access Church Grants and other sources of funding before FOSN funds are released for Improvement projects.

The existing officers (Simon , Paul , John , Stewart ) all offered themselves for re-election and were unanimously voted in for another term.

The FOSN and PCC are very grateful for all the wonderful and generous support received since Aug 2017 in response to our fundraising efforts . The summary in our Annual report shows literally hundreds of people are getting involved and supporting inside and outside our community . Thank you !

St Nicholas Church Biddestone is clearly benefitting as a result of those efforts.

There being no other business the AGM closed at 8pm .

Paul Sneddon (FOSN Secretary)

# Friends of St Nicholas Safari Supper

*Simon Bruce*

After a reception at the Oak House, 9 hosts provided main courses for over 70 guests before they returned to The Oak House for dessert and to bid at the auction. Everyone was in good spirits for the auction, 58 lots were put up for sale and £5,000 was raised in addition to the ticket money which meant £6,250 was raised in total for the maintenance of St Nicholas, which was more than 25% up from the total raised when we last held the event two years ago in 2017.

Thank you all who hosted, gave lots for the auction, bid for lots and came along to support and enjoy the evening. A fantastic response from the village and friends.

Many thanks from FOSN



## **Art Workshop** with Annie Meier

**Hello!**

I have recently moved into Biddestone. I am a mother of two young girls alongside being an Artist and Garden Designer.

I am going to be setting up a weekly fun art workshop from my home in Biddestone, do please get in touch if you are interested. The idea is that they will be informal small group classes where you can take the time paint, get creative and enjoy developing a skill. I will be on hand to run through tips and help out as you develop. Initially the sessions will just be drop-in, during school term time, but I would recommend that you do try to come regularly in order to get the most from them.

The sessions will be:

- Every Thursday morning from 10.30am-12.00pm
- Mainly painting in Acrylic, but we will likely also do some watercolour, collage and perhaps monoprinting also.
- I tend to paint landscapes myself, but also sometimes still life, so work will tend be based around those themes. We will generally work from photographs (I have lots you can chose from but feel free to bring your own!).
- starting on 5th September, but I will be unable to do a class the week of 7th October as I will be exhibiting at the Barn Gallery in Kington Langley as part of the Peacock Arts Trail during that week.



-£15 per 1.5 hr session, which will generally be a small group session. Paints and brushes will be provided but if you do prefer to bring your own, please do. I will have a few simple canvases for sale (generally around £6 each), for you to chose from, or you can paint on paper.

Please do get in touch on 07949974853 or email me at [annie@meier.co.uk](mailto:annie@meier.co.uk) if you are interested in joining these sessions, and do also please spread the word!

If you would like to get more of an idea about what my own work is like, I have attached a link below. My real passion lies in colour, so it is likely at that quite a bit.

<https://www.anniesplace.co.uk>

# Village Hall classes

From painting to yoga – there's something for everyone

## Main hall

### MONDAY

#### PAINTING GROUP

9.45-11.45am

Sue Tennant 01249 72061

#### HIPS & HAWS CLOG

8.00-10.00pm

Jan Field 01380 827140

hipsandhaws@live.co.uk

### TUESDAY

#### REAL LIFE YOGA

9.00-10.00 & 10.30-11.30am

Emma Goodwin 07771 662567

emmacawthra@gmail.com

#### IYENGAR YOGA CLASS

6.00-9.00pm

Edgar Stringer

office@yogatree.co.uk

### WEDNESDAY

#### IYENGAR YOGA CLASS

10.00-11.30am

Lydia Holmes

office@yogatree.co.uk

### CIRCUIT TRAINING

6.00-7.00pm

Simon Bennett 07815619138

info@simonsaysfitness.co.uk

### THURSDAY

#### PRECISION PILATES

10.00 - 11.00 am

Amber Edenbrow 07725 316923

amber@precision-pilates.co.uk

#### SEQUENCE DANCING

7.30-10.00pm

Phil Fletcher 01793 936091

philfletcher37@gmail.com

#### TOT'S TENNIS

1.50-2.35 pm

Three and four years old

Sam Hull

sam@connect2sportscoaching.co.uk

co.uk

### FRIDAY

#### YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

9.00-10.00am

Dena Bray

denabray@aol.com

### PILATES

10.30-11.30am

Physio led

Beth Borthwick

borthwickbeth@gmail.com

## New Club Room

### MONDAY

#### PILATES

11.00-Noon

Stonehouse Clinic

01249 700417 ann.barnes@

stonehouseclinic.co.uk

#### PRECISION PILATES

7.30-8.30pm

Amber Edenbrow 07725 316923

amber@precision-pilates.co.uk

### TUESDAY

#### HEALTH IN MOTION

10.30-11.30am

Mandy Roberts 01225 811667

or 07980 696919

### WEDNESDAY

#### WRITING GROUP

10.00am-Noon

Tim Smith 01249 714455

timsmith2@btinternet.com

#### IYENGAR YOGA CLASS

7.00-8.30pm

Edgar Stringer

office@yogatree.co.uk

#### QUILTING AND

#### PATCHWORK CLASS

Noon-4.00pm

Anne Chapman 01249 782842

### THURSDAY

#### BEGINNER PILATES

7.30-8.30

Jill Rowland 07974 788591

jill@wiltshirepilates.com

● To book the Village Hall, please contact the booking secretary: 07391 511495 or bvhrbookings@gmail.com

## Dates for parish steward's visit

Parish steward Mark Hawkins will be in the village

17th/23rd October.

His varied duties can include:

Cutting growth from drains

Hand clearing of blocked drainage, grips, culverts, pipes and pits (unable to jet system)

Clearing storm debris from the roads and footways

Pedestrian barrier preparation and painting

Cleaning and straightening small road signs, street nameplates and bollards

Securing existing small road signs, verge marker posts and supply street name plates

Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street nameplates

Hand cutting of grass and vegetation in visibility area

Hand treatment of weeds

Hand clearance of encroaching growth and soil from footpaths

Repair of small potholes in roads and footways

Clearing vegetation from road signs

If you have any problems, contact Wiltshire Highways or Di Webb on owl-cottage@hotmail.co.uk or 01249 715963.

## Biddestone Bonfire & Firework Display

Friday 1st November

Gates open at 18.00

Bonfire Lighting 18.30

Fireworks 19.00

Adults £5.00

Children (under 16) £2.00

Under 5's Free

Barbeque, Bar Open, Mulled Wine,

a great evening for all the family



Please do not bring any of your own fireworks or sparklers

# Clubs and Community Activities

*Come and join in the many activities in and around Biddestone*

**Allotments located** at the village hall. For more information, contact David Daniel 701311

**Book Club** Third Monday of the month. Contact Diane Ross-Smith for details 712105.

**Biddestone Cricket Club**  
See [biddestone.play-cricket.com](http://biddestone.play-cricket.com), or Biddestone Cricket Club Facebook page

**Biddestone Singers** Meet at The Oak House or St. Nicholas church every Thursday 7.30-9pm. All welcome. For more information, please contact [charlottebruce@btinternet.com](mailto:charlottebruce@btinternet.com) or 716330

**Biddestone Tennis Club**  
Club night, Tuesday evening & Saturday morning. See [clubspark.lta.org.uk/BiddestoneTennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BiddestoneTennisClub) Membership John Marrinan [biddestonetc@gmail.com](mailto:biddestonetc@gmail.com) 07773 569704 or see Biddestone Tennis Club Facebook page. For coaching contact Dan Tonkin 07805 923279

**Biddestone Walkers** The walking group meets on the last Sunday of every month. Contact Kate Jones for details 715180

**Bridge Club** First Monday of the month. Club meets for a social evening of bridge; no tuition is available, so players must have some level of experience. Contact Ian Smith 01249 714475 or Jane Iggulden 01249 713311 for details

**Brownies** Yatton Keynell Village Hall Every Wednesday 6.15-7.45pm [yattonkeynellbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:yattonkeynellbrownies@gmail.com)

**Cake Sale** Yatton Keynell first Saturday of month 8.30 - 11.30am outside the Post Office

**Can Craft!** Yatton Keynell, St. Margarets church. A get together to chat and craft, third Monday of the month 7.30-9.30pm

**Coffee, Cakes and Chat** in the church, St Nicholas Biddestone, Thursdays 10.30am-Noon. Everyone welcome

**Cotswold Wardens Walks**  
Monthly schedule on village website – contact Barry Cox

**Edward Bear Pre-school group.** See p18 for details

**Gardening Club** Last Monday of each month 7pm  
Contact Di Webb 715963

**Marshfield Flower Arrangement Club** 1st Wednesday of each month floral workshop and 2nd Wednesday floral demonstration. Marshfield Church Hall 7pm.

**Moviola Community cinema,** showing in Grittleton village hall. See feature page 6

**Parish Council** Meets on second Tuesday of each month, Village Hall, 7pm

**Parochial Church Council**  
Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting St Nicholas Church, Biddestone. . Everyone welcome

**Skittles** Village Hall Wednesdays 7pm and 9pm. Bar open, spectators welcome. Contact Mike Chrystal 712833

**Village Link** 'Volunteers transporting the community' If you need this service or would like to join the volunteers. Contact 07590 720836, or for more details see the website [village-link.org.uk](http://village-link.org.uk)

**Women's Institute** Meets on third Wednesdays in the village hall 2-4pm, and arranges outings.

**Youth Club** Yatton Keynell Village Hall Wednesdays 8-9.30pm. Contact Alan Brinkworth 782647

*If you would like to add details of an activity or club, please contact the Broadsheet.*



## MORE ONLINE

● For the latest information see, the village website [www.biddestonevillage.org.uk](http://www.biddestonevillage.org.uk) or the Biddestone Village Facebook page.



● To post an item on website or Facebook, please email [biddestonebroadsheet@gmail.com](mailto:biddestonebroadsheet@gmail.com)

Open House  
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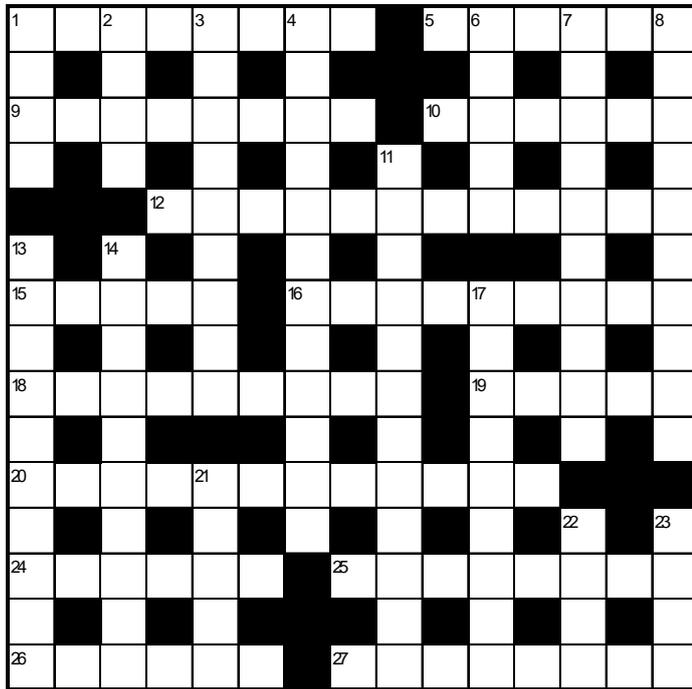
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continues through October  
Thursday - Sunday 11am - 8pm

Lane House  
The Green  
Biddestone SN14 7DG  
T 01249 749401  
[www.lanehousearts.co.uk](http://www.lanehousearts.co.uk)

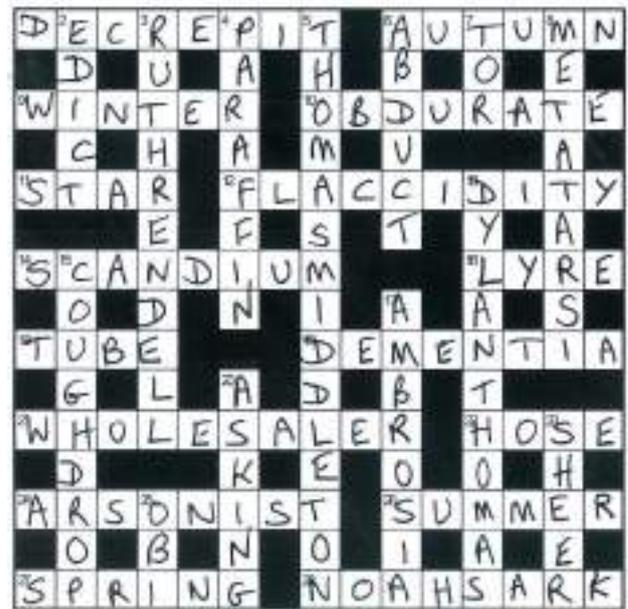
LANE HOUSE ARTS

# Crossword

by Diane Ross-Smith



Solution to last month's crossword



First published in 'The Honeycomb' October 2015

## ACROSS

1. Article Caz reversed period of time to commemorate Galipoli. (5, 3)
5. Rib contained in best cut for sweeteners. (6)
9. Portal fastener dead as this? (8)
10. Sorbet stirred to flash intermittently. (6)
12. Jacob's son, prisoner and King: Anno Domini for novelist. (6, 6)
15. Crazy inane girl. (5)
16. Tree fruit produces fruity symbol of hospitality... (9)
- 18... Another fruit – Argentine variety produces. (9)
19. I distribute cards – perfect! (5)
20. Squad aim rage incontinently on first Sunday of Lent. (12)
24. With hands on hips, yours truly compiled this: I'm BA. OK? (6)
25. Done on IT randomly at midday in literature. (8)
26. Pacific climatic changes produced by online chaos. (2, 4)
27. Eric in a man provides native of the New World. (8)

## DOWN

1. Help a holey material for cross-stitch. (4)
2. Menagerie gains a thousand to move quickly. (4)
3. Tin weight bearing native of China. (9)
4. As parasites jump inside Australian town. (5, 7)
6. Quota trimmed in proportion. (5)
7. Let hero rip bag rashly to produce writer of another's life. (10)
8. Blue flowers rush springs. (10)
11. Red moths turn to create bad weather... (12)
- 13... While natural disaster causes fox's home to tremble... (10)
14. ... Flood also occurs disrupting UN Nation ID... (10)
17. ... In this area hidden as I. Amin or other ruler. (4, 5)
21. Hear bird pinchin'? (5)
22. Metal found in foundations of Zion in North Carolina. (4)
23. Convey tight average. (4)

## BIDDESTONE VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION TRUST AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will take place at the Village Hall on the 15th of October at 7.30pm. Come along and hear what has been happening at hall in the past year. All welcome.

## The White Horse

### What's New at the White Horse

For October, we're pleased to announce that The White Horse restaurant will be open on Monday evenings in addition to the usual hours. In addition for October, a two-course lunch is offered for £12.50 Monday to Wednesday.

Live World Cup Rugby will be shown on the TV, and events include a Hallowe'en Children's Garden Party on Saturday

26th at 4pm. A Race Night is in the works, date to be confirmed. A Festive Menu for December is available now.

Restaurant reservations are advisable on 01249 713 350. See page 3 or [facebook.com/TheWhiteHorse/Biddestone](https://www.facebook.com/TheWhiteHorse/Biddestone) for more details.

# Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council 10th September 2019

The meeting of Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council took place at the Village Hall, Biddestone on Tuesday 10th September 2019 following. The following members were present:

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr S Bruce (SB)

PRESENT: Cllrs: A Juniper (AJ), D.Webb (DW), A. Kelsall (AK), M.Crystal (MC), A.Williams (AW),

IN ATTENDANCE: G Gill (GG) Clerk

Apologies. Baroness Scott (JS), A Short (AS), A Walton (VC), G.Brown (GB),

Dec Of Interest. AW item 63.2

Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on the 13th August 2019 were proposed as a true record by AW and APPROVED and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

Rolling Action List. Noted

Addendum #1

To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Approved:

**19/05326/FUL** Wavering Brook Farm, Biddestone, SN14 7DG Proposal:

Construction of an equine education barn, aqua walker, EPC outdoor arena and lunge pen

**19/06060/FUL** Wavering Brook Farm, Biddestone, SN14 7DG Proposal: Construction of indoor riding arena

To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Received:

**19/07541** Willow Lodge, The Green, Biddestone, SN14 7DG Proposal:

Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of new, together with other internal alterations and insertion of window within gazebo OBJECT on the grounds of need for consultation on the party wall it being the boundary of the neighbouring Grade 2 listed building within the Conservation Area.

**19/07745/TCA** Brook Cottage, Slaughterford, SN14 8RG

Proposal: Fell 3 Cherry Trees

NO OBJECTIONS

**19/07848/FUL** Stable Cottage, Cuttle Lane, Biddestone, SN14 7DF Proposal:

Replacement of Existing Conservatory and Other Works NO OBJECTIONS-

To Receive Notification of Planning Applications Refused: None received.

Finance:

To Receive for Approval Statement of Balances for Accounts #1 £54,470.40 & #2 £2,724.70

To Approve Accounts for Payment: Ground Maintenance, Salary & Tax amounting to £481.63 Proposed for payment by MC and APPROVED

Haven Energy Account and transfer to EDF Following threats to take action via the ombudsman Haven agreed to allow EDF to take over the supply, however Haven are still unwilling to show the meter reading on the invoices supplied making it difficult to understand the charges for the period the public conveniences were closed. Clerk to request assistance from Ofgem. EDF contract has been received.

To Take Actions on Representatives & Working Group Reports: Circulated prior to meeting – AW to discuss with Wiltshire Council Highways engineer how the schemes for strips, signage and gates are delivered at the next CATG meeting on 17th September.

Highway Matters

Little Challows – Tree Surgery & Adoption SB to complete paperwork

Snow Plan/Flood Plan including mapping of gullies – Biddestone and Slaughterford SB to chase priorities

Issue 5826 – Footway Turnpike Cottage to Corner of Cuttle Lane – CATG meeting 17th September 2019

Road Closures and General Traffic Calming – Emails received from residents regarding the state of the road near the Biddestone Arms, and speeding. Both emails answered by SB, pot holes to be reported to Wiltshire Council

Parish Plan – Defer to next meeting

Community Governance Review – Yatton Keynell Parish Council have written to ask if Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish would be interested in changing the boundary of the two parishes which would bring the cottages on the A420/Biddestone Lane crossroads into YK whilst Biddestone takes Giddeahall.. MC was asked to speak with residents at Giddeahall and report back to next meeting.

Clerks Report

Notification has been received from Wiltshire Council that the Council Tax setting will not be made until 10th December. Deadline for 2020/21 precept is 24th January 2020.

Clerk on holiday from 12th September to 8th October. SB will send out the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

## Parish council website

The Parish Council now has its own website where you can find the unabridged minutes and all the latest notices. See:

[www.biddestoneslaughterfordpc.uk](http://www.biddestoneslaughterfordpc.uk)

## Meetings scheduled for 2019

September 10

November 12

October 8

December 10

**The next Parish Council meeting** will be in the Village Hall on September 10th at 7pm

## Parish Councillors

**Chairman** Simon Bruce

01249 716330 [Simon.bruce@btinternet.com](mailto:Simon.bruce@btinternet.com)

**Vice Chairman** Adam Walton

01249 701784 [adam@aw-consulting.co.uk](mailto:adam@aw-consulting.co.uk)

George Brown

Mike Chrystal 712833

Ashley Juniper 712707

Andy Short 714724

Diana Webb 715963

Angela Williams

Anthea Kelsall

**Parish Clerk** Glenys Gill 01225 742207

# Church Services

*St Nicholas, Biddestone*

## OCTOBER

6th	Holy Communion	11am
11th	Evensong	6pm
20th	Morning Praise	9:30am

25th	Team Service	10am
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Kington St. Michael

Every Wednesday morning there is a service at 9.15am. This is either Holy Communion or Morning Prayer, and includes prayers for the suffering.



*St Nicholas, Slaughterford*

## OCTOBER

13th	BCP Holy Communion	3pm
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### Church contacts

**The Bybrook Team Ministry**  
 bybrook.office@gmail.com  
 www.bybrook.org.uk  
 Tel and fax: 01249 782704

**Reverend Marc Terry,**  
 priest-in-charge (Rector  
 Designate) Tel: 01249 782672  
 revmarcterry@gmail.com

**Reverend Gillian Parkin,**  
 Associate Minister  
 Tel: 01249 782704

# Church events

**Tea and Toast Mondays**  
 8.45-10am, St Margaret's  
 Yatton Keynell

**Short reflective prayer meeting** Wednesdays noon,  
 St Mary's Grittleton

**Morning prayer** (with intercessions for the sick),  
 Wednesdays 9.15am  
 St Nicholas Biddestone  
 Second Wednesday is usually holy communion

**Lunch Club** every second  
 Wednesday from 12.30 St  
 Mary the Virgin, Burton

**Morning prayer** Thursdays  
 10am, St Michael and  
 All Angels, Kingston St  
 Michael. Second Thursday  
 is usually holy communion

**Yatton Keynell 'Café Church'** Tuesday 10-12  
 noon, light lunches from  
 noon-1pm

**Coffee in the Church**  
 Thursdays 10.30-noon. St  
 Nicholas, Biddestone

**Morning prayer** Thursdays  
 9am, St Margaret's



## Edward Bear

*Pre-school group*

Free get-together for pre-schoolers and their parents or carers. We would love you to join us for stories, crafts, activities and refreshments on the following Fridays at **10am**

*St Nicholas  
 Biddestone*

4th October  
 8th November  
 6th December



*St Margaret's  
 Yatton Keynell*

18th October  
 15th November  
 13th December

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CORSHAM, LACOCK, BOX, YATTON KEYNELL, COLERNE, CHIPPENHAM, HOLT & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

5 - 13 October 2019

Don't miss the Peacock Arts Trail open studios from Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th October. More than 40 venues will open their doors to show off an eclectic mix including fine art, jewellery, textiles, photography and more.

Dominic Clare will be opening his workshop in Slaughterford, where he creates impressive wooden sculptures. Printmaker Kathy Hutton, will be welcoming visitors to her beautiful studio in Yatton Keynell. Annie Meier from Biddestone will be

exhibiting her colourful paintings at the Barn Gallery in Kington Langley, and talented stitcher Fi Redmond will be exhibiting her work in Chippenham. Fi's tapestry about the First World War is going to be displayed in Chippenham museum.

For more information, pick up a brochure at Corsham Town Hall or Library, visit [peacockartstrail.co.uk](http://peacockartstrail.co.uk) or search for Peacock Trail on social media.



Kathy Hutton



Annie Meier



Fi Redman



Dominic Clare

# Gallery



Simon Bruce and Paul Sneddon introducing the auction Lots at the Friends of St Nicholas Safari night .



Paintings of the Bye Brook river, The papermill Slaughterford and St Bartholomews. Painted in July by Chris Draper



The Slaughterford Fayre

