

# News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

July and August 2022

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## Curacy Reflections

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - the result of works, so that no one may boast, we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

*Ephesians 2: V8-10*

As I write this final offering for News and Notes, I reflect on the past three years of Curacy in the Chalke Valley and the, almost a year, I have spent serving the East End communities. It would be easy to boast about the things that have worked out well, the services I have taken, and the time spent working in Longford school. But the truth is that none of my “successes” would have been possible without the Lord and the range of people who have welcomed me, helped me, and served their local parish communities.

Top of this list comes my clergy colleagues Reverend Catherine Blundell and Canon Jenny Taylor and the parish administrator, Emily Broomhead, who have been totally supportive, always willing to offer help and encouragement, and a rich source of wisdom.

They are closely followed by Church Wardens – too numerous to mention by name, they are the unsung heroes of our parishes. Taking on the role of Church Warden is a commitment and my time in the valley has been blessed by so many of these dedicated men and women who give of themselves so freely and are in fact, Saints of Christ. I also want to thank the numerous others who through their lay service have brought their faith in Christ to their neighbours and others. Their example is one we are all called to emulate in our walk with Jesus.

I have been greatly blessed by my time in the Chalke Valley and I will miss you all, but we must not look back but seek to serve, moving forwards. I pray that the clergy team will return to full strength as soon as possible. I pray for the growth of the gospel in the valley and I thank all of you, for whatever part you played in making my time so enjoyable.

“To God be the glory”.

*Reverend Roger Leake*

*On behalf of all our Parishes, I would like to thank Roger for all he has done to support us during the last three years. - Editor*

# Community News

## CHARLTON ALL SAINTS BARBECUE

6PM SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2022

## CHARLTON CHURCHYARD

As an experiment, Charlton All Saints BBQ will take place in the Churchyard this year, not the usual venue of the yard of Charlton House.

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## CHARLTON ALL SAINTS CREAM TEA

*Sunday 24 July 2022*

Cream tea at The Old School House, in aid of the Jubilee Sailing Trust.

## Britford Festival

Britford had a superb afternoon on Friday 3 June 2022 with about 300 friends and families joining in with our festival on the Green. As a result, £1658 was raised for the Ukraine fund from the celebrations and the Flower Festival in the Church. Huge thanks go to all our wonderful organisers and helpers.

*Shelagh Lamb - Britford*

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Once a month you will then receive an electronic version of this newsletter, with links to more information than is possible in a printed version.

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# Community News

## WI Report

June 2022

On Monday 13th June Odstock Nunton and Bodenham W.I gathered together in Radnor Hall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Balloons, bunting and Union flags were in abundance and the Hall looked splendid. Fifty members were present including guests from Laverstock, Broadchalke, New Sarum, Harnham and Redlynch W.I's plus Chris Walker the area W.I advisor.

Following a warm welcome from our President, Hatty Hillier, and a very brief business meeting, the party commenced with a parade of beautifully decorated hats. Small prizes were awarded to the tallest, the widest, the best home made and the hat most likely to be worn by Her Majesty. No surprise that the crown made and modelled by Carol Stratton won!!!

A memorabilia table was organised by Mary Boydcamps and members brought along items from the Coronation year to display.

The catering team comprising Sue Amey, Julie Ann Hatchman and Joy Gibbons worked hard all day to provide a delicious afternoon tea, complete with home cakes and scones, with fresh English strawberries and cream, all made by members, no surprise then at how good it all tasted!!

Before tea was served Sue Bourne, Dee Prince, Carole Stratton and Susie Appleford gave a short talk of their memories of Coronation Day. It certainly became a topic of conversation as everyone recalled what they were doing that day.

Throughout the afternoon entertainment was provided by Sandy Ince, (Sticky Toffee Jazz) and she was a delight to listen to. Once tea was finished everyone heartily joined in the singing.

A Jubilee cake, made by Rose Stephens and expertly and magnificently decorated by Joy Gibbons was formerly cut by Rosemary Barber. Hatty proposed a toast to Her Majesty The Queen, and Sandy then led the singing of the National anthem.

Finally an auction for the top decoration resulted in enabling us to send a donation to this year's chosen charity, The Food Bank, which seemed an apt way to finish what had been a truly happy and joyful afternoon.

*Susie Appleford*

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## NHS warns of scam Covid-test texts

NHS: You've been in close contact with a person who has contracted the Omicron variant. Please order a test kit via:

The NHS is warning about widespread scam text messages telling recipients they have been in close contact with a Covid case. Close contacts of people who have tested positive are no longer advised by the NHS to test.

You may receive a text message similar to the text box above. If clicked on, the link in the messages takes the recipient to a fake NHS page asking for personal and financial information. It looks very authentic.

In its alert, the NHS says it will "*never ask for bank details, so please be aware of suspicious messages*".

# EBBLEFEST 2022



## **“Thank you” from the EbbleFest Team**

Since the Platinum Jubilee weekend, many people have stopped me and other members of the EbbleFest team to say thank you. To which my reply has been, “no, thank you!”

### ***Let me explain***

I am thrilled to be part of a committee that comes together to spend half the year planning and organising and after another month or so clearing up and packing down. This small (and it has to be said somewhat crazy) committee are united by their commitment to create fun, relaxed and inclusive community gathering, with some music and beer thrown in for good measure. In deepest January, when most are putting boxes of baubles in the attic and polishing off the mince pies, you'll find us in the snug at the Radnor, discussing amongst other things outside electrical points, what kind of bands to book and hiring portable loos. In the weeks and days leading up to EbbleFest, we juggle the usual demands and deadlines of work, family and life to tackle a seemingly never ending task list to get the show on the road. On the day things come together, we have a marquee, a stage, sound system, lights, a bar stocked with chilled beer on tap, flowers on the tables, bunting gently blowing in the breeze and the aroma of fresh coffee and Mexican burgers drifts across the playing field... In the distance a vintage fire engine door slams, a state of the art tractor engine starts-up and the camp fire in the mediaeval village is lit. These and many more elements are in place. We're ready. EbbleFest is here.

### ***Only it isn't***

Sure, all these things are important and the work of the committee is integral. However, the critical component to a successful EbbleFest isn't the infrastructure, it is you. The community. You donate your time and energy and provide donations towards the stalls. Then, you turn up, not just with gazebos, deckchairs and money in your pockets; you also bring picnic baskets brimming with high spirits, rucksacks of conversation and packets of laughter. And, as the sun sets, people crack open the dancing and their voices raise up in tune (mostly!) with the band. It is this, people coming together, to talk, laugh, sing and dance, that makes EbbleFest a success. Thank you.

### ***Platinum Jubilee Street Party***

This year we had the opportunity to celebrate a special occasion, Her Majesty's 70 years of service. Like so many communities across the country we wanted to bring everyone together for a traditional street party. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I extend our thanks to the Parish Council and a especially to Jackie Owens who almost single-handedly pulled together a truly memorable celebration. Special mention also goes to Katie Riley for running the village Jubilee bake-off. I believe she has started something and could be a regular fixture along side the legendary Duck and Raft Races.

How do we top EbbleFest 2022? Stay tuned EbbleFest 2023 is already in the planning.

**Saturday 1st July 2023. Save the date!**

*Paula Gribben - Nunton*

## **EbbleFest Jubilee Quiz**

*from the Big Platinum Nunton Lunch*

***Reprinted here for fun and the benefit of those who have not seen it.***

1. How old was the Queen at her coronation?
2. How many horses does it take to pull the Gold Coach?
3. In what country was the Queen when her father died?
4. Up to and including Boris Johnson, how many UK Prime Ministers have served the Queen?
5. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
6. What was formally opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 20th October 1973?
7. What is the official platinum Jubilee pudding?
8. Which royal wedding had to be postponed due to the pandemic?
9. Which monarch was the oldest when they came to the throne?
10. What is the Queen's favourite flower?
11. How many people watched the Queen's Coronation in 1953 on TV?
12. Who was the Prime Minister when the Queen was crowned?
13. What date was the Queen born on?
14. Where were the Queen and Prince Phillip married?
15. Which member of the royal family has an Olympic silver medal?
16. Who was the President of the United States at the time of the coronation?
17. What is the Queen's nickname?
18. What two-word expression was used by the Queen to describe 1992?
19. What relation to the Queen was Queen Victoria?
20. What was the name of the Royal yacht that was in service from 1954 to 1997?

*With thanks to Jackie Owen and her family - Odstock*

***The answers are on page 14, found in the online version of News and Notes.***



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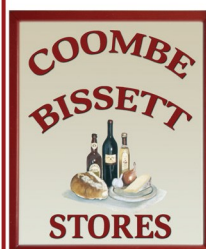
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LONGFORD ESTATES

## Longford Estate Tractor Tour: 2 July 2022

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Following the success of the recent parish walk through Longford Estate, Longford Estate and Odstock Parish Council would like to invite residents to another guided event. This time to accommodate a wider number of residents this tour will be by tractor trailer making it accessible for less able residents and younger children. We would also like to extend the invitation to residents of neighbouring parishes to the Estate.

The tour will take around 3 hours and cover various areas of the Estate with our Guides explaining some of the businesses that are run from the Estate including the arable and livestock farming activity, conservation and forestry, rivers and game. The event will take place on Saturday 2nd July, with trailers leaving at 1030 prompt.

If you wish to come along, please register your interest before 30th June by emailing [parishwalks@odstock-pc.org.uk](mailto:parishwalks@odstock-pc.org.uk) to confirm your place and to receive further details. Spaces will be limited.

## The Radnor Hall Players Village Show 2022

The Radnor Hall Players are pleased to announce they are planning to put on another show in November. This will be the world premier of "Robin Hood" written by Alys Hunter of Nunton and a Cabaret Revue will be performed from 24 - 26 November at the Radnor Hall.

Rehearsals take place on Thursdays and Sundays from September, and anyone who would like to get involved will be most welcome.

So whether you can act, sing, dance or play a musical instrument or none of the above but would just like to join in the fun and help out please contact Nick Stanger for details, on [nrystanger@gmail.com](mailto:nrystanger@gmail.com)

## Car Boot Sale on Sunday 24 July 2022

### Nunton Field

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#### Buyers:

Adults 30p

Gate opens 8.30am



## Next Edition of News and Notes

There will NOT be a News and Notes in August. The next edition will cover September. The Editor thanks you all for your support and hopes you have a great summer.

# Church News

## ***Farewell to The Reverend Roger Leake***

It is time to say a fond farewell to Roger Leake who has completed his time as Curate in the Chalke Valley Benefice. Roger has served our parishes so well and faithfully over the last year, and we are very grateful to him for his kindness and integrity and his time with us. He will take up his new role as Team Vicar in the Wylie and Till Valley Benefice later this year.

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## ***Nunton blessed with a Cross of Light***



A satellite view of Nunton in the What3Word iPad app, has a very distinctive cross of light next to St Andrew's church and the Vicarage. The link is:

[w3w.co/terminal.positives.lions](http://w3w.co/terminal.positives.lions)

However, this image does not seem to be in the desktop application.

A full colour picture is in the e-N&N version, which is available from the N&N website or by subscribing to the monthly newsletter.

I hope this is a sign of encouragement for our new Vicar.

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## ***An update on The Reverend Maggie Metcalfe***

As some of you will know, Maggie was ordained as a Deacon in the Church of England last summer. She has been working part time as Curate in the Wyllye and Till Valley Benefice since then. The next step for her is to be ordained as a Priest which means that to add to all the other services she can already lead, she will be commissioned to preside at Holy Communion services and weddings. It is another big step and she appreciates your support and prayers.

She will still be a Curate (ie vicar in training) in the Wyllye and Till Valley for a couple of more years as she continues to learn the ropes and to minister there under the auspices of the Rector, The Reverend Jonathan Plows.

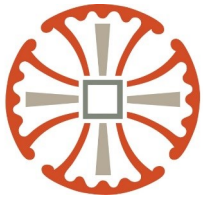
She will be ordained Priest by the new Bishop of Salisbury, The Right Reverend Stephen Lake in Salisbury Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 4.30 pm.

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## ***Team Vicar for the Chalke Valley Benefice***

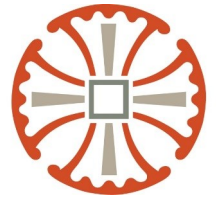
The process for finding a new Team Vicar for the Chalke Valley Benefice is well under way.

# Church Services



## Church Services

For Britford, Charlton All Saints,  
Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham



**July & August 2022**

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

**Please check the weekly e-Bulletin or e-N&N for all Benefice Services**

<b>3 July</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
<b>10 July</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
<b>17 July</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Peter Atkinson
<b>24 July</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
<b>31 July</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
<b>7 August</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
<b>14 August</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Vernon White
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
<b>21 August</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anthony Hawley
<b>28 August</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor

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# Church Services



## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – July 2022

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**Please check your church noticeboard and weekly e-bulletin.**

<b>3 July</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
<b>10 July</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick Voremberg
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
<b>17 July</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Peter Atkinson
	9.45am	<b>REFRESH!</b>	Broad Chalke V Hall	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Peter Atkinson
<b>24 July</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Jenny Taylor
	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
<b>31 July</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
<b>7 August</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	4.00pm	Sung Compline	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led

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## **EbbleFest Jubilee Quiz Answers**

### ***from the Big Platinum Nunton Lunch***

1. How old was the Queen at her coronation? **27**
2. How many horses does it take to pull the Gold Coach? **8**
3. In what country was the Queen when her father died? **Kenya**
4. Up to and including Boris Johnson, how many UK Prime Ministers have served the Queen? **14**
5. How many grandchildren does the Queen have? **8**
6. What was formally opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 20th October 1973? **Sydney Opera House**
7. What is the official platinum Jubilee pudding? **Lemon and swiss roll amaretti trifle**
8. Which royal wedding had to be postponed due to the pandemic? **Princess Beatrice and Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi**
9. Which monarch was the oldest when they came to the throne? **William IV in 1830 aged 64**
10. What is the Queen's favourite flower? **Lily of the Valley**
11. How many people watched the Queen's coronation in 1953 on TV? **Twenty million**
12. Who was the Prime Minister when the Queen was crowned? **Sir Winston Churchill**
13. What date was the Queen born on? **21st April 1926**
14. Where were the Queen and Prince Phillip married? **Westminster Abbey**
15. Which member of the royal family has an Olympic silver medal? **Zara Tindall, daughter of Princess Royal**
16. Who was the President of the United States at the time of the coronation? **Dwight D Eisenhower**
17. What is the Queen's nickname? **Lilibet**
18. What two-word expression was used by the Queen to describe 1992? **Annus Horribilis**
19. What relation to the Queen was Queen Victoria? **Great-great grandmother**
20. What was the name of the Royal yacht that was in service from 1954 to 1997? **HMY Britannia**

*With thanks to Jackie Owen and her family - Odstock*

# Church News

## Nunton blessed with a Cross of Light

A satellite view of Nunton in the What3Word iPad app, has a very distinctive cross of light next to St Andrew's church and the Vicarage.

The link is: [w3w.co/terminal.positives.lions](https://w3w.co/terminal.positives.lions) However, this image does not seem to be in the desktop application.

I hope this is a sign of encouragement for our new Vicar.



*Nunton blessed with a Cross of Light - a screen shot on 25 June 2022*



# EbbleFest - 4 June 2022





# Sunday Lunch - 5 June 2022



# What's On

Date	Event
Sat 02 Jul	Longford Estate Tractor Tour
Sat 02 Jul	Charlton All Saints BBQ - 6pm
Sun 24 Jul	Car Boot sale at Nunton Playing Field - early
Sun 24 Jul	Charlton All Saints Cream Tea - 3pm
Thu 7 Jul	CRESS AGM at Broadchalke village hall - 7pm
Sun 14 Aug	Car Boot sale at Nunton Playing Field
Sun 11 Sep	Car Boot sale at Nunton Playing Field
24 - 26 Nov	Radnor Hall Players - Pantomime and Review

**The WI report for May, can be found in eN&N via the website.**





# AGM & TALK BY OLIVIA

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Dear Supporter,

We warmly invite you to come and join our CRESS AGM with a report from Olivia Jones who has just been to visit the Agriculture projects which we support in rural northern Uganda.

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Time: 7pm

Location: Broadchalke Village Hall

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# Car Boot Sale - Nunton

## Rotary & Diabetes Car Boot Sale

Sunday 24 July, 14 August  
and 11 September.

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### Sellers

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### Buyers

Adults 30p

Gate opens 8.30am



Rotary Club of Salisbury  
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# Police & Crime Commissioner



## PCC Philip Wilkinson update

**W**hat a Jubilee celebration that was with parties up and down the country as we celebrated the reign of our longest-serving monarch!

While Her Majesty The Queen lives a life which is far removed from anything we'll ever experience, she has endeavoured to get closer to the people she serves to better understand the realities they face.

It's this commitment to public service which itself has served as an inspiration to many others and it is fitting that the celebrations fell within Volunteer's Week, where we commend the work of those who have given up their time to help others.

This has given me the opportunity to take a closer look at the people who volunteer with the ultimate aim of making Wiltshire safer, whether it's being part of one of many Community Speed Watch teams, manning CCTV control rooms or supporting victims of crime so that they may be in a position to meet the offender who caused them harm - they all play an important part in the criminal justice system.

Their work not only makes a difference to their local communities by supporting our officers, it also frees up our officers' time so that they can concentrate on frontline duties. Within Wiltshire Police we have many volunteers including Special Constables who devote hours to their communities in order to make them a safer place to live and work.

I'm constantly struck by the outstanding efforts of volunteers, unpaid and often unseen. I'd like them to know that without their work, our communities would be worse off and less protected. Volunteering remains at the beating heart of our communities and I, for one, am extremely grateful for all our volunteers.

You can find out more about volunteering here: [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/the-pcc-and-you/get-involved/](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/the-pcc-and-you/get-involved/)

*Philip Wilkinson*

*The Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon*

*June 2022*

# Light Relief

## Solar power

Somebody finally invented a solar-powered laundry dryer. It's called a 'clothes-line'.

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## Baptism

A couple took their five-year-old young daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally, she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

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## Heaven help me

One Sunday in church a little boy was 'acting up' during the morning worship. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but it was a losing battle. Finally, an exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them, the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

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## Pleasure

Some people won't suffer in silence because that would take all the pleasure out of it.

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## US Holiday

A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco's Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. frazzled parents reprimanded them, to no avail. Finally they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."

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## The kiss

An honest seven-year-old calmly announced to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after church. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "Well, it wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."

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## Summer guide to modern science around the house

1. If it's green or it wiggles, it's Biology.
2. If it stinks or explodes, it's Chemistry.
3. If it doesn't work, it's Physics.

*Courtesy of Parish Pump*



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