

# e-News and Notes

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

July & August 2025

## High Summer

Welcome to the July and August edition of News and Notes. As you will see, High Summer is bursting out all over in our five villages with lots of wonderful community events coming up for you to enjoy. See inside for announcements of Ebblefest, tea parties, BBQ's, songs and sausages and lots more. You will be kept entertained all summer!

We have another great read for you from the Constant Cook aka Martin Simcock who writes from Pembrokeshire about food and friendship, and also a lovely reflection on getting on with the new neighbours from a new contributor, the Whitsbury Wanderer in Odstock. Besides our Announcements pages, please do also look at our online e-version of News and Notes for extended content about all sorts of other local news and events including the Walk for Wards, a massively important fundraiser for the hospital Stars Appeal.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Assistance is still being sought for Ebblefest on Saturday 5th July (see later pages).

Additionally, most of us locally have wonderful memories of the daft, funny, uproarious and always memorable Odstock Raft Race and its baby cousin the Duck Race, not to mention the Landlubbers Bar, thanks to the fantastic efforts of Stuart and family over many years. But sadly this year there is to be neither Raft race nor Duck race. Stuart's retirement has left a vacancy for a new organiser and as we write, rafts and ducks will remain landlocked this year and un-launched for their annual outing. Please, if you can possibly see yourself as CEO Rafts and Ducks next year, let the Ebblefest team or us know - you will be welcomed with open arms, garlands of flowers and huge thanks from the entire community. YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

### **BLISTER PACK COLLECTION Monday 11th August**

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Bodenham: Old Post Office 10.00-10.30

Charlton All Saints: collection box in Church

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Donations kindly requested £1 per 50 strips. Thank you for helping the environment!

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**Next Deadline: 14 August for September 2025 edition**

**Don't forget EbbleFest, your summer community event, on Saturday 5 July!**

Contributions of cakes, biscuits & other delicacies are sought please, for the Ebblefest WI produce stall. Please message Debby on 07865 724 607 for collection, or bring to the stall before 1pm on the day.

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See e-News and Notes for more details

**See great art and meet the artist at Charlton all Saints**

Artist Sally Parker will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Hampshire Open Studios from 16 -25 August (please check opening hours online). Visitors will have the unique opportunity to meet the artist and enter her enchanting garden studio to view her mythical, nature-inspired paintings, her book 'Four Noble Ladies of the River Garden' and a new collection of stationery.

Sally looks forward to sharing the stories behind her creative work and welcoming her guests into her riverside garden during this special event.

[artquartet.co.uk/news/summer-2025](http://artquartet.co.uk/news/summer-2025)

[hampshireopenstudios.org.uk](http://hampshireopenstudios.org.uk)

**Jeremy and Maggie Metcalfe** are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson Kilian Jonathan Selwyn on 12 June 2025 to Anna (née Metcalfe) and Peter Douglas.

# A Whitsbury Wanderer Writes

**I**t all started back in January with a chance conversation. A conversation when you are least expecting it and one that induces a level of anxiety which you know you should resist but nevertheless is understandable as you are told you are shortly to get new neighbours! We've all been there. Will they be noisy, tidy & respectful of village life? Will we get on? Last minute preparations include some prompt hedge cutting, replaced fence poles & lingering looks over the neighbour's quiet and orderly patch. We want to make a good impression but there remains the nagging worry around the unknown.

The big day arrives but we keep our heads down as we want them to settle in without feeling watched. But as the days pass we begin to engage. Well, it's the youngsters that appear and approach us first. They peer inquisitively into our garden but without judgment on our unkempt winter borders and we often hear them chuntering away and playing and it's a comforting accompaniment to the end of a wet winter's day ... alongside the roosting blackbirds.

So as the weeks pass we strike a happy accord and with a mutual respect and understanding that genuinely enhances our lives and those of all our visiting children and grandchildren.

Then they are gone. They move on.

By chance we saw them go. The herd of over one hundred beautiful jet black Aberdeen Angus's toiling up the lane to pastures new and in final preparation for spring calving. Now, in the early summer, we see them on the distant hills as we walk up to the hill fort. We warmly hold on to the memories of our time together as neighbours. And we have new neighbours now. A field of peas!

*Thanks to our Odstock contributor for this lovely article, we welcome more from our readers please!*

## Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

**W**e had a marvellous afternoon at the summer party on June 9th. Members of the ONB WI, guests from two local WIs, Redlynch, New Sarum and Christine Walker, retired WI advisor for Wiltshire, were welcomed by the chairman, Hatty Hillier, to a fashion show of donated clothes fitting the WI theme of recycling pre-worn garments. Members of the ONB WI took to the catwalk decorated with stunning displays of everlasting flowers and to a musical medley modelled casual, smart and special occasion clothes with flair and panache, expertly compèred by Elizabeth Cutter describing each garment. Clearly future careers beckon for some WI members!

After the show the clothes, scarves and jewellery could all be purchased, raising funds for the WI. A genteel buying frenzy followed; one member liking her donated garment for the show so much that she bought it back! A superb tea followed, sandwiches, cake and cream scones, with much conversation and friendly interaction. Many thanks to Rose Stephens and her team for organising the fashion show, Sue Amey and helpers for a delicious tea and the WI member who provided a lovely display of gallienia trifolium and penstemon.

On June 30th a Defibrillator & Resuscitation workshop will be at Radnor Hall at 10.00am. Ebbfest is July 5<sup>th</sup> with the WI stall and teas.

The next meeting on 14th July will be on Travel - Hidden Gems and the summer outing on July 31st is to Laycock and Cadenham Manor.

# Focus on Food

## Letter from West Wales

**W**e've been in Fishguard now for five months, time flies. We're organising our first gathering to be held on the quayside this coming Sunday, so naturally we've been agonising over the guest list. A classic conundrum where the combinations are endlessly entertaining inside your head, but potentially fireworks when it comes to seating those guests around your table.

Back in Salisbury where our pool of friends consisted of a few hundred, and after living amongst them for over forty years, you had a pretty good idea who got on with who, and who distinctively didn't get on with whoever else, the list almost made itself. Although it was always important to disturb the algorithm by inviting a few clashes along, a few challenging combinations to keep things fresh and alive. That's what gatherings are for, whether they be intimate dinner parties, or more elaborate, exuberant crowds downing bowl food and beer on a very narrow strip of cobblestones adjacent a five-meter-deep harbour of water.

In Fishguard, well Cilgwyn, there's a strong tradition of guests bringing food contributions to such elaborate gatherings and with an influx of Spanish and Peruvian neighbours, the hot ticket is tortilla. I've written about this before, but the level of competition the humble Spanish onion and potato omelette invokes is astonishing. Otherwise generous and warm individuals become quite vitriolic when describing the efforts of their friends and family even, in producing, in their eyes, an inferior product.

There are only three ingredients, potato, onion, egg, along with olive oil, salt and pepper, that's it. The results are remarkably different, but the passion those differences inspire can be overwhelming. I produced my classic tortilla, one that has been praised for over twenty years and offered it up to the Spaniards a couple of months ago, at another gathering. 'Pero, no es tortilla' they gasped, and the reason it categorically wasn't a tortilla was that it had smoked paprika in the onions and nutmeg in the egg. In their mind, no spices are used, and to be honest, in Spain they seldom are.

Then there's the texture and colour, the classic, produced by Nieves Barragan Mohacho at Sabor in Heddon Street, London, just off Regent Street is rooted in the culture of the north of Spain, in the Basque country, Bilbao to be precise. Pale yellow in colour with a very runny interior, eaten on a plate with a fork and sometimes a spoon. Jose Pizarro, who hails from much further south in Extremadura and has a couple of restaurants in Bermondsey Street, to name but one location, I'm reliably informed encourages friendly tortilla competitions amongst local chefs and restaurants. Not something you would expect from a gathering of Italian chefs battling to produce the finest risotto, but maybe that happens too.

Back to the gathering, the great joy of moving to a new home, county, country, away from all your friends, not that moving away from friends is a great joy, but the joy of meeting new people, is that they have no idea who you are. And you have the opportunity to be whoever you would like to be. You even have the opportunity to be the person you've been trying to be for most of your life, if only your parents, family and friends hadn't been so vehement in wanting you to be the versions of yourself that fitted best with them.

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So after five months, we've gathered a group of diverse people to celebrate with. A mixed group of individuals who collectively reflect the mixed group of personalities we inherently are. I'm sure we all have collections of friends we would never invite to the same gathering; they just wouldn't get on. My days of fox hunting with The Wilton Hunt and the throng I jostled with at the Hunt Ball, were certainly not the same crowd I shared many a field with, jumping up and down to music of a predominantly repetitive beat, to quote the Criminal Justice Bill in the early nineties. Nor would the Cambridge undergraduates, friends in the mid-eighties, have ever got on with my pogoing mates at the 100 club in Oxford Street, or my shoe-shining soul boy mates at Wigan Casino in the mid seventies.

Then there's the great phrase, 'you can pick your friends but not your family.' And how true that is when you're somewhere new. And that's what you do. Back in the land of old mates, you would be introduced to people by other friends who thought you might get on, have something in common. But here in Fishguard that luxury doesn't exist, so it's back to basics at the local brewery where you, literally eye someone, or a group of people up and think to yourself, 'I quite like the look of them, I'm just going to wade in and introduce myself', and that's what you do, and so far the results have been rewarding.

I stumbled into a conversation with a guy a few weeks ago, which quickly migrated to the topic of food, restaurants, chefs and recipes and particularly to the restaurant Barrafinna, which is a favourite from many years ago. He was the business partner of the guy who runs the Bluestone brewery who I've got to know over the years I've been coming to Pembrokeshire. He was telling me that, together they were about to open a Spanish restaurant in St Davids, in the south of Pembrokeshire at the end of this summer.

Beside myself with excitement, I invited them all to supper a few weeks later to get an update on their plans and to feed them one of my favourite Spanish dishes from Barrafinna, Arrocinna beans with chorizo, morcilla and pork belly. I messaged the Bluestone owner, Simon saying the invitation was open to any significant other the new guy may have. Turns out he had two significant others, both guys, and I was about to entertain my first throuple. 'How do you think that works' said Simon, 'best not to overthink it' I replied.

Naturally it was a great evening, and the lads went down a storm in our household. We seem to be gathering an intriguing, eclectic, entertaining, new group of friends, with food at the core whilst simultaneously, blasting the algorithms out of the water.

*Martin Simcock*

*Martin is now writing on the [Scribehound Food Platform](#)- please visit, see & 'like!'*

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## Plant of the month

**I**t may be bit passé but I've chosen geraniums this month because I love the ivy-leaved trailing red 'Decora,' which you see all over the continent in summer in window boxes, pots and on balconies. The flowers are prolific but not too big and blousy, & as it tolerates hot dry spots very well, it's very easy to look after- just right for me! It won't like the cold over the winter though, so needs to be taken inside to protect from frost. There are hundreds and hundreds of different geraniums and many perennials can be left outside over winter. 'Rozanne' is another favourite - a pretty blue and white perennial which flowers on and on and on from early summer until well into the autumn.

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Still full of beans? Toddlers, teens and everyone in between can race gleefully under a rainbow of mist from the vintage fire engine hose.

*Note to self: pack a spare t-shirt (or two).*

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### *Pack Down : Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July / Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July*

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# News from the Pews

## Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham

Easter tide season ended with our Pentecost service on 8th June and we are moving into what the church calls 'Ordinary Time', until Harvest Sunday in the autumn. However, there is still plenty going on. After hearing many requests for a 'tea tent' at Ebbfest on 5th July, the church community will be serving afternoon tea and scones there.

On Sunday 6th July, as a result of there being no Duck or Raft race, there will be no church service and we encourage you to join the Ebbfest team at 11am to help clear up the Nunton Field.

Creativitea will continue meeting new neighbours over tea, cake and craft over the summer in the Barker Room on the third Thursday of each month (18th July, 15th August). We are holding a car boot sale on the field on Sunday August 31st to raise funds for the churches and hope you will support this event.

We are thrilled that the total raised by our Lent Appeal for the building of the school in Cueibet, South Sudan, raised over £20,000 and we are immensely grateful to all who donated to this cause. The many volunteers who help with the care of all in the Benefice have been commissioned and thanked at a variety of services and parties. A beautiful concert of music for a summer evening was held at St Andrew's Nunton to support the charity Rise 61 and the local churches.

We hope that over this summer season, you might find the time to visit St Mary's and St Andrew's and take a moment to enjoy the quiet calm that these spaces provide.

*Stephanie Elcock, Mary Boydcamps, Churchwardens ONB Parish*

## Charlton All Saints

We held the first of our Summer Evensongs at All Saints in June. We will have Evensong on the second Sunday of July, August & September at 5.30pm.

Our Eco Church programme continued with some citizen science in the form of a Nature Count (like the Big Butterfly Count) for Churches Count on Nature, at which we recorded all the plants, bugs, animals and birds and sent the information to the National Biodiversity Network. To encourage hedgehog awareness, we built a simple Hedgehog Home under our yew tree, ably assisted by Charlton's children. And we checked the Bug Castle that we built last year.

Four villagers attended the Eco Church Deanery Day in Harnham. This took the form of a fair, with stalls from local eco-friendly organisations, including A Rocha, Broken Bridges Nature Reserve, Fair Trade, Harnham Parish Eco Churches, Salisbury Cathedral, Church Care and Wellbeing Walks. It has given us some new ideas.

Our annual Village BBQ is on Saturday 19 July from 5pm. This year we have a Treasure Hunt in the Church and Churchyard with questions for all ages, followed by a traditional BBQ meal with meat and veggie options and lots of salads which will be ready at 6pm. We are holding the ticket price at £10 for adults, 5-14s £5 and under 5s free, to encourage as many as possible to come along to this community and family event. Tickets from Clare Penny on 07555 298 548. See you there!

*Clare Penny, Churchwarden Charlton All Saints*

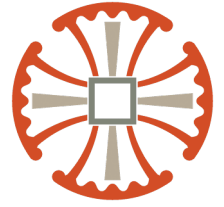
### ECO church news

Great progress has been made in achieving the bronze award for ECO church at Charlton All Saints- now working towards Silver. See eN&N for more info!



# Church Services

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



## July 2025

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

<b>6 July</b> <b>3rd Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
	6.00pm	Songs and Sausages	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
<b>13 July</b> <b>4th Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Family Communion	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Charlton All Saints	Roddy Voremburg
<b>20 July</b> <b>5th Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Ruth H-S
<b>27 July</b> <b>6th Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
<b>3 August</b> <b>7th Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor

See the e-Bulletin or church notices for August services.

## Clergy Team

<b>Team Rector</b> ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley:	01722 697 022
<b>Team Vicar</b> ~ The Revd Alison Waterhouse:	07904 034 221
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<b>Associate Priest</b> ~ The Revd Maggie Metcalfe:	01722 325 825
<b>Team Administrator</b> ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead:	07890 262 376



## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – July 2025

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



<b>6 July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Songs and Sausages	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Britford	Kate Woolven Maggie Metcalfe Alison Waterhouse Biddy Trahair Ruth H-S Ruth H-S
<b>13 July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Worship Together Parish Communion (CW) All Age Service Morning Prayer (BCP) Evening Prayer	Bowerchalke Nunton Broad Chalke Hub Homington Alvediston Charlton All Saints Fifield Bavant	Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Lay Led Maggie Metcalfe Biddy Trahair Rhoddy Voremberg Biddy Trahair
<b>20 July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Animal Service Compline	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Fifield Bavant	Kate Woolven Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S Kate Woolven Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Ruth H-S
<b>27 July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Berwick St John Homington	Ruth H-S Alison Waterhouse Adrian Taylor Vernon White Alison Waterhouse Lay Led Rhoddy Voremberg
<b>3 August 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Morning Service Parish Communion (CW) Family Service	Broad Chalke Britford Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Odstock	Alison Waterhouse Maggie Metcalfe Tony Monds Biddy Trahair Sally Leaver Maggie Metcalfe Adrian Taylor

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Biddy Trahair: 01722 780666, Rhoddy Voremberg: 07785 304142, James Wardroper: 01722 718152



## Help make the Stars Appeal's 20<sup>th</sup> Walk for Wards a 'walk to remember'

The Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, is calling on the community to help make its 20<sup>th</sup> Walk for Wards a "walk to remember".

Walk for Wards, the charity's annual sponsored walk, takes place on Sunday, July 6, at Wilton House. Registration closes on Sunday, June 29.

Helena Sinclair, of the Stars Appeal, said: "This year marks our 20<sup>th</sup> Walk for Wards and we are calling on the community to join us to celebrate this milestone and make this a walk to remember. With a choice of 3k, 5k, 10k or the new 15k walks, live music from local musicians, and a chance to picnic on the Wilton House lawns, it's a truly special way to support the Hospital's Charity. Over 1,600 walkers have already registered and there's still time to sign up."

Money raised by the event helps fund Stars Appeal projects across Salisbury Hospital including state-of-the-art equipment, enhancements to buildings, and the charity's ongoing projects like the Stars Appeal Wi-Fi and support for people with cancer.

To make this milestone year extra special walkers can also enjoy live performances throughout the day. Performers include *Salisbury City Band of the Royal British Legion*, *Sounds Better Singers*, *Sock Puppet Jukebox*, *Wyndham St Mark's School Choir*, *Lucas Hardy*, *Wilton Band*, and *Tom Clements* from *Tom & the Clementynes*.

Register for free at [www.starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards/](http://www.starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards/) or call 01722 429005.

# Get Flood Ready - 23rd July 4.30 pm

## Your Invitation

You are warmly invited to join us online for a meeting with [Flood Tec](#) and [Flood Kit](#) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 4.30 pm.

These businesses will not be selling any product, nor is Wiltshire Council endorsing them over and above any other business. However, their involvement in the November 2024 Get Flood Prepared event at the Guildhall in Salisbury proved invaluable to many members of the public who visited that day, and we would like to invite them back to offer you advice and direction on how to get flood prepared in 2025.

The Environment Agency will also join us at the meeting.

We hope to provide you with opportunities to raise your queries and concerns regarding how you can get 'flood ready', whether as a resident, business or community organisation.

Please see the attached flyer below for more information, and let us know if you can attend via the QR code or by emailing me.

**Kind regards**

Karen Linaker

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# GET FLOOD READY

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**Wednesday 23 July 2025**



**4.30pm**



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# Bring A Picnic and Not A Barbecue



If British Summer Time and warmer days mean you will be visiting one of Dorset and Wiltshire's local heathlands or outdoors spaces to enjoy the wildlife and wilderness, please take a picnic.




Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) is encouraging residents and visitors to bring a picnic and not a barbecue when out and about. Warmer and breezy weather increases the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces.

A wildfire can move at speeds faster than an Olympic sprinter, so we are asking everyone to follow some simple steps:

- ⇒ If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call the fire service on 999 immediately, with as much information as possible.
- ⇒ Consider downloading and using What3Words to identify your exact location.
- ⇒ You can also help by reporting any anti-social behaviour on our heaths and open spaces to the Police on 101.

Landowners and land managers are also advised, where possible, to be prepared for fires and ensure that fire breaks are cut and well maintained with any cut grasses and vegetation removed from the site.

For more information on heath fires and countryside safety, please visit our website [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Heath fires and countryside safety](#)

 <b>DORSET &amp; WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE</b>   <b>DW Fire Protection</b>	<b>Incidents involving lithium-ion batteries are increasing.</b> Never leave devices or equipment with lithium batteries charging unattended or in escape routes. Always dispose of batteries safely at designated collection points or recycling centres.	
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# THE CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME

**exists to provide transport and other good neighbour support in a local, personal and friendly way to members of the Chalke Valley community who need it.**

If you live between Bishopstone and Bodenham, and need help getting to your medical appointment, local shopping or visiting family members in hospital, please phone:

**The Joint Co-ordinators on 01722 718780**

**Roger Brown, Jenny Monds or Debby Underhill,  
who will be on duty in rotation.**

There is no charge but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs. All our co-ordinators and drivers are volunteers, and there may occasions when you will be asked to leave a message, which will be answered. Please give us as much notice as possible to find an available driver.

We are always looking for Volunteer Drivers to enable us to continue to provide a useful service for the community. If you feel you can help – you won't be committed to any particular date or time, only when you are free – please contact any of the above for further information.

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# Police Crime Commissioner



## Wiltshire PCC hears views of young people at Youth Commission workshop

**Y**oung people had their say on policing priorities and issues in Wiltshire at a session attended by Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

Members of the Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Commission met with PCC Philip Wilkinson this week to discuss policing in the county, as well as share plans to carry out workshops in schools and conduct surveys amongst other young people around what drives crime and vulnerability.

The Youth Commission, which is run by Participation People on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), represents young people across the county and ensures that young people's views and experiences are reflected in the work done by the OPCC and Wiltshire Police.

During the session, the group discussed how to effectively reach out to young people and the importance of providing preventative and alternative pathways for those on the edge of criminality.

Mr Wilkinson said: "The Youth Commission's role is to gather information and data from their peers so we can have informative and positive discussions about how my office and Wiltshire Police can provide a better service and proactively engage with young people in the county.

"It was great to be able to have such open and honest conversations with the young people and hear about their plans to gather the views of their peers. I very much look forward to seeing the responses from their upcoming survey.

"Taking the views of the Youth Commission and the young people they represent on board will serve us well in the future to make further positive strides in the work we're doing, as well as directly deliver priority one of my Police and Crime Plan, a police service that meets the needs of its communities."

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Evie, 12 said: “This is a really great opportunity for us to speak out for other young people to give them a voice when speaking to the Commissioner. I really enjoyed being part of the mini police in primary school and this lets me continue to have a say.”

Jake, 12 said: “From the age of 10 children and young people can come into contact with the police, so it’s important they have a voice in policing and that is what we are aiming to do.”

A spokesperson from the Participation People Delivery Team said: “Partnering with the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner on the WYAG project has been nothing short of incredible.

“From the passion and drive shown by the young people to make a real-world impact, through to the OPCC’s commitment to truly listening to future generations and acting on their feedback. The collaboration has been inspiring!

“Through interactive workshops, focus groups and independent research, the WYAG young people have developed a comprehensive action plan for Wiltshire and Swindon Police to address the issues that matter most to them – from tackling institutional racism to addressing the peer pressure that can lead young people to offend.

“It’s projects and partnerships like this that remind us exactly why we do what we do – and highlight the real power of meaningful youth engagement fostered by co-production and community.”

To find out more about the work of the Youth Commission, please visit the [OPCC website](#).

*Philip Wilkinson*

*Police and Crime Commissioner*

# Cyber Security



## TIP 1 HAVE STRONG PASSWORDS

**Your password is the key to your online life. Make sure it's strong.**

Simple passwords can easily be guessed by criminals. Don't use words personal to you (sports teams, pets, family names etc.) and never share them with anyone! Always have a different password for your email.

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❗ To create a strong password simply join three random words together. You could add uppercase letters, numbers and symbols to make it more secure. You can also store passwords in your browser.

## TIP 2 USE ANTIVIRUS

**Antivirus is your first line of defence. Make sure you use it, and it's kept up to date.**

Viruses and malicious software (malware) can infect any device (computers, phones, etc.). Once malware is there, it can lock you out, steal your information or even watch you in your home! Antivirus protects against malware.

❗ Most systems have antivirus built in, so make sure you're using it. Also, consider installing extra antivirus on all of your devices (this can be free). These check everything coming into your device and will alert you if anything tries to infect your system.



## TIP 3 ALWAYS UPDATE SOFTWARE

**Vulnerabilities are like holes in your device's systems. Updates and patches fill the holes in.**

Software is never perfect. Often it has vulnerabilities or holes that criminals can use to access your systems. When a vulnerability is found, the software developer creates and releases an update or patch to fix the problem.



❗ Always update or patch your software as soon as you're prompted to ensure that it remains safe and secure. Set your phones and tablets to automatically update.

## TIP 4 ALWAYS BACK UP DATA

**Make copies of things that are important to you. Keep these copies safe.**

Your files, contacts and photos may be some of the most important things on your computer. If your computer were to break, or become infected, having a safe backup means you don't lose them.

❗ Regularly copy your important information to external storage like external hard drives, USBs or clouds storage. Keep these separate from the originals. You should also set your phones and tablets to automatically back up your data.



## TIP 5 TURN ON TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (2FA)

**Two-factor authentication (2FA) proves you are who you claim to be online.**

Passwords can be stolen by cyber criminals. However, accounts that have been set up to use 2FA will require you to input an extra 'factor'. This will be something only you can access like a code sent to you by text, or generated by an app on your device. So even if a criminal knows your password, they won't be able to access your accounts.

❗ Where available turn on 2FA on any accounts that contain important or personal information. Go to [www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware) for instructions on how to set up 2FA across popular online services.



## TIP 6 BE CAUTIOUS USING FREE WI-FI

**Public or free Wi-Fi isn't secure. Someone could be monitoring everything you do.**

If a Wi-Fi network is free or available to the public, then anyone can be on it and watch the traffic sent between your device and the internet. This means they could steal passwords, emails or even banking details. Also, be careful using apps that automatically login without you having to enter your password.

❗ Be wary using free Wi-Fi for anything you don't want a stranger to see, and consider keeping Wi-Fi turned off unless you need it, or use a VPN.



# Cyber Security

## TIP 7

### THINK TWICE BEFORE CLICKING ON LINKS OR ATTACHMENTS

Clicking on unverified links or attachments can give criminals access to your devices.

Emails or texts you receive may contain attachments or links you are asked to click on. If you do, you're bypassing security you have in place. If the message was from a criminal, they can then infect or gain access to your device.



- ⚠ Double check before you click on links. Make sure you can verify where they came from. Call the sender to check it's genuine. If in doubt, don't click on it.

## TIP 8

### CHECK WHAT YOU'RE SHARING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Unless you're careful on social media, you could be sharing personal information with the wrong people.

Social Media is great to keep in touch with friends and family, but unless you've checked your privacy settings you might be telling more people about your life than you intend. Be aware that once it's online it will be there forever in one form or another.

- ⚠ Be careful who can see what you share online, ensure your privacy settings are set to a high level. Never share private information (like your address or school) on social media. Make sure your family follow the same advice.



## TIP 9

### ALWAYS QUESTION REQUESTS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Criminals will tell you all sorts of stories to get you to part with your money or your data.

Whether face to face, over the phone or the internet, criminals will lie to pretend to be someone they're not. They could impersonate police officers, the tax office, your bank or anyone who you might trust in order to steal your data, or your money.

- ⚠ Never give information to anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Always take time to verify their credentials through a trusted source.



## TIP 10

### REPORT ALL FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME TO ACTION FRAUD

It's important all crime is reported, cyber crime is no different.

Even if you didn't lose money, you should still report every instance of fraud or cyber crime you're targeted by. Every report assists police investigations, disrupts criminals, and reduces harm. Reports are also used to identify crime trends and create awareness campaigns to help protect people against them.

- ⚠ Report online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.
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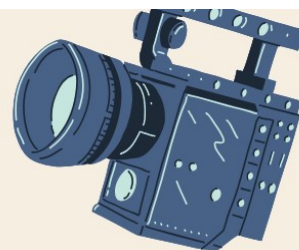
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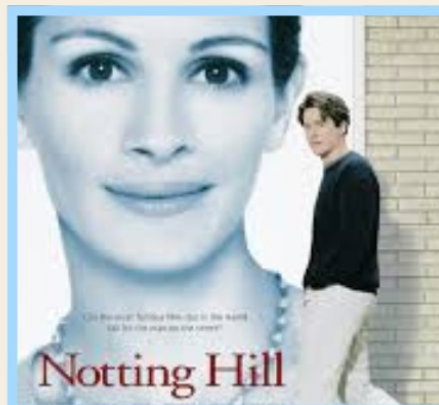
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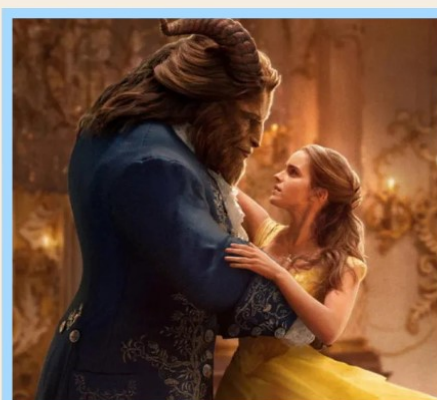
**OVERBOARD**  
Tuesday 5th August  
Run time - 112 Mins



**NOTTING HILL**  
Tuesday 9th September  
Run time - 124 Mins



**JURASSIC PARK**  
Tuesday 7th October  
Run time - 127 Mins



**BEAUTY & THE BEAST**  
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