

News and Notes

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

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April ay? Follows March and, since the beginning of calendars, has traditionally fallen precisely before May. I have no doubt many people have their birthdays in April, like my father for instance, the Gribbens Snr of Nunton, as well as the late Queen Elizabeth II. The beginning of the month is kicked off with a day of fools. Not quite a full day, but up until 12pm you can do whatever you wish in the name of foolery. My sister was also married on this very day of fools, not so much of a joke and more of a “til death us do part.” scenario, but that’s a story for another time perhaps.

What have we rustled up for you in this here edition? We are more than delighted to announce, might go so far as to say cock a hoop, as FINALLY the community has decided to get behind raising some proper funds for the five villages. Auditions are being held in the Radnor Hall on 1st April - for a fabulous take on the film Calendar Girls (quick search on the world wide web will fill you in here, should you be lacking in detail), centre fold (of a calendar?) is still up for grabs but I hear there are plenty of contenders. Should you have nothing to hide your modesty behind, Jonny and Orpheus have tirelessly gathered vases and wheelbarrows as well as squash and marigolds (flowers AND gloves!) so nothing, in essence, shall be revealed.

Having covered the most pressing news and notes on the agenda, we may now turn to content, as seems to have become the form. You won’t believe your thoughts when you get your eyes round this edition. Things are so out of the ordinary and right into the extraordinary, you’ll be staggered, like Jeremy Clarkson so very often is. Enjoy!

Coming at you this month - the fresh princesses of the WI and their shenanigans, Martin’s getting hot and bothered, Orpheus has gone wild, The Reverend Ruth is revved up about the rising, and Trubbers uses all the words ever to give us the lowdown on the Parish Council, what they’ve been doing and an update on how many runways are planned for Bodenham Airport.

Thanks for reading

Marelka & Jonny

Community News

April 2024

This month's Community News feels a little light, but nonetheless Hartley. There are things going on in and around Les villages, of course there are. There's Easter, April Fools and I have no doubt there'll be other things too, we just don't necessarily fully know about them.

Happy Birthday Betty

Top of the NVP leader board this month is Betty the pudding aficionado of Nunton, as featured in our [April 2023 Spotlight](#). Betty is 102 years young on the 6th of April. All of us here at the News and Notes, and I am sure everyone throughout the five villages, wish her many happy returns and salute every one of the years she has collected.

Chain Saw Thriller

Daniel Grigg writes that he would like to donate some time to the community by offering free hedge cutting to those in need in Odstock and Nunton. This, he says, must come with the caveat that "I am by no means at a professional (paid for!) level but I have a petrol powered beast of a hedge trimmer I use at home and thought I could help out anyone local who can't do it themselves or can't afford to pay for it to be done" Should you wish to take him up on this, please email him at: danielsgrigg@icloud.com

Defib Down in D'ton

Should you not know how to use a defibrillator (or indeed pronounce it correctly) do head down to Downton Memorial Centre, Bonvalot Room on the 16th April, from 6-8pm. There the Community Heartbeat Trust shall be demonstrating all things defibrillator for one and all. If this is something you consider to be even slightly up your Strasse, please contact Susan: admin@downtonparishcouncil.gov.uk so that she might book you a place.



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Paula Gribben

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Focus on Food

Getting Hot and Bothered

If you're looking for inspiration in April, and let's face it, we're all looking for inspiration, I have something for you. The Bristol Fire School, run by Genevieve Taylor, live fire cook, teacher and author of a dozen cookbooks devoted to cooking on fire. With titles like 'Charred' and 'Seared', you know what page she's on from the outset, plus she's a really lovely gal who clearly loves sharing her passion and knowledge with everyone.

The school operates out of her back yard, packed with BBQ rigs, from Fire Pits and Weber's to Kamado Joe Kettles. She takes a small gathering of eight students, boys and girls, all with a passion for flames, some novices, some dyed in the wool, so it's a small class where you get lots of attention and no question is too stupid. You also get to find out where to source the best charcoal the country has to offer, in fact you come away packed with new knowledge and a sack full of confidence.

We cooked and ate so much food, an astonishing array of different dishes I would never have even contemplated previously, and certainly would never have attempted. But now, step aside, we're coming through with the Baked Feta, lemon thyme and garlic, Smoked Mussels with breadcrumbs and thyme, Grilled Cod with chermoula, Stuffed, Rolled Bavette Steak, Smoked Hasselback potatoes, Salsa Verde. And that wasn't even the half of it. We even baked a Roast Orange and cardamom polenta cake to perfection and scooped it with lashings of Greek yoghurt.

I've been cooking over fire for at least 10 years but would be the first to admit that you can teach an old dog new tricks, and the timing couldn't have been more perfect, just a few weeks ahead of our Pop Up, here at Longford Farmhouse on the 12th and 13th April. I know a lot of people mock the idea of the barbeque being the bloke's domain, with a beer in hand, not a lot between the ears and a sharing platter of carbonated meat at the end, but I know that isn't the case.

Genevieve was a quiet demon with the coals, deft of tongs, slowing the pace and introducing the idea of control into the proceedings, turning stress and worry into the joy of communal participation, collaboration, encouragement, bliss.

So, the clocks have changed, Spring is in full flow, the garden beckons and you're up for a new challenge. Grab a copy of one of Genevieve's books, 'Seared' for meat, 'Charred' for vegetables, 'Scorched' for fish, order some sustainably coppiced charcoal from Black Fox in the New Forest, invest in a Weber kettle BBQ, or a Big Green Egg if you're feeling flush and crack on with having the best time of your life in the comfort of your own back yard.

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SECOND

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Hasselback potatoes, salsa Verde

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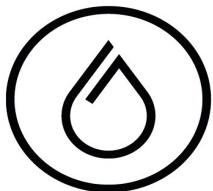


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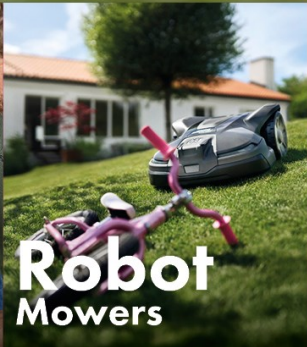


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Gate Keepers

Or could you volunteer for an hour or so to be part of EbbleFest's welcome team? We'll need a crew on the day from 1.30pm to 7.30pm.



Stall host

Another fun way to get involved is to help run a stall... that could be overseeing tickets sales for things like "Barrow of Booze" or "Plot the Plop". We would be thrilled if you're able to help.



Raft Race

Stewart Ford has been captain of the raft race for 20 years but 2024 will be his final voyage. Could you join Stewart in steering this year's race on **Sunday 30 June**? And then be "ship-shape & Bristol fashion" to take the helm in 2025?!

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PARISH COUNCIL ROUNDUP

The Parish Council is made up of Community members who look to maintain, improve and enhance the area within the Parish boundary. Our responsibilities, reach and authority are clearly defined and we seek to fulfil the needs of the villages and community through budget management, direct action and access to and liaison with other agencies and Wiltshire Council directly. This may be a rather lengthy roundup of what we have/will be doing which I hope will become easier to read (and produce!) with regular production.

So what have the Parish Council ever done for you?

Current and recently complete projects include:

Speed Monitoring – installation and monitoring of speeds (especially between the A338 and the boundaries) by the resourcing and fitting of the Speed Monitoring Device. This device not only shows speeds to drivers immediately but also records a lot of data that is regularly analysed to see if further speed control measures need to be implemented. This, alongside the good work of our Speed Watch volunteers, allows us to feed into a wider network of data that compares driver behaviour. It may seem as though traffic tears up the roads, especially as a well known access run to the hospital, but our data shows that we have one of the lowest excess speed issues within the region. Monitoring will continue and trends watched for with further action if required.

Jubilee Gardens – you will have seen the good work at Jubilee Gardens (as a result of direct action by Council Members) resulting in a more open and accessible area. We hope that it is enjoyed by all especially as the weather improves. Further work is on going to update facility and safety and the provision of a rubbish bin with an emptying schedule is close to completion. We appreciate that there are concerns for safety when vehicles park on the blind corner and measures are going to be put into place post consultation with the Community Policing Officer and the Highways agency.

Nunton Playing Field – we hope that you are all enjoying the use of the field and the continued use by Youth Football Teams from the Downton Club. Their efforts in sustaining facilities for these youth teams and their close liaison with the Council is appreciated. We do monitor the overall effect on the area which remains Longford Land but available to the public and the effect of parking within the village with action taken to lesson overall damage and maintain safety.

The Parish Council also realise that the field is popular with dog walkers/exercisers but remind all owners of their responsibilities with regard to clearing up their pets mess! It is an offence not to clear but it is also most important to do so as it is an active sports facility and there are obvious and documented health risks if fouling is not removed. Common sense, decency (and the law) prevail so please clear up and let the Council know if you see repeat offenders.

Litter bin – as per Jubilee Gardens, we are looking to put a general rubbish (not dog mess!) bin into the field. This too will be emptied regularly and we encourage its use (not abuse) once fitting is installed.

The play equipment has been provided by Council funding and action. It is monitored for safety and integrity so if you see issues then please let us know. In the meantime we hope that it is enjoyed whole heartedly by the (younger) members of the community.

Continued

Finally – linked to the amount of traffic (both Farm and Private) along the Drove, it is noted that there are regular “Parkers” in the entrance to the gate. This does cause obstruction and should not happen although there is no posted restriction at the moment. We ask that you avoid parking in the gateway and that if you note persistent use of the space that details be passed along so that we can formally ask people not to park there. This in turn will allow farm vehicles to maintain access to the Dairy etc and hopefully minimise further damage to the verges and property.

Odstock Play Area- this too is provisioned by and maintained by your Parish Council representatives. The current poor state of play equipment is acknowledged and new, more robust facilities are on the way!

Parish Steward activity – you may have noticed a van with “Parish Steward” on the side around the villages. This is the physical support we get once a month from Wiltshire Council for jobs that need to be done around the Parish. The remit of the Parish Steward is to carry out work associated with carriageways and footways adjacent to the road, including drain clearance, minor pot hole repairs, treatment/removal of weeds and clearance of storm and accident damage. If you see work that fits into these categories then please let us know (Communication address is at the bottom of this feature)

Alongside this – it is noted that there is a staggering increase in the severity of pot hole and road delamination within the Parish boundary. Sadly we are not alone although the Council have made representation to the County (alongside many other areas) which get given priority from Trowbridge. We try to effect temporary repairs but budget and facilities are limited – if you see/experience further road degradation then you are encouraged to report them through the Wiltshire Council App.

Community De-fibrillators - the first Community De-fib has been installed at the Radnor Arms for some time now and hopefully this fact has been widely acknowledged. The second De-fib machine will shortly be installed at the Yew Tree in Odstock. If you should need to use either device, get to the location, dial 999 and say that you need a De-fib code and state the location (details will be on the cabinets although the Radnor Arms box has been wiped for the moment. A more permanent marking system will be put on) and then remove the kit for use. Please note that the machine will not do CPR (a good skill to have a working knowledge of as it does take quite a bit of effort to do effectively) but it will monitor your actions and give instruction where necessary. It is loud and direct – don’t be afraid of that as they do help to save lives. If you should have cause to use the machines, please let us know so that we can replace the required components ready for the next time.

Parish Notices - you may have seen the recently refurbished and installed Parish Notice board in Odstock by the old phone box. We are very grateful to Stewart Ford for his efforts and skill here and encourage the community to use it. Access is through the Parish Clerk (contact details at the end). We are now looking to do the same for the Nunton and Bodenham boards in due course.

Planning and the grand schemes - as a Parish Council, we hear the initial planning applications within the parish boundaries and then our comments are passed to the Planning Authority. Whilst we do not have the final say on these matters, our comments are noted and taken into consideration. We also look at the regional planning schemes and their possible effect on our community although we have no more say of influence upon the final decision making.

Finally, if you need to contact the Council with information or requests, please use enquiries@odstock-pc.org.uk or, for direct information share and use of the Parish Notice boards, clerk@odstock-pc.org.uk. Any reports for Wiltshire Council (pot holes etc) can be made the My Wilts App.

More soon - **Cllr Chris Trubshaw**

Plant of the Month



April



My plant of the month isn't one plant at all but rather a collective of the beautiful, tough and wild. No, not the Radnor Players, but much like them; Wildflower meadows popularity is at an all time high, and rightly so. Our pollinators are in drastic decline and they need as much help as we can give them. A wildflower area isn't an act of altruism however, they are, for my money, the best return on investment the garden can give you. They flower for most of the year, are drought tolerant, they thrive on poor soil (so nothing spent on plant food) and they put on a stunning display year after year. "But aren't they a lot of hard work to maintain?" I hear you cry over your morning coffee, nothing could be simpler. You cut them down once a year (usually September but I like to keep them around until nearly the end of October)- the only thing you need to do is remove the cutting because like I said, they prefer poor quality soil so we don't want them to mulch down once cut. And that's it. No staking, no deadheading, no pest spray and no weeding needed because they outcompete just about everything.



Now isn't the time that they are in flower but it is the time to sow. This is very straight forward. If you are turning a large portion of lawn, first mow as low as possible then, with a scarifier (You can hire these for about £70 delivered to your door) scarify the whole area until you see a fair amount of bare earth. If you've a smaller area giving it a very thorough raking will do just fine. Mix your wildflower seed with dry sand and sow the seed evenly. Rake it lightly then compact it (I just walk all over it). And that's it. If you've already got a bare straggly patch you can get straight to the sowing stage. Simple as that. The second year is when they really start to hit their stride so have a little patience. If you don't have the time to do this now, you can do this whole procedure in Autumn instead. The only thing I'll add is that the idea of wildflowers only being in a meadow can put a limit on what and how we can fully utilise them. You can have wildflowers growing in pots. Along fences, roadside or in any area that is hostile towards the more delicate herbaceous perennials. So why not give it a go? Little clumps of these joyful, easy to manage flowers can only be a good thing.

Happy Gardening!

Orpheus - Co-Editor

WI Report

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI Report

March 2024

Forty four members were out in force on Monday to attend the WI's AGM. Monthly business was covered swiftly and members were reminded of the internal group events and invited to sign up for an Ikebana Workshop on April 29th and a Theatre visit to Alan Ayckbourn's 'A Chorus of Disapproval' on May 15th. Members were warmly thanked for the 30 Easter bags of goodies donated for the Salisbury Foodbank. The flower of the month competition was well supported and won by Anne Waight.

The AGM followed. The Treasurer, Eileen Lattimer, presented and proposed a) adoption of the Annual Accounts which was seconded by Sue Bourne and b) that Adrian Taylor continue as our Independent Financial Examiner, which was seconded by Sally Hadley. The Secretary, Rosemary Stephens gave The Committee's Annual Report, a summary of the year's events, and the president, Hatty Hillier, thanked everyone for the help and support they gave the WI and asked that the Annual Report be adopted. This was unanimously agreed. The three officers above plus Carol Stratton and Mary Boydcamps agreed to remain on the committee. Debby Underhill was proposed by Jilly Bulpitt and seconded by Rose Stephens and was voted onto the committee. Susie Appleford resigned and was thanked for her service and presented with a pot of grape hyacinths.

Everyone enjoyed a chat over coffee and then settled back to enjoy a talk on 'The Wonderful River Stour' given by Ron Taylor. This was a captivating account of history and nature all laced together by the river. Historical figures appeared - like the Hoare family dynasty from Stourhead; John Constable and his paintings of Gillingham; Thomas Hardy and his summer house at Sturminster Newton and the Bankes family who owned Corfe Castle, the Isle of Purbeck and Kingston Lacy. Did you know that King Alfred beat the Danes at the battle of Ethendun, near Bourton, and became the first King of Wessex; or that the infamous smuggler, Isaac Gulliver, hid his contraband at Fiddleford after it was transported up the river from Christchurch. Who knew that all Tolstoy's early banned works were printed in Tuckton and then smuggled back to Russia or that Doctor Crippen was the lover of the manageress of The Crooked Beam Restaurant at Iford! All this and much more – thank you Ron for a fascinating trip down the river.

Our next meeting is on April 8th at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham, when the talk will be on 'The History of Fairgrounds'.

Ruth's Rev Up

Happy Easter 2024

Jesus Christ is risen today! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Traditionally during Lent we do not use the A-word in church; we don't say 'Alleluia!' because Lent is a time of penitence, contemplation and reflection rather than celebration. Our churches are muted without the usual floral displays and on Maundy Thursday we remove all the altar frontals stripped the altar bare.

But now we come to Easter and it is time to shout with joy – 'Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen!'

Easter is the most important festival in the Church's year. It is even more important than Christmas. The birth of Christ, the incarnation when the Son of God comes to earth as a tiny baby, is of course important! It is central to the Christian faith that God was made man; that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine, and that through Jesus' humanity God fully understands our human frailties. And yet this important event isn't even mentioned in Mark's Gospel.

However, it would be impossible to have a Gospel at all without Easter. It is the central tenet of Christian faith that Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose again on the third day to save us and the whole of humankind from our sins. That God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that we may have eternal life.

It is no wonder that we celebrate on Easter morning!

But Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter is a time when we are faced with the whole gamut of emotions within a few short days.

Holy Week starts with the celebratory feel of Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey to shouts of 'Hosanna!' from the crowds.

However, just a few days later we come to the anguish of Maundy Thursday when, after celebrating the Passover feast and sharing bread and wine with the disciples, Jesus was handed over to the Jewish and Roman authorities. And then to the devastation of the crucifixion on Good Friday. It appeared to the disciples that it was all over; that Jesus the man they had come to believe was the Messiah was just another man. All their hope was gone.

But three days later the world turned on its head – Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by the disciples who could truly shout out to the world with great joy, 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!'. The devastation of the last few days turns to joy and celebration!

So whatever emotion you are feeling at the moment, I hope that you will be able to join in with the celebration of Easter!

Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The Reverend Ruth, our Rector

News from the Pews

April 2024

Goodness, it's April and we really don't need any April showers this year! Easter is 'early', on 31st March, so this may just about reach your inbox/letter box in time to remind you of our 11am Easter Sunday service at St Mary's, Odstock. You might even find a few chocolate treats there! A further date for your diaries is 28th April when we will hold our APCM after the 11am family service at St Andrew's.

Lent has been a time of reflection and we are grateful to Debby Underhill for organising our study course in the Orchard on Monday afternoons. She was also busy organising the Lent lunch which raised over £700 for Rise 61 – if you would like to know more about this local charity, please look at their excellent website Rise61.org.

In contrast to Lent, Easter is a time of celebration of the risen Lord and we continue with the celebration right through until Pentecost on 19th May. These are exciting times in the Church calendar.

We are also very pleased to welcome The Reverend Alison Waterhouse as our new Team Vicar on 1st May when she will receive her licence at All Saints Church, Broad Chalke. Our team will be complete – a truly amazing achievement for a rural benefice. Thank you to all who were involved in the recruitment process. Do keep an eye on our church services page to see when she will be officiating in our local churches – she has got a lot of villages to get to know!

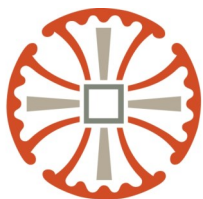
Don't forget, you can join us at CreativiTea in the Barker Room. We are trialling a 'new' date – the third Thursday of each month, so in April this will be on 18th between 2pm and 4pm.

Stephanie Elcock and Mary Boydcamps -Churchwardens.

CREATIVITEA

Thursday 18th April 2-4 pm
Barker Room, Nunton

Do you want to learn to crochet? Having a struggle with some knitting? Or just fancy a game of scrabble? Join us for tea, cake and a chat in the Barker room for a Creative Tea! Bring your ideas of how we can be more creative.



Church Services

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



April 2024

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

7 April 2nd Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Britford	Jenny Taylor
14 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion Morning Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S Ruth H-S
21 April 4th Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
28 April 5th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service +APCM	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor
1 May Philip & James Apostles	7.00pm	Licensing of The Revd Alison Waterhouse as Team Vicar	Broad Chalke	The Bishop of Ramsbury
5 May 6th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor

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Team Rector ~ The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley: 01722 697 022

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Team Vicar ~ Vacant

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Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262 376



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – April 2024

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



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21 April 4th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion +APCM	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Ruth H-S Tony Monds Jenny Taylor Tony Monds Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S
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SALISBURY STREET SELLERS

Celebration of local makers and producers plus fun family activities
Salisbury Market Place
10am - 4pm

Exciting themes every second Sunday of the month

14 April Dino Day	11 August Olympics
12 May Bushcraft	8 September Farmyard Fiesta
9 June Pet Lovers Sunday	13 October Spooky Sunday
14 July Summer Fete	



Salisbury Street Sellers to return next month

We are delighted to announce that Salisbury Street Sellers will be back this year with more artisan and arts and crafts stalls, exciting activities and food and drink vendors. Running every second Sunday of the month from Sunday 14 April until Sunday 13 October, 10am to 4pm it brings huge amounts of fun for all the family.

Salisbury Market Place will be bustling with stalls showcasing a fantastic range of vintage, artisan, arts and crafts and other handmade products. From jewellery and art to jams and gifts, Salisbury Street Sellers supports local makers and provides a unique shopping experience.

There will be a different theme each month kicking off with the very popular Dino Day on 14 April. Young dinosaur fans will be taken back to the Jurassic period with a dino-dig, workshops and a dinosaur meet and greet. Other great themes to look forward to include Pet Lovers Sunday on 9th June and a Farmyard Fiesta on 8th September.

Whether you are an established trader, have a small home business or a hobby making craft items, the market is a relaxed and cost-effective place to sell in the heart of Salisbury. Salisbury City Council is particularly keen to encourage and support small enterprises and business start-ups so Salisbury Street Sellers gives you the opportunity to be a street seller, with prices starting at just £12.

If you would like to be a stall holder at Salisbury Street Sellers, please complete the application form on our [website](#):



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Learn, Laugh, Live AND A WHOLE LOT MORE



YES, Spire u3a does offer members a monthly get-together, with refreshments and a speaker. But it also offers a whole lot more. The modest annual sub includes a quarterly magazine and frequent newsletters so members always know what is going on.

Spire u3a also runs a range of Interest Groups (e.g. French, Scrabble, Creative Writing, Choir, Digital imaging, Book clubs etc.) and social events that usually involve food or drink.

We have a zoom licence so we can meet, without leaving our armchairs if we want to, PLUS a huge choice of free online lectures and learning opportunities.

The National Learning Programme offers puzzles, competitions and about ten lectures per month - at no charge.

The online platform u3a Communities offers all u3a members with inquiring minds the opportunity to take part in regular, lively meetings on a range of different topics, especially Sci-tech topics. Also free, it attracts u3a folk from across the world.

For a small fee IGO (u3a Interest Groups Online) extends the range even further so if you fancy some informal learning about something that is not on offer locally you can join others with similar interests. Wine Appreciation, Russian Conversation, Military History, Cryptic Crosswords, Astronomy, Extreme Knitting.....

If you are no longer in full-time work come and say hello at the Memorial Hall, Harnham.
Monday April 8.

Artist, Joanna Dewfall on the History and Practice of Mosaic.

Doors open 10am.

No entry fee.

<https://myu3a.org/spire/index.htm>

Police & Crime Commissioner

Villages and rural areas not immune to threat of child exploitation

I was astonished to learn recently that those criminal gangs who groom and exploit children and young people to carry out criminal activities on their behalf are now using virtual rewards to take advantage of them.

This takes the form of credit in online video games, so no longer must parents only be on the look out for new trainers, designer clothes and expensive technology if they're worried their child is being exploited, but also online enticements such as avatars and virtual currency.

Children and young people are especially vulnerable to being exploited by criminal gangs because of their age and the harm caused to themselves, their families and their communities can be devastating with violent incidents often escalating.

That's why my office has backed the 'Check Your Children' campaign developed by Owen's World, a charity set up by family and friends following the death of Owen Dunn who was fatally stabbed in Swindon in December 2022.

Owen was carrying a knife at the time of the stabbing, and now his family are asking parents and guardians to look out for any signs that their children may be involved in knife or gang crime.

We've developed a video to explain the signs of exploitation, the reality of serious violence in Wiltshire and where they can seek further guidance and advice if they're concerned.

We often think of drug and knife crime happening in our city and bigger towns, but our villages and more rural areas are not immune from the threat of county lines and serious violence, and sadly nor are the children and young people that live there.

So, my plea to parents, guardians, grandparents, and other caregivers, please 'Check your Children' don't shy away from asking the difficult questions of your children and seeking support from schools, police, Crimestoppers and the NSPCC if you need it.

To watch the video and find out more on how to keep your children safe click [HERE](#).

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