

MOMSS MAGAZINE



Autumn Patchwork
by Anne Farmer

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to your 'new look' magazine. At the front there are all the interesting things to do, see and learn about: the farm, the sky, the invasive moths, walking, gardening, music, books, history, travel and social. Don't worry, all the regular village events follow in their sections. However, in order to have a Community Magazine, community input is required. PLEASE do not hesitate to submit an article, but do remember we have a limit of 300 words. Some articles are necessarily longer, some can be split over 2 months, but do consider whether 'huge thank yous' to a long list of people is the best use of vocabulary.

The Committee are delighted to announce that MOMSS has a reprieve, options are being explored to enable us to continue to provide a printed MOMSS magazine to every home in our villages. The main reason for the existence of MOMSS is community cohesion - Facebook will tell you of events, but it is not the same as your neighbour walking up the drive 11 times a year.

Gill Wilkinson, Editor

TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE MOMSS&G VILLAGES THERE IS STILL TIME!

We would love to have your drawings for the cover of the December edition of MOMSS. Drawings should be of some part of the Christmas Nativity story, preferably done in coloured felt tips on plain white A5 size paper.

Please put your name, age and phone number on the back of your drawing and give it to one of the MOMSS team (below) or post it to Isobel Davis, West View, Fore Street, Othery, Bridgwater, TA7 0QQ (opposite Maisey's Bakery). We need them by **Sunday 12 November** so that we can choose which to use.



*The MOMSS Magazine Committee,
Richard Graham, Anita Winslade,
Jane Stryker, Isobel Davis and Gill Wilkinson*

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FARM DIARY

This is written for non-farmers who live surrounded by farmland.

In the Field. A harvest report was requested. 2020 was one of low yields. Followers of Jeremy Clarkson will know he had a profit from 1,500 acres or so in the Cotswolds of £150 approximately. Throughout the country the yields and thus profits were extremely low due to the dry summer. 2021 and 2022 harvests were very good throughout the country and in 2021 the costs had not started to rise so big profits were made. By 2022 input costs had started to rise and so excellent yields produced profits lower than the year before but still very respectable. This year's yields were mediocre and input costs were the highest this author has ever known and so it is expected that profits will be down again. Such is the life of a farmer. As with the rugger or cricket internationals, one has to take the rough with the smooth. Come November most autumn drilling will be complete as well as crop conservation which will have ended with the maize harvest.

Technology. Readers of the national press may be aware that in San Francisco there are two companies that have driverless taxis on the streets. They rely on cameras all around the vehicle along with a host of electronic controls to navigate safely. Down on the farm in deepest Somerset, we have had auto steer tractors for a decade or more. If you look over the hedge, you can tell the farmers with such ability as the rows of emerging crops will be arrow straight. Our main tractor was changed in the summer and it has self-steer ability which relies on a neighbour's base station and our driver's mobile phone. Steering on modern vehicles is fully hydraulic and so lends itself to remote control. The accuracy is stunning and repeatable from year to year at about plus or minus an inch. The driver remains with the vehicle. This accuracy increases efficiency of operation with for example fertiliser spread more accurately. Overlapping and misses are a thing of the past. We have added this facility to our farm sprayer with its 21 metre booms.

It helps to be computer literate now to drive this tractor and sprayer. We might add it to the combine as one cannot tell accurately where the edge of the table or header is. Ours is 15 feet wide. A full header at all times will add to efficiency here. The combine already has a GPS receiver and on-board monitoring of yield and moisture so that at the end of the field the SD card can be removed and put in our office computer to display a yield map of the field. Poor areas can be examined and/or treated. It is exciting down on the farm.

Richard Graham

MOTHS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE EAT THEIR WAY TO BRITAIN

In my book of insects, there are 7 pages of butterflies with 6 to 8 butterflies per page. In addition, there 57 pages of moths with 10 per page.

This moth is not in my book. A friend's son with an app on his iPhone told us it is a Box Tree Moth. It has almost translucent wings with a regular brown boundary and a 40mm wingspan. It came to Britain in 2007, which is why it is not in my book. It is a scourge of box plants and several neighbours have lost their plants. It is prevalent all over the south of England and has even reached Scotland. For control measures google it. *Richard Graham*



SKY AT NIGHT November 2023

Sunrise Sunset: Beginning of Nov 7.04am-4.45pm; End of November 7.51am-4.08pm

Moon Phases: Last Quarter 5th / New Moon 13th / first Quarter 20th / Full Moon 27th

Planets: Jupiter is at its closest to Earth on 1 November but is at opposition on the 3rd and visible all night long. It is a bright unmistakable sight. Try using binoculars to spot its four brightest moons. Saturn sets at 11.30pm, then at 3am Venus appears in the east shining brightly.

Constellation: The Plough, Saucepan or Great Bear is low in the north sky now almost standing on its tail. The two stars at the end of the saucepan point to the star Polaris. People expect this star to be extremely bright being the North Star but isn't really, although it will direct you north if you are ever lost. Look at the middle star in the Great Bear's tail - can you see two stars? There are three here looking through a small telescope.

Phenomena: The peak of the Leonid meteor is on the night of 17/18 November. The Moon will not be a problem and we are due a proper Leonid meteor storm soon, so go out and see how many shooting stars you can see.



SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU. The main talk is to be given by the club treasurer Richard Kilbey on *The Southern Skies*, this is along with a night sky guide and all the latest news from the world of astronomy and spaceflight. £3 visitors (includes hot drinks), membership available. The meeting is also on Zoom for a small donation. For details and Zoom link contact somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com. Follow us on Facebook. Paul Adamson 01823 698156

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LEVELS AND HILLS WALKING GROUP

We are a walking group that was formed after the demise of the Othery Society. We organise a walk a month throughout the year, research by members and subsequent reconnoitre to lead the walks and book an eating place for lunch.

It was me and my wife Jan's turn to lead a walk in August this year. We decided that a walk we enjoyed a few years ago was worth another look. The area we chose was Ham



Hill near the village of Montecute. It is the largest Iron Age Hill Fort in the British Isles and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

The walk was 5.2 km, approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes in duration. En route, we saw the War Memorial and a stone circle which was erected in the year 2000 to

celebrate the Millennium,. All the stone used came from the nearby quarry which has been in use as far back as Roman times and is still in use today. Many houses in the local area are constructed from the same stone.

The route continued out towards some Time Stones, on out across open fields and returning past an old Lime Kiln, eventually returning to the car park of the very popular pub, The Prince of Wales. It was here we previously booked lunch for the walkers and a very good meal was enjoyed by all. Suitably refreshed we made our way home.

Our October walk will take place at Steart Marshes on 26 October.

If you would like more information on the group, please contact me at the address or telephone numbers below.

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GARDENING CLUB AT OTHERY 🦔🦔

All are welcome to come along to hear Laura Batt's talk on Hedgehog Awareness on Tuesday 14 November at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. Laura regularly gives talks on behalf of Prickles Hedgehog Rescue based in Cheddar.

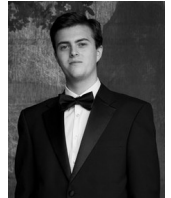
There will be a charge of £3 for visitors, children free, and refreshments will be available for a small donation. There will also be some hedgehog related merchandise on sale for gifts and early stocking fillers.



Lesley Stanford

MUSIC IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OTHERY

Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm sees the welcome return of talented classically trained tenor, Gregory Steward. Gregory will be singing a new and varied repertoire from musicals, opera and classical pieces including some to get us in the mood for Christmas. Gregory who lives at Shapwick, graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama with a first class honours degree in Music. He attended Wells Cathedral School, has performed with Somerset Opera and sung with Tenebrae, the BBC National Chorus of Wales, the choir of St John's College Oxford and at many other well known concerts. Tickets cost only £12 and will include a drink and cake in the interval. All profits from this event will go towards the upkeep of the church. If you wish to purchase a ticket please contact Pat 01823 698156, Iris 01823 698243 or Isobel 01823 698119 or email isobeldav@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available on the door but it helps us with catering if you prebook. Under 18s free.



Pat Adamson, Secretary Othery PCC

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

**Free Concert Sunday 26 November at 3pm
St Mary's Church, Main Rd, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP**

Thrill to the sound of brass in the fine acoustics of this wonderful church with **Wallscourt Brass Quintet** with seasonal music from composers ancient and modern by Handel, Horowitz, Ewald and Gabrieli. The Quintet consists of Ailsa Bailey and Stephen Bodiley on trumpets, Dave Gee on horn, Alice Bodiley on trombone and Philip Chidgey on tuba. For this concert, it is joined by John Bodily on organ.



The group repertoire ranges from light jazz at country fêtes to formal performances at official engagements. This programme has been chosen to compliment the church acoustic which is best suited to classical music, but with some lighter numbers for variety.

Refreshments are available at a modest charge from 2.15pm until the start of the performance. In order to help with the artists' and other costs a raffle is held. In addition, donations are encouraged. It costs around £400 to put on a concert.

Up to now we've never exceeded the church's capacity and never had to turn anyone away, BUT please note, seats are available on a first come, first served basis. From time to time, you may need to *budge-up!*

Any further information contact:

*Frank Challenger 01278 699071
email: f.challenger@icloud.com*

BOOK GROUP AT OTHERY *Violeta* by Isabel Allende

Violeta is ostensibly a letter detailing her life from a hundred-year-old narrator to her grandson. It begins in 1920 with the Spanish flu epidemic and ends in 2020 with Violeta about to die. Violeta is born to a rich family, members of Chile's governing class. However, its security is destroyed by the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the Depression that follows. Some members of the Reading Group who had read other books by Isabel Allende were somewhat disappointed by this particular book whilst others who had never read anything by this author really enjoyed the story and the writing. One comment was that there was too much going on so it was difficult to keep up with it while another suggested that there was not enough depth. However, I would definitely recommend the author although perhaps not this particular book.

The November book is *Leonard and Hungry Paul* by Ronan Hessian. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Martin Wall, martinwall1@mac.com. We meet in the evening on the 1st Wednesday of the month.



Scilla Tempest

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Shapwick Starlets	7.30pm	Second Tuesday	Village Hall, Station Rd, TA7 9NJ
Westonzoyland	7.15pm	Second Wednesday	Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ

Local times can vary so it is best to contact Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

Westonzoyland WI

In our November meeting, on Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm, there will be a demonstration, and hopefully a tasting, of chocolate making. This will appeal to all chocoholics! So, if you fancy a night out with the girls, come and meet us. We welcome you. Should you want any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson, Secretary, on 01823 698429.

Gill Wilkinson

GARDENING IN NOVEMBER (from the RHS) **Winter is on its way**

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, keep supplies well topped up.

Top gardening jobs this month:

Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds

Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging

Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year

Prune roses to prevent wind-rock

Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well

Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden.



WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION



The next meeting is on Wednesday 8 November in Othery Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our speaker, Chris Copson from The Tank Museum and formerly of the Keep Museum will examine the actions of the Dorsets in the Gallipoli Campaign. They landed at Suvla Bay on 7 August 1915 approximately 800 strong and almost immediately were plunged into action. On 21 August they attacked the Hetman Chair position. Although they forced the Turkish front line they could not achieve a breakthrough and by the end of the day the effective strength of the battalion was approximately 280. They received some reinforcements and continued to fight both the enemy and conditions, from extreme heat to extreme cold. On 30 November three officers and 138 other ranks were hospitalised as a result of a storm. On 15 December the battalion were evacuated from the peninsula. Everyone is welcome to attend, both WFA and non-members alike. We ask for a modest £5 on the door to defray costs. This will include a free tea or coffee and a raffle ticket for entry into the prize draw. Please feel free to join us. Anyone researching their family history, have a look at the links from the WFA website or on Youtube. Poppies will be available to buy at this meeting. *Pat Adamson, Secretary, 01823 698156*

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Together with St. Michael's Church we hosted a wonderful open afternoon on Tuesday 3 October. Our parents and staff provided a range of delicious cakes, and we were lucky enough to welcome many villagers into school. Our eldest children offered guided tours.

We received much positive feedback about the children, the welcoming atmosphere and our school environment. We also managed to raise a magnificent £191 on the day which was topped up to £225. Thank you to all who supported and attended.

Bonanza Creative

The children were taught about the dangers of the poisonous gas, carbon monoxide through an interactive workshop. They learnt how to detect the signs and symptoms and what to do if they are concerned. The presenter, Becky, was very impressed with the children's knowledge retention from last year.

Other Enrichment Opportunities

Later this month we will be welcoming Premier Education into school to work with the children and teach them some archery skills. Dragons Class will also be developing their tag rugby skills over a six-week period following half term, through coaching with Premier Education. Dragons Class are off on their visit to Glastonbury Abbey to enhance their learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings whilst Unicorn class will be welcoming Animals 2 U to supplement their learning in science.

Looking ahead, we will be focusing on our Nativity and all things Christmas. We also look forward to singing at the Middlezoey Chapel in December.

If you have a couple of hours spare and would like to support with reading in school, or have a hidden talent for knitting, textiles or crochet, please contact Miss Braithwaite, in the school office on 01823 698464. She will be able to give you more information about ways you can support the children.

Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher

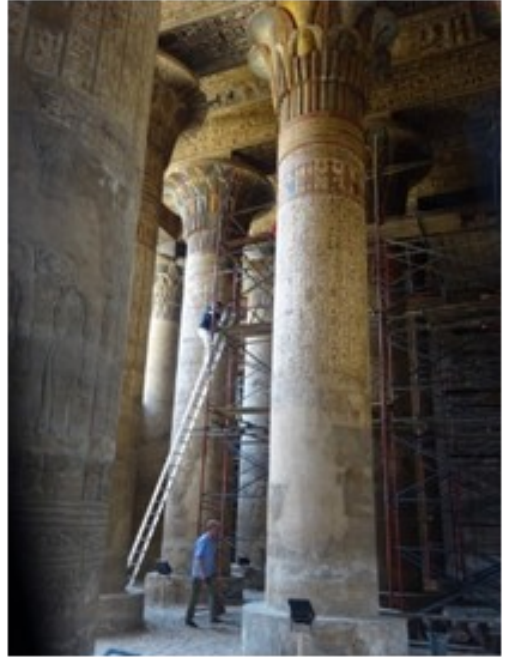


VISIT TO AN EGYPTIAN TEMPLE

We have been to Egypt several times on various archaeological projects and have just spent a week in Luxor.

The reason being that for the past four years we have funded (www.ancientegyptfoundation.org) the cleaning of a unique astronomical ceiling at the Temple of Khnum at Esna, 60km south of Luxor. The only surviving part of this Graeco-Roman period building is the hypostyle hall, the entrance to the main temple, which supports the roof with 24 columns forming three rows, all heavily decorated and covered in text inscriptions. The ceiling is divided into seven zones and is about 140 feet high.

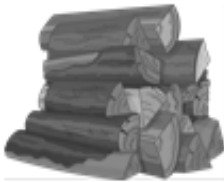
Part buried in sand and debris the temple was saved from demolition due to its being a useful place to store cotton which was traded from the port at Esna and sent far and wide. Even until the 1950s the building



Pillars in the temple of Khnum, the ram-headed creator god who fashioned mankind on his potter's wheel

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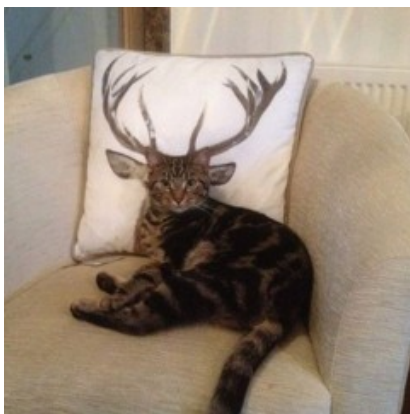
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remained half buried in sand, when a French Egyptologist Serge Sauneron (1927-1976) cleaned the exterior walls and discovered the richness of the temple's decoration. The remarkable astronomical ceiling is one of only two surviving in Egypt today, the other being at Dendera. Not only a wealth of extraordinary and beautiful astronomical imagery has appeared but also astrological zodiac, complete with all the signs with which we are familiar, depicted in minute detail and stunning colour. We gasped with delight when we craned our necks to look up at the restored ceiling. No colour has been added. The original pigment colours have emerged from under thick layers of soot and dust accumulated over a period of thousands of years when

fishermen lived in the temple and lit fires to roast their fish and keep warm. The main revelation is the lunar cycle which is depicted with the images of the waxing and waning moon shown in two rows. The clarity of design and colour is startling as it had been a blur of faint traces when first seen. It is truly miraculous. The work has been carried out by a team of experts both Egyptian and German under the supervision of Professor Christian Leitz from the University of Tuebingen in Germany. Young conservators are being trained so that this delicate and important work can continue as more wonders of the world are discovered in Egypt.

Olivia Temple

TO RAISE A SMILE



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GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

GREINTON CHURCH

An informal public meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22 November to discuss the future of St. Michael and All Angels, Greinton.

The meeting will take place in the church.

Archdeacon's Office

VILLAGE EVENTS

Our annual Barn Dance took place on 23 September. For the first time in several years we had a live band which seemed to go down very well and a great evening was had by all. Thank you to everyone who made the event such a resounding success.

Apologies to anyone who was disappointed that the village hall was not unlocked for the pub night on 6 October – a severe lack of communication among the committee! However, the pub night should be back on again on the first Friday of the month as usual, 3 November.

There will be a brief Act of Remembrance in the church on Sunday 12 November (Remembrance Sunday) starting at 10.45am. It will last about 30 minutes and all are very welcome. If you would be prepared to read, please let Toby Crispin know as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the Mouse Racing we were hoping to run on 18 November cannot now take place and is cancelled. On Wednesday 22 November there will be a Public Meeting in the church, starting at 6.30pm, to discuss various options for the future of the church. There will be several representatives attending from the diocese – this will be your chance to have your say.

Looking ahead into December, there will be a Bingo Night in the Village Hall on the evening of Friday 1 December, starting at 7pm. On Sunday 17 December there will be a Christmas Singalong in the church starting at 5pm. This is not a carol service, but a mixture of seasonal songs, music and readings to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Once again, volunteers to read, or suggestions for appropriate readings/music will be welcomed with open arms. Finally, we hope to get a small band of minstrels together to go round the village singing carols. Full details in next month's magazine, but this will probably be on the evening of Friday 22 December.

For further village information check the Greinton Village in Somerset Facebook site.

Toby Crispin

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CHAPEL AND CHURCH A detailed list of services is on the back cover

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Remembrance Day Service The Annual Village Remembrance Day service will be held on Sunday 12 November in Holy Cross Church. It will be led by Rev Deborah Kirk and commence at 10.45am. Wreaths will be laid at the memorial plaque by local organisations. Individuals are also invited to lay a wreath.

Return of Joyful Spirit Gospel Choir

On Saturday 25 November the Joyful Spirit Gospel Choir return to Holy Cross for an evening of festive gospel music. This will be their 3rd visit to Middlezoy and the previous concerts have been thoroughly entertaining with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Tickets, £10 for adults and £2.50 for children of school age will be on sale at M'zoy PO. Contacts: Ian Campbell 01823 698790, Gill Wilkinson 698429, Sarah Blake 690042.

Middlezoy PCC

LEVELS METHODISTS CHURCH NEWS

Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

Don't forget that the Chapel space and Back Room are available to hire. There is a bookings form on the website <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings/> or you can email middlezoychapel@gmail.com, or speak to Josh Thorogood.

LANGPORT FOOD BANK

Unfortunately, the needs of the foodbank do not diminish. If you wish to donate, please leave at the church, at the village coffee morning or the porch of 11a Main Road M'zoy.

MIDDLEZOY COFFEE MORNING

We are again this year having some visiting stall holders in the run up to Christmas:

- 6 November Somersata designs with lots of handmade items
- 13 November Jodie Tidball with his handmade wooden houses/bird boxes etc
- 20 November Cecily Slade and friends with their array of handmade products
- 27 November Rachel Smith with Enamel Jewellery and Cath Radford with many handmade items.

4 December the Village Craft group will display and sell items they have been making. Monday 11 December will be the final coffee morning of 2023. We will have the local school children entertaining and hope to be in a position to make some donations to village organisations. We will also have a Christmas raffle for a charity yet to be chosen. We will resume the Monday coffee mornings on 8 January 2024. *Jill Darby*

MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

If you are aged 60 years and over and a resident in the village you will be receiving an invite for the senior citizens' Christmas lunch soon. If your partner is also a village resident but is not of qualifying age, you may bring them along at a cost of £15. This will take place at the village hall on Saturday 2 December. If you have not received an invite by 10 November, please contact Jill Darby on 01823 698000. *Jill Darby, Chair*

MIDDLEZOY COMMUNITY SHOP

New Opening Hours:

Monday & Tuesday	8.45 – 1pm	1.30 – 4.30pm
Wednesday	8.45 – 11am	
Thursday & Friday	8.45 – 1pm	1.30 – 5pm
Saturday	8.45 – 12noon	
Sunday	CLOSED	



NEWSPAPERS: A reminder to collect your ordered paper by 12 noon, (unless you advise us beforehand) any left will be put back on the shelf.

MEAT PRODUCTS: We stock Regency Butchers Westonzoyland sausages, bacon and cold meats. Regency butchers will also deliver other products they sell, but these need to be pre-ordered by 4pm Tuesday for delivery on Friday.

CHRISTMAS: We have decided not to hold a Christmas raffle this year but instead throughout November we would like customers to buy something from the shop (perhaps something of a treat?) and donate it into the box (which will be there in November) for the local food bank.

POST OFFICE: I am sure most of you are aware that Linda has finally been able to leave our Post Office to continue her career in other fields. A huge thank you to Linda for holding on for so long (months), so that we could continue to keep our village post office!

A big Middlezoy welcome to Tracey our new Postmaster who started at the end of September and we all wish her luck and fun times in the future! Luckily, we are holding on to Laura for 2 days a week – Thank you both.

Many thanks for you continued support!

Sally Roulson

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Sunday	CLOSED	



Middlezoy has a new Postmaster along with the new opening hours.

A brief introduction for those whom haven't met me - my name is Tracey, I live in Meare and I have worked as a Postmaster for just two years. However, I have financial and legal experience that goes back to 1994.

I also run Compton Dundon Post Office alongside Middlezoy and have assisted the City of Wells in keeping their Counter Services by being their Postmaster from July 2022 to Feb 2023 single-handedly.

You will see either myself or Laura (yes, she agreed to stay) serving you.

I would like to remind you of services we offer here at Middlezoy:

Mails – Stamps, Letters, Parcels

Drop & Go – For those of you that regularly post and fancy having an account

Returns – QR codes – Home Shopping and more ...

Banking – Withdrawals and Deposits, Personal and Business. Cheque Deposits, Change Orders

Currency – Next Day Foreign Currency Orders

Local Collect – Parcel collection service.

Last Xmas Posting Dates UK:

Mon 18 December 2nd Class, 2nd Class Signed For

Tues 19 December 1st Class, 1st Class Signed For

Fri 22 December Special Delivery Guaranteed*

(*Guaranteed Saturday Delivery Extra Fee)

2 October 1st class price increase: letter 100g £1.25

2nd class no increase: letter 100g £0.75

I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Tracey

M'ZOY COMMUNITY PROJECT

MCP have plans for the autumn and winter season. The regular Friday night bars continue from 5-9pm, usually with food available from our favoured suppliers, Fancy Fish and Chips, Oggy Oggy Pasties and Country Bumpkins. If you have never been down to the hall on a Friday night, give us a try, you will get a warm welcome and the drinks and ticket prices are incredibly reasonable.

On 2 Dec we are holding another Clive's Fun Music Quiz. Teams of up to six at £5 a head. Bring your own nibbles and sing along to the music. Book a table ASAP as it is always popular. There are prizes!!

Then 9 Dec we host a Slade Tribute Band for a festive night of 70s and 80s Glam Rock. Dress like Noddy or Dave? The bar will be open both nights.

As a response to requests for a New Year's Event we have decided to hold a 'Bring your own food and drink' party for adults and accompanying over 14s. Places are limited so again make up a party and book a table or two. £5 a head.

Sally Evans

PREMISES LICENCE

Miss Izabella da Silva is applying for the Grant of a Premises Licence for Wynns Hill Farm Shop, Burrowbridge, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA7 0SG.

The Licence if granted is to enable the following activities to take place: sale of alcohol off the premises. On the following days ***[Friday 10:00-16:00, Saturday 10:00-16:00 & Sunday 10:00-15:00]***

Any person wishing to make a representation in relation to this application must do so in writing to by ***15/11/2023*** and send it to; Somerset Council, Licensing, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR. Representations may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice.

A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is available on our website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/business-economy-and-licences/licensing/recent-licence-applications/> Alternatively, a copy is kept by; The Licensing Unit, Somerset Council, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR. The application can be viewed Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm. Not including bank holidays.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is £5000.

Date: ***19/10/2023***

OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Volunteers always welcome – if you would like to help with events or the Friday night bar - please contact us. otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk or 07958 006 403.

Future Events

Village Christmas Party – Sunday 10 December. More details to follow.

New Year's Eve Party – Sunday 31 December. Tickets £5 per person. Dress to impress.

Filled rolls on sale to keep energy levels up while you dance into the wee small hours.

Tickets for all events are available via our website/email /phone or text 07814 754 127 or 07958 006 403.

Regular Events: Thursday 10.00am Toddler Group; 7.30pm Short mat bowls;
Friday 11am Pilates; 7pm Bar night.

Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

Email: otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk

CLASSIC VEHICLES ROAD RUN

Despite the poor weather keeping some of the classic cars safely tucked up in their garages, we had a good day with 22 iconic classic vehicles lined up on the field at the top of the village, with thanks to John Davies for making it available. A good number of villagers came along to view and were out on the road watching as the cars went by at the start of their

50 miles circular route via Wells, returning to enjoy a scrumptious pig roast bap and a cuppa. To try to avoid clashes with other competing events next year's Road Run will take place on Saturday 7 September 2024. *Isobel Davis*



HARVEST SUPPER

There was a real buzz to the evening right from the start. A very happy and successful Harvest Supper was held in the village hall on 25 September with a bountiful meal provided by Karen Dyer and her team. When we were all suitably replete Anthony Betty and his team of runners entertained us with a very lively and productive auction, which raised £360 for Parkinson's UK plus £90 given in donations. Thank you to all who provided goods and flowers for the auction and raffle and to all who came and made it such a special evening. *Isobel Davis*

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MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

MOORLINCH CELEBRATES THE HARVEST

On Saturday 23 September a small band went up and skilfully dressed the church in autumn finery with flowers, greenery and lots of harvest produce - with the star of the show being a large but very carvable pumpkin. Many people donated non-perishable items for the Bridgwater Foodbank.

On Sunday evening we enjoyed a different sort of Harvest Thanksgiving with poems, readings, hymns and reflections, all washed down with cups of local cider and to the joyful sounds of Adge Cutler. At the end of the service, we enjoyed a ploughman's picnic, Somerset apple cake and, of course, some more cider.

Monday saw us 'strip' the church and take all the produce down to the Ring o'Bells (thanks to Trish and Clive) for our traditional Harvest Auction. Many more items were brought along and thanks to our astute

and cheerful auctioneer, Alex McNeill and his 'assistants', we all enjoyed a lively evening, bought, and sold the pumpkin several times and raised money for both the church and church hall.

A few days respite and we were back in the hall for our harvest supper. Wonderful food, excellent company, some games and a raffle all made for an enjoyable village evening.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who donated, decorated, cooked, bought goodies and cleared up afterwards, we managed to raise funds for both the church and hall and provide some much-needed provisions for the Bridgwater Foodbank. Moorlinch at its best.

MCC and MCHC



CHURCHYARD CLEARUP

A goodly band of helpers armed with loppers, saws, secateurs and bags turned up on Saturday 14 October to clear up the church and hall grounds. A lot of work got done, the Coronation Commemorative trees were planted and a lot of green rubbish got burnt. Thanks to all who took part.



STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ZAC'S CHARITY 'CHOP'

The day of the 'chop' was incredible! although there were many absences due to illness.

An amazing total of £1,250 has been raised for the Little Princess Trust, Against Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer UK charities. At the time of writing, money was still coming in. My sacrificed locks will go to make a wig for a child suffering hair loss.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Zoe Wyatt for doing the big chop, and styling it afterwards!! So hence I will have to say if you're looking for an amazing hairdresser/barber Zoe is the best person to go to!!

Thank you to everyone who donated, sponsored and managed to arrive, enjoy cake, drinks and the raffle and the rather comedic auction, I didn't know Jim was an auctioneer?! I think my event was amazing and has shown what a spectacular village this is.

We cannot forget about the amazing the local companies:

Leather and Lace Bar and Grill

Lonsdale Plant Nursery

Rich's Cider

Gwilliam's of Edington

Dave Apple Vale Alpacas

Thank you for the vouchers and donated gifts for this very special cause!



Zac Lawrence

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Sunday 12 November 3pm, we remember those who died from Stawell and Sutton Mallet during the 1st World War, the 2nd World War and the Cyprus conflict. We are helped in this again by the presence of the Burtle Silver Band who usually bring a bugler for the last post and reveille. We are indebted beyond imagining to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Wednesday 15 November 5.30pm, Moorlinch with Stawell and Sutton Mallet PCC meets at The Manor, Stawell to discuss the Deanery Synod's proposals for the future deployment of stipendiary clergy in the deanery amongst other matters.

Saturday 18 November 10 to 12noon

The monthly coffee morning is at Karl and Di Allen's 3 The Old Apple Store. All welcome.



Christmas Bingo 25 November 7pm for 7.30pm

There will be Prize Christmas Bingo with Turkey Bonanza at Stawell Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 7.30pm.

We are asking for donations, festively themed if possible, for prizes, which can be left at Old School, Stawell. If you are unable to deliver, do phone Ruth on 01278 722914.

There will be festive refreshments available.

Come along for a fun evening.

Ruth Peberdy for the Church Committee

WHO WEARS WINS

A fabulous fashion extravaganza showing clothing from nearly every decade of the 20th century took place in Stawell village hall, on the weekend of 16 and 17 September. The fashion exhibition was to raise funds for Green Door Families, who are based in Street. The charity responds to the practical needs of those in the local community in need of support.

During the spring, residents were asked to hunt in their wardrobes and attics for items of clothing which they had worn in their youth or had been worn by relatives. What came out was a superb collection of clothing, spanning the decades, from the turn of the century onwards. The items included flapper dresses from the 20s, a 1930s gown, suits and dresses from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, handmade shoes, iconic Laura Ashley dresses, and an amazing array of wedding dresses. The men also joined in with a John Travolta-esque suit, army dress uniforms and even a leather car coat and top hat.

The organisers then had the logistical problem of locating enough mannequins and tailors' dummies to show off all these finds. Special thanks go to the Vintage Shop in

The Avenue Bridgwater, Walton School and individuals who lent dressmaking dummies.

It all helped to make an extremely professional event. Despite the questionable weather, the exhibition was well attended and many visitors joined in the spirit of the occasion by arriving in their own vintage clothing or by wearing something quite outrageous. Special thanks to 'Sky' who appeared dressed in a peacock outfit, complete with tall boots and Japanese Anime Cute Girl mask, you 'wowed' all those present!

Thank you to all who helped and donated. £560 was raised for the Green Door Families.

Kay McDonald



David Hall receives a cheque for £560 on behalf of the charity from Margaret Williams, one of the organisers of the event.

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

GREINTON THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

Wednesday 22 November 6.30pm

An informal public meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22 November to discuss the future of St. Michael and All Angels. The meeting will take place in the church.

Archdeacon's Office

TIME TO RE-MEMBER



I am shortly leaving Bath and Wells for a time to serve as interim Acting Diocesan Bishop in the Diocese of Coventry. You may know that the city of Coventry saw some very heavy shelling during World War 2, which resulted in the destruction of the Cathedral.



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A new Cathedral has since been built and stands alongside the old

ruin as a testament of hope. Though different

in style, there's a harmony of old and new. It shows us where conflict can destroy, peace can be found as we seek to live together as the people of God.

This marrying of modern and traditional styles of architecture helps us to consider how we fashion the

life we are called to live as Christians in our communities. It is not that we put aside our differences nor require others to conform to our own shape or form. Rather we recognise the value of listening fully to others and learn to hear the voice of God.

Determining to value the worth of each contribution and discerning together a faithful walk with God.

This season of Remembrance encourages us to look back and to value the contributions of those who have gone before us, giving their lives in the service of others. It is not about glorifying the concept of war and conflict but the desire to establish a peaceful world for all. As we look back, so we are invited to look forward and commit to establishing a world where all have a place and where the Prince of Peace, Jesus, is our example.

Coventry is the home to the Community of the Cross of Nails. A community of reconciliation based around the cross fashioned by iron nails found within the ruins of the Cathedral following the fire. Its mission is to live out the practice of peace-building, encouraging people across the world to learn to be reconciled with themselves and one another, as they find reconciliation with God, through Christ.

As I leave here, I do so with plenty of memories, many happy, occasionally sad. Often the latter are those where I have got things wrong and failed to live up to my calling to be the grace-filled child of God I long to be. So, if I have let you down, I am sorry and please pray for me, as I will for you, that God continues to reconcile us to Himself and to one another.

And as we hold our acts of remembrance this month, may we become re-membered (put back together), as the people of God.

+Ruth

Rt Rev Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily:

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer.



FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding:

The marriage of **Lynn Mosley** and **Peter Edwards Sterling** was celebrated at Holy Cross Middlezoy on Saturday 21 October.



Funeral:

Clifford Dennehy passed away suddenly on the the 7th of October, a funeral and burial will be held at Cothelstone Church at 2pm on the 3rd of November for anyone who would like to attend, followed by family only wake. Family flowers only please. There will be a collection pot at the church for donations for the air ambulance service.



BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP

Please do not think you have to be a member of the local churches as we are very willing to pray for anyone who asks. The prayer group feel it is needed so please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing middlezoyprayers@gmail.com. *The Prayer Group*

COMMON WORSHIP READINGS AND LESSONS FOR SERVICES

The services chart is on the back page of the magazine

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
November 5 Sun	Fourth Sunday before Advent	OT: Micah, chapter 3, verses 5 to 12 (end) Psalm: 43 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2, verses 9 to 13 Gospel: Matthew. chapter 24, verses 1 to 14
12 Sun	Third Sunday before Advent (<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>)	OT: Amos, chapter 5, verses 18 to 24 Psalm: 70 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4, verses 13 to 18 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 25, verses 1 to 13
19 Sun	Second Sunday before Advent	OT: Zephaniah, chapter 1, verses 7 and 12 to 18 (end) Psalm: 90, verses 1 to 12 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 25, verses 14 to 30
26 Sun	Sunday next before Advent (<i>Christ the King</i>)	OT: Ezekiel, chapter 34, verses 11 to 16 and 20 to 24 Psalm: 95, verses 1 to 7 Epistle: Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15 to 23 (end) Gospel Matthew, chapter 25, verses 31 to 46 (end)
December 3 Sun	1st Sunday of Advent (<i>Common Worship Year B starts</i>)	OT: Isaiah, chapter 64, verses 1 to 9 Psalm: 80, verses 1 to 8 and 18 to 20 Epistle: 1 Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 3 to 9 Gospel: Mark, chapter 13, verses 24 to 37 (end)

USEFUL INFORMATION

DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINES

From the scene of an incident, call 999, ask for Ambulance.

Ascertain the condition of the patient. If a defibrillator is required, to obtain the code to open the cabinet give the following information about the nearest machine.

Call sign

Greinton Phone Box	TA7 9BW	CHT-RT-1583	
Middlezoy Chapel	TA7 0NZ	SC0253	
Middlezoy Village Hall	TA7 0PG	SC0254	(machine at car park end)
Moorlinch Farm	TA7 9BU		
Othery Village Hall	TA7 0QU		
Stawell Village Hall	TA7 9AD		(temporarily out of action)

Within 200m of a defibrillator they can give you the code to open the cabinet on post code alone, farther away the call sign is required.



FOODBANKS

Any donation is appreciated and will reach the people who need it.

DONATION POINTS

Middlezoy: Holy Cross Church, Village Coffee Mornings or Meadowbank, 11a Main Rd.

Othery: St Michael's Church Porch.

Moorlinch: Spring Cottage, Pit Hill Lane, Moorlinch or St Mary's Church Porch.

Stawell: The Old Post Office, Stawell

Cash Donation: By contacting the relevant Foodbank you can make either a single or a regular donation. If you are in a position to give via Gift Aid, the Foodbank will be able to claim back the tax you have paid on this.

To obtain assistance from a Foodbank you need a referral from: Citizens Advice Bureau: Clarence House High St, Bridgwater, TA6 3BH 03444 889623 or your Village Agent, local GP surgery, schools, health visitors and social workers.

Bridgwater Foodbank can be contacted by email info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk or phone 01278 434636 or 07804 119273

(Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays).

They will help put you in touch with one of the agencies that can help with a referral.

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MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Please advise momssgeditor@live.co.uk of amendments/additions

ANGLICAN CHURCH INFORMATION

Priest-in-Charge

Rev Andrea Harwood 01458 443239 vicarmomss@gmail.com

Sunday mornings, Tuesdays and Wednesdays plus half a day on Saturdays (by arrangement)

United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

Parish Auxiliary Lay Ministers

Mervyn Winslade (Othery); Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Mervyn Winslade 01823 698368 and Margaret Harris

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 01458 21 1096

Stawell contact: To be arranged

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

Minister: Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

Local contact Jill Darby 01823 698000

Bookings Josh Thorogood 07548 096519 josh.avalonesa@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: Anne Farmer 01458 210393

Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Chairman: Philip Jay

Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Middlezoy: The George Inn 01823 698215;

Shop 01823 587222 open Mon, Tues 8.45am-1.00, 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 8.45am-11.00am,

Thurs, Fri 8.45am-1.00, 1.30-5pm, Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

P.O. 01823 698981 open Mon, Tues 10.00am-1.00, 1.30-4.30pm, Wed closed,

Thurs, Fri 10.00am-1.00, 1.30-5pm, Sat closed; Village Hall 01823 698366

Othery: School 01823 698464; Othery Village Hall 01823 690482

Moorlinch: Ring O'Bells 01458 210358; Church Hall 01458 210755

Stawell & Sutton Mallet: Village Hall 01278 723665

Greinton: Village Hall 01458 210277

POLICE: Emergencies only tel: 999 ; Non emergencies tel: 101

CRIMESTOPPERS: 8am-10pm Weekdays 0800 555111;

NHS: Tel: 111

DISTRICT PCSOs: Georgia Coles 07889 659466; Ben Simpkin 07889 659932

VILLAGE AGENTS

To contact a Village Agent ring 01823 331222 and they will find the most suitable person to deal with your query. Referrals can also be made via doctors' surgeries.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The recycling and rubbish collections for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY & OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Thursdays 16 November, 7 December

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Middlezoy: Mondays 6, 20 November, 4 December

Othery: Thursdays 2, 16, 30 November

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 November

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Wednesdays 1, 22 November

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Thursdays 9, 23 November, 7 December

RECYCLING CENTRES

Winter opening hours

9am-5pm weekdays and 9am-4pm weekends.

Full details of each site, location, opening times, materials they will accept etc. can be found at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres

MOBILE LIBRARY Taunton Area, Route P

The service continues every 4 weeks on Friday

Next visits: 3 November, 1 December

Stawell Village Hall

10.10am - 10.40am

Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction

10.55am - 11.15am

Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop

12.20pm - 1pm

For further information about reading books online contact Libraries Direct on 0300 123 2224 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries



SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES THIS MONTH

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
November 5 Sun	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St. Francis, Stawell
12 Sun Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 10.50 am 3.00 pm	Village Remembrance service Village Remembrance service Village Act of Remembrance Village Remembrance service Village Remembrance service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St Michael's, Greinton St Michael's, Othery St Francis, Stawell
19 Sun	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
26 Sun	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Prayer and Praise All Age Worship All Age Worship Circuit Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Church, M'zoy
December 3 Sun	10.00 am	United Benefice Advent service (with start of POSADA journeys and Recommissioning of United Benefice Ministry Team)	St Michael's, Othery