

# MOMSS MAGAZINE

## **FROM THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE TO BE OR NOT TO BE? THAT IS THE QUESTION! MOMSS MAGAZINE OR NO MOMSS MAGAZINE ?**

Thank you to the few people who managed to get to us their survey forms or emailed to our [momsssub@outlook.com](mailto:momsssub@outlook.com) site by 15 September.

We have only received 75 'Yes to Sub' replies so far but how many more have not yet been sent to us?

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However we think that a lot more people wish to reply to us so we have extended the deadline and need to know by **3pm on MONDAY 9 OCTOBER** at the very latest for a decision to be made at our Committee meeting later that afternoon.

We have been printing over 1000 copies each month since June 2009 with the costs covered by income from grants, sponsors and advertisers. But in recent years there have been fewer and fewer of these and our funds in hand have gradually shrunk to the extent that we can only print that amount of copies until the end of 2023. Sadly we have been unable to get any further grants towards our production costs.

Printing costs are high and we can only continue to provide printed copies if enough funds are paid to us from subscribers who will commit to paying an annual fee – which we have suggested to be £10 for 11 editions in 2024 – to receive their own copies.

The minimum amount of copies we hope to then afford financially to produce is 250 across our 6 villages. **If the minimum is not reached then the magazine will cease to exist and there will not be any digital copies either.**

If you no longer have the September magazine and wish to subscribe then we print another reply form overleaf with details of how to get it to us.

Thank you to all our readers.

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

# OCTOBER 2023

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**Sunday 29 October**  
**British Summer Time ends.**  
Greenwich Mean Time starts as we put the clocks back, have an extra hour in bed, but then have the long dark evenings until next Spring.

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**Sunlit Rhyne**  
Drawing by Anne Farmer

## OCTOBER 2023

News & Views for our MOMSS villages of Middlezoy, Othery,  
Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet and Greinton

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This publication is hand delivered  
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MOMSS is issued 11 times a year (there is a joint December/January issue) and is designed as a Community Magazine.

It is produced by volunteers, with the authority of the United Benefice Churchwardens, for the villagers' benefit.

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

**Committee:** Richard Graham, Anita Winslade, Jane Stryker, Isobel Davis and Gill Wilkinson.

**Editor this month:** Anita Winslade

**Compiler this month:** Jane Stryker

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Submit handwritten copy via one of the members of the committee if you are unable to find someone to help you transfer it to email. We cannot guarantee its accurate inclusion.

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## MOMSS Publishing House Style

Articles submitted to the magazine are put into MOMSS house style. This uses Gill Sans 10pt for general text with Gill Sans bold 10pt for sub-headings. Arial Black 10pt is used for main headings. Example of our date format is '25 December' – the st, rd, th are only used after dates with no month alongside. There is no need to insert year unless referring to year ahead. We use a 12 hour time format eg '5.30pm'. Italics, bold or underlining will not be included.

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**DON'T FORGET !**  
**November edition deadlines:**  
**Adverts 12 October**  
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## ***FROM THE EDITOR***

How time flies!

My own life has sped through 77+ years and this magazine has flowed through 20+ years. I hope to continue in my mortal shell for many more years but the magazine may not exist after December 2023 unless our readers wish for it to continue to be printed and can provide enough funds for it to do so.

It has always been produced by the diligent magazine team as a free church and chapel and local community publication to provide information of events and information as well as advice and general knowledge and vital details of local public services, emergency help etc. I have enjoyed being involved in all aspects of the magazine ever since it was first created in 2003 and I will be sad if it ceases to exist but I will accept the result of the survey (see previous page) whatever it is - continuation or retirement – whatever!

Looking forward to the current situation of life in our villages and churches and chapels you can find many items of interest in this edition. There are clubs and events throughout October – seek through these pages and find! I am sure you will discover something to please or tease or even appease.

Communities can only flourish if residents are neighbours not just habitants. Newspapers and magazines help to keep people informed about life in general and in particular.

This may be my last edition as Editor – I have to wait and see the results of the survey and responses.

Sincerely, Anita. *Anita Winslade, Editor*

### **TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE MOMSS&G VILLAGES**

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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# ***BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS***

## **CHURCHES AND CHAPELS**

### **Open Daily**

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer. For the time being Othery will only be open for services (see article in the Othery Village News section).

## **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](mailto:middlezoyprayers@gmail.com).

*The Prayer Group*

## **PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

Churches across Bath and Wells have been praying for Ukraine and for peace. Many are open for those who wish to have a quiet moment of prayer or to light a candle, others have been holding prayer vigils. Locally church communities are working closely with aid agencies to raise money and support those in need in Ukraine and refugees from the conflict.



## **WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!**

This week I was on a Zoom chat with some of our chaplains around the diocese. I meet regularly with eight or nine of them alongside our Chaplaincy Development Adviser Mike Haslam. These are only a few of the more than 300 chaplains we have, of all ages, lay and ordained, across Bath and Wells.

There are more and more enquiries about chaplaincy from a wide range of communities. They are seeking a chaplain to offer pastoral care and well-being support for an increasingly stressed and anxious

workforce. One particular enquiry caught my attention this week.

A local Further Education college has been saying that their first concern is for a chaplain to address the spiritual exploration of its students. What an opportunity! We know from the Talking Jesus research (2015 and 2022) that most practising Christians come to faith before the age of 18. Several of our schools, including primary, have pupil chaplains now and this is a great way of recognising that you are never too young to start in living and telling the story of Jesus!

As a child I was always struck by the Old Testament story of the unnamed little slave girl who served Naaman's wife, (2 Kings chapter 5). Taken from her home to another country, and placed in an alien environment, she was the one who introduced Naaman to Elisha the prophet in Israel. As a result, Naaman overcame his scepticism, was healed from his leprosy, and discovered a faith in God.

Chaplaincy opens up a diversity of contexts in which we can share our faith and I invite you to pray for those here in Bath and Wells who are treading new ground to open up the way for others to discover the love of Jesus for themselves. However, each one of us has our own possibility of being a chaplain, coming alongside another in our daily life and community. Sometimes our timidity prevents us from speaking up about faith and our

personal spiritual journey other than in church where we are known and on familiar territory. How about taking some time to reflect on where you might live and tell the story of Jesus outside of church, in your everyday context? Is there someone, like a Naaman's wife who is desperate to find help and hope for a loved one but doesn't know where to find it? Maybe you are the only one who could tell them!

With love and thankfulness for you all! +Ruth, Rt Rev Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton

### **BISHOP RUTH AND COVENTRY**

In the last month, Bishop Ruth has been asked to take on responsibility for the Diocese of Coventry at a time of transition for them. Bishop Ruth has been asked to become Acting Diocesan Bishop for an interim period, whilst a new diocesan bishop is discerned. Bishop Ruth will remain as Bishop of Taunton but will be seconded for a period of about a year and her focus will be solely on the Diocese of Coventry during this time. She will take up this role from 6 November although not move until the 11th and will need your prayers. Bishop Ruth will be away from us until at least the beginning of 2025.

+ Michael, Rt Revd Michael Beasley

## ***GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS***

### **WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION**

The next meeting of the Somerset branch of The Western Front Association is on Wednesday 11 October at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU .The speaker is Pat

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Adamson.

On 16 December 1914 two German battleships of the German High Seas Fleet started pouring five hundred shells into the coastal town of Scarborough. Was the reason that the German High Seas Fleet had been seeking opportunities to isolate and destroy portions of the Royal Navy's Grand Fleet and the bombardment of Scarborough and other towns further up the coast was seen as a means of drawing out the British Fleet? Or were there other reasons? How did this bombardment affect the whole of the UK and how did the Government use it to their advantage?

WFA members and non-members are equally welcome to attend this meeting. We ask for a £5 donation on the door to defray costs which will include a free tea or coffee and raffle ticket for the chance to win a prize. Should you wish to bring your own drinks, then please do.

We are planning next year's programme and if anyone would like to have a copy when finalised or to join our mailing list please email [somersetwfa@hotmail.com](mailto:somersetwfa@hotmail.com)

Pat Adamson, Secretary, 01823 698156

## **MUSIC ON THE LEVELS**

**Free Concert Sunday 29 October at 3pm**

**St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP**

'Tell Me the Truth about Love' featuring Niall Hoskin, baritone and Jacquelyn Bevan on piano. A light-hearted musical portrait of love in all its many forms, Niall describes it as, "a selection of pieces ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous." We'll start with a group of English songs from some of the greats including Purcell, Vaughan Williams and Finzi, with his wonderfully, wistful 'To Lizbie Browne'

The song in the title is a poem by W H Auden set to music by Danny Lloyd. It's a witty, catchy number that deserves to be better known. Just in case, there is a little something in reserve for the end of the concert. There may be something there to offend everyone! Refreshments (tea, coffee, choice of cakes) 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. Due to current circumstances, there is no need to book anymore. 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!"

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## **SKY AT NIGHT**

**October**

**Sunrise Sunset**

Beginning October 7.12am-6.49pm End of October 7.02am-4.47pm

**Moon Phases**

Last Quarter 6th / New Moon 14th / first Quarter 22nd / Full Moon 28th

**Planets**

Saturn is visible all evening and dazzling Jupiter rises east at 7pm brighter than anything else in the night sky apart from the Moon, Venus rise at 3am so can be seen in a dark and then twilight sky before sunrise.

**Constellation**

Taurus the Bull appears now late evening, look out for the red star Aldebaran which forms the eye of the Bull and to the right the hazy patch of light the Pleiades or Seven Sisters star cluster, see how many you can see with the naked eye then use a pair of Binoculars to see exactly how many stars there are here it's a breathtaking sight. **Phenomena**

There is a partial Lunar Eclipse on the 28th between 8.35pm and 9.53pm although only 12% of the Moon will be obscured by the Earth's shadow.

*Paul Adamson, 01823 698156*

## **SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25 October at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU.

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This month we welcome back Chris Starr with his talk 'Heavy Metal World' which is about the NASA Psyche Mission to a metal rich asteroid. We also have a guide to observing the night sky during the month of November along with 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](mailto:somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

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## **FARM DIARY**

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

**In the Field.** October is the start of the season for sowing winter wheat. In many parts of the country this will start in September. However in central Somerset, it can be too mild at this time and the crop can become very proud before winter sets in. This can encourage fungal diseases and weak plants. Winter oil seed rape is a different matter and ours was sown as usual in August. In fact, combining of the wheat was interrupted to sow the rape when 10 mm. of rain was forecast. It was judged that the wheat straw would dry faster if standing and uncut than if cut. On the day of writing this, we had contract seed cleaners on farm to clean all our seed for this year. We will buy some new seed but the majority will be home saved. We pay a royalty to the seed breeders via the seed cleaners.

**Sustainable Farm Incentive.** S.F.I. is DEFRA's flagship replacement for the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS). The latter has supported farmers for many years with a view to make sure that food prices are reasonable and farmers are supported. The latter is necessary as labour charges are higher here than that in a lot of countries which impacts directly and on most inputs. Farmers have had three years of reducing payments of BPS but DEFRA is yet to make the alternative available. Some details of the SFI are known. The idea is to support environmental initiatives. Quite high payment rates for encouraging wildlife on arable land are e.g. £732/ha. for providing winter bird food. There will be no restriction on area. Anecdotally, this option has already increased rents in Cornwall for farmers trying to rent extra land. Politicians.

**Grain.** The writer sells his grain through Openfield, who market a big percentage of the nation's grain. According to their market analyst, Cecilia Pryce, the wheat area is quietly declining. Some is going into environmental schemes, some is being built on and perhaps there are other reasons as well. This cereal produces bread, meat and milk. At some stage the market analyst wondered whether we would have to start importing wheat to meet our own requirements. This seems to be a backward step. What will the price be? Will it be available when we want it? Will it be produced to our standards? And so on.

*Richard Graham*

## **MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS - SEPTEMBER 2023**

As a new academic year starts, we are certainly off to a flying start. All children came back enthusiastically at the start of the Autumn Term and we welcomed some new faces in both reception and year 2. Our new starters have settled in brilliantly and are already joining us for our daily, whole school assemblies- just one of the advantages of being on one site. We have already welcomed several guests into our schools. To start our history topics, all children took part in a history workshop during our first week. The younger children enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and their writing following their session was superb. Years 3 and 4 learnt about the Stone Age and years 5 and 6 started their work on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Later this term, our Year 5 and 6 children will be heading off to Glastonbury Abbey to enhance their understanding further.

Local artist Darrell Wakelam came to visit us and to work with all children on the theme of Roald Dahl. Parents and carers were invited in to share the experience with their children as one of our family learning experiences. Our children love working alongside Darrell and examples of the artwork produced can be seen in each classroom, our library and hall. Involving the parents and carers makes this an even more valuable learning

experience for all and great fun too!

Our Key Stage 2 children all spent a wonderful day at Taunton Cricket Ground watching the women's Western Storm v Central Sparks. Opportunities such as these give the children the chance to watch live competitive sport and may hopefully inspire some of our pupils to take up sports outside of school

### **Reminder**

On October 3, we will be hosting, alongside Othery Church, a MacMillian Coffee Afternoon from 2pm –3pm at Othery School. We would love to welcome you into our school to help raise funds for this amazing charity and to show you a glimpse of life at Othery and Middlezoy Schools. We look forward to seeing you there. Donations of cakes are most welcome.

If you are looking for a Primary School place for your child or children, please come and visit our wonderful school. You can make an appointment by emailing [office@othmi.ppat365](mailto:office@othmi.ppat365) or calling the office on 01823 698464. *Mrs Lindsay Hayward Headteacher*

### **WESTONZOYLAND WI**

Our October meeting, on Wednesday 11 October at 7.30pm, will have a talk 'From Radio Shows to Funerals' by Emma Britton. Formerly she was a BBC presenter, but her next career move was as a celebrant for life events such as weddings and funerals. A different perspective on life.

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](mailto:zoywisec@gmail.com) or call Gill Wilkinson, Secretary, on 01823 698429 *Gill Wilkinson*

## ***STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS***

*Information is available on the website [www.stawellvillage.info](http://www.stawellvillage.info)*

### **ZAC'S CHARITY 'CHOP'**

On Saturday 7 October Zac's Charity 'Chop' in the Stawell village hall. Doors open at 10am with the haircut at 11am and it ends at 1pm. Cakes, tea and coffee and raffle. Donations and sponsorships greatly appreciated.

I will be walking around the village knocking on doors to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK as well as Against Breast Cancer. My hair will be donated to the Little Princess Trust, and a small donation will also go to them to fund the making of the wig. (*Zac has long fair straight hair - Ed.*) *Zac Lawrence*

### **STAWELL DIARY**

#### **Saturday 28 October**

This month's coffee morning is at Denise Rogers from 10am till 12 noon and all are welcome. *Richard Graham*

### **ST FRANCIS CHURCH**

#### **Stawell Harvest Festival**

On Sunday 8 October we will be having our harvest festival service and as in previous years, we ask for donations of non-perishable goods which will be donated to the Bridgwater food bank.

Our service will be held at 10am. If anyone would like to donate to it but will not be at the

service, it would be appreciated if the donations could be left inside the church at the font. If anyone would like to help decorate the church at 11.30am on Saturday 7th, do come along.

Thank you, *Ruth Peberdy*

## ***GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS***

### **VILLAGE EVENTS**

On Sunday 10 September we held a small Harvest Celebration in the church to mark the passing season and to give thanks for all the hard work that goes on in our small farming community.

The big event of the year, our annual Barn Dance, will have taken place by the time you read this. Hopefully, the addition of a live band this year will have been successful.

Looking to the future, there will be an evening of Mouse Racing in the Village Hall on Saturday 18 November and a Bingo Night on Friday 1 December (the same night as our regular Village Hall Pub Nights – the first Friday of every month).

All are very welcome to these and any other village hall events – we look forward to seeing you there and very much appreciate your support.

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

*Toby Crispin*

## ***MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS***

### **LANGPORT FOOD BANK**

Unfortunately, the needs of the foodbank do not diminish.

If you wish to donate, please leave up at the church, at the village coffee morning or in the porch of 11a Main Road Middlezoy.

### **CHAPEL AND CHURCH**

Detailed list of services etc. are on the back cover

### **HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

#### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival took the form of a Harvest Family Breakfast with an abundance of croissants and pastries. Pauline led our service and we looked at following God's wish that we care for our environment. There was an interesting talk on the nature and development of butterflies and moths, and their vital work in pollinating plants and crops. All coloured in a beautiful butterfly and these were placed in lovely and elegant floral displays around the church.

From the feedback everyone enjoyed themselves and we learned quite a bit about those very



interesting insects. We also found out we have an expert in our congregation and his family donated a world class collection of butterflies to the natural history museum.

### **Evening Concert**

The concert by the Barnacle Buoys, a sea shanty group, was well attended. It was a wonderful event of shanties and songs.

### **Churchyard**

There has been an excellent response to our request for funds towards the upkeep of the Church and Churchyard. Thank you to all contributors. If you forgot, it is not too late. Just hand your cheque to any of those named below or send to Highbank, Main Road, Middlezoy, TA7 0NN.

### **Future Events**

Saturday 25 November Concert by Joyful Spirit Gospel Choir

Contacts: Ian Campbell 01823 698790, Gill Wilkinson 698429, Sarah Blake 690042  
Middlezoy PCC



## **LEVELS METHODISTS CHURCH NEWS**

### **Services in October:**

Sunday 8 October, 10.30am – United Service in the Methodist Church, led by Mr David Clitheroe

Sunday 22 October, 6.30pm – Circuit Service with Holy Communion led by the Reverend Deborah Kirk

### **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](mailto:middlezoychapel@gmail.com), or speak to Josh Thorogood.

### **Family Event during the October Half Term**

Representatives from Holy Cross and Middlezoy Methodist Church are hoping to offer a family event during the October half term. At this point, we have not had a chance to determine a date, but please look at the village Facebook page and local posters nearer to half term for the date and venue.

Reverend Deborah Kirk, Superintendent Minister

Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit 01823 334854

## ***OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS***

### **OTHERY ROAD RUN**

The third annual Othery Classic and Vintage Vehicles Road Run took place on Saturday 16 September despite the inclement weather. 24 vehicles went on the road run from Othery to Wells then on to Cheddar and Axbridge and Highbridge and returning via Bridgwater to Othery. Our Guest Judge of 'The vehicle which best stirred a memory' – Dave Englefield of Sedgemoor FM – awarded the perpetual trophy to Keith and Jenny Forrest

for their 1959 Austin A35 car. Our grateful thanks to all who took part in this event which raised approximately £248 for St Michael's church funds.

Anita Winslade, Committee member

## **OTHERY GARDENING CLUB**

Gardening Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Othery Village Hall and our autumn programme is as follows:

Tuesday 10 October           Bulb Planting and Identification

Tuesday 14 November       Hedgehog Awareness, talk by Laura Batt on behalf of Prickles Hedgehog Rescue.

Visitors are welcome to join us at any of these meetings for a small charge of £3 at the door. Refreshments are available for a donation. If you are thinking of joining our club please contact Jo Taylor on 01823 698123 or email [otherygardeningclub@live.co.uk](mailto:otherygardeningclub@live.co.uk) for details.           Lesley Stanford

## **OTHERY VILLAGE HALL**

### **Volunteers Needed**

Please contact us if you would like to help with the bar or other events.

### **Upcoming Events**

Othery Village Hall AGM - Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 8.00pm. Please come along if you would like a say in how the village hall is managed and/or if you would like to join the Committee or volunteer.

Halloween Karaoke Party – Friday 27 October. Doors open at 7.00pm Tickets are £7 for adults £3 for children. A light supper is included in the price. Dress up and sing along to your favourite spooky tunes.

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

New Year's Eve Party – Sunday 31 December. Tickets will be £5 per person. Dress to impress. Filled rolls will be on sale to keep your energy levels up while you dance into the wee small hours.

Tickets for all events are available via our website or by emailing [otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk) or by phone or text 07814 754127.

### **Regular Events**

Wednesday 11 October Western Front Association, 25 October Somerset Stargazers,

Thursdays 10.00am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short mat bowls

Fridays 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night

*Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee*

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## **OTHERY BOOK GROUP**

### **'The House by the Thames' by Gillian Tindale**

Just across the River Thames from St Paul's Cathedral stands an old and elegant house.

Over the course of almost 450 years the dwellings on this site have witnessed many changes. Ferryman have carried Londoners to and from Shakespeare's Globe; the Great Fire destroyed the buildings on the farther shore; the countrified lanes of London's marshy south bank have given way to a network of wharves, workshops and tenements, then these, too, have become dust and empty air.

It is history as a detective story, an assemblage of minutiae, a layering of clues from vestry minutes to old Thames flood prevention maps, which have been sorted to reconstruct the

intimate history of this tiny spot. Historically the Southbank has always avoided becoming part of London. Yet some sort of settlement on the Surrey shore goes back as far as London itself. In medieval times the Bankside whores were known as 'Winchester geese' as the Bishop of Winchester reaped revenue from their activities.

For most members this was a question of defeated expectations. They had expected a book along the lines of the TV series of the History of the House. It is misnamed but no less enthralling for that.

The minutiae of detail meant that each of us focused on different elements of the story.

We were concerned with the boatmen, the sanitation, the hospitals, the poor, the very poor and indeed the Church. Amidst deprivation, whilst feeling it was impracticable to keep the church building warm, the PCC were most concerned over the payment of the Parish Share. In that period, it could be enforced by law, and they were concerned over a visitation by 'the bishop'. Nothing changes.

In October we will discuss 'Violetta' by Isabel Allende.

Should you want the opportunity to read and discuss a selection of unusual books in congenial company contact [martinwall1@mac.com](mailto:martinwall1@mac.com).

*Gill Wilkinson*

### **BREAKFAST CAFÉ CHURCH**

Café Church is church with a difference. Seated round tables in the Church Room we drink fresh coffee and eat a simple breakfast from 9.30am for about 40 minutes, followed by a bit of a discussion using sets of question cards. We sing a few songs, sometimes hear a short talk, say some prayers, but we're relaxed about it all. Our next Breakfast Café will be on Sunday 22 October. A little bird tells me there will be BACON BUTTIES this time!

If you've not been yet, why not give it a try? You will be most welcome whether you are a churchgoer or not. *Isobel Davis*

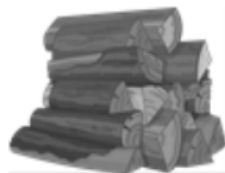
## ***MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS***

### **BUTTERFLIES, BIRDS AND BUGS**

In August in the Moorlinch Hall Pavilion we held what will probably be the last of our outdoor Breakfast Cafes.

We enjoyed lovely food, good company and robust singing (with actions – not necessarily the right actions in the right place!) and Pauline led us on a voyage of discovery about

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butterflies, and other insects and birds. Interestingly, dragonflies, butterflies and various birds were front runners when we were asked to name our favourites, but wasps and mosquitos didn't get a single vote!

We made our own butterflies and added a prayer to the back of them before placing them in amongst the flowers and foliage.

Thank you to all who came. *Jane Stryker*



## **CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

**Preparations going well for our Charity Coffee Morning**

**- Saturday 28 October**

**See you there!**

All's going full steam ahead for our charity event 10am-1pm on Saturday 28 October at Moorlinch Church Hall.

We have some fantastic raffle prizes thanks to villagers and local businesses – many, many thanks (no more needed).

There will be a lot going on; children's scavenger hunt, tombola, books, quality bring and buy items, a bread stall featuring cinnamon buns (!) I'm told, so get there early or they will run out!

We also have craft stalls with handmade goods to buy for decorations, to wear and for presents and stocking fillers.

Bring and buy items welcome on the day or in advance.

Hope to see you there so we can raise some great income for some important and deserving charities.

*Sam Dawe, Hannah Geaves and Jennie Bolling*

*sam.eastend@gmail.com*

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## ***AND FINALLY....***

### **THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM**

**Today's Women Working For Tomorrow's World**

There are talks, activities and events for every woman, single or wed. You can have a bit of fun, make friends, try a new hobby or just explore a new venue. Whichever WI you attend you can be sure of a warm welcome.

### **WOMENS INSTITUTES NEAR US**

Ashcott and Pedwell 7.30pm

3rd Thursday

Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ.

Shapwick Starlets 7.30pm

2nd Tuesday

Village Hall, Station Road, TA7 9NJ.

Westonzoyland 7.15pm

2nd Wednesday

Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ

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



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### 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 Road.

**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](mailto: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.

**Langport Cares** email [langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com](mailto:langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com)



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Ascertain the condition of the patient. If a defibrillator is required give the following information about the nearest machine.

Greinton Phone box	TA7 9BW	Call sign 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		<i>(temporarily out of action)</i>

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.

## **HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS**

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

### **MIDDLEZOY & OTHERY**

#### **Recycling Boxes, every week:**

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 October, 2 November

#### **Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:**

Thursdays 5, 26 October, 16 November

#### **Garden Waste Bins, every other week:**

Middlezoy: Mondays 9, 23 October, 6 November

Othery: Thursdays 5, 19 October, 2 November

### **MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON**

#### **Recycling Boxes, every week:**

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 October, 1 November

#### **Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:**

Wednesdays 11 October, 1 November

#### **Garden Waste Bins, every other week:**

Thursdays 12, 26 October, 9 November

## **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](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres)

## **MOBILE LIBRARY**

### **Taunton Area, Route P**

The service continues on a Friday every 4 weeks

Next visits: 6 October, 3 November

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](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)

# 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](mailto: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 211096

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](mailto: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;

P.O. 01823 698981 open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.45am-12 noon, 2pm-5pm;  
Shop 01823 587222 open additionally Wed 8.45am-11am and Sat 8.45am-12 noon  
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.

## SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES OCTOBER 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>October</b> 1 Sun	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Michael's, Othery
8 Sun	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion service All Age Worship Harvest Family service Joint Family service	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Church, Middlezoy
15 Sun	10.00 am	United Benefice Harvest Family service	Sutton Mallet Church
22 Sun	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Breakfast Cafe Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Worship Circuit Communion service	Othery Church Room Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Church, Middlezoy
29 Sun	10.00 am  TBA	United Benefice Communion service  Baptism	St Mary's, Moorlinch  St Michael's, Othery

### Common Worship readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
various dates	Harvest Festival (Year A)	OT: Deuteronomy, chapter 28, verses 1 to 14 Psalm: 65 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 9, verses 6 to 15
<b>October</b> 1 Sun	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus. chapter. 17, verses 1 to 7 Psalm: 78, verses 1 to 4 and 12 to 16 Epistle: Philippians, chapter 2, verses 1 to 13
8 Sun	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus. chapter 20, verses 1 to 4, 7 to 9, 12 to 20 Psalm: 19 Epistle: Philippians, chapter 3, verses 4b to 14
15 Sun	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus, chapter 32, verses 1 to 14 Psalm: 106, verses 1 to 6 and 19 to 23 Epistle: Philippians, chapter 4, verses 1 to 9
22 Sun	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Exodus, chapter 33, verses 12 to 23 Psalm: 99 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians, chapter 1, verses 1 to 10
29 Sun	Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)	OT: Nehemiah, chapter 8, verses 1 to 12 Psalm: 119, verses 9 to 16 Epistle: Colossians, chapter 3, verses 12 to 17