

MOMSS MAGAZINE



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Drawing by Anne Farmer

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Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell,
Sutton Mallet and Greinton**

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FROM THE EDITOR

Are we going to be 'as free as a bird' like those in Anne Farmer's cover drawing this month? With the government declaring that avian flu has probably passed its peak this summer and Covid is also no longer a pandemic are we going to spread our wings and roam freely again? I hope so as there are so many things to do, see, hear, touch, taste and feel this month.

Having experienced the nation's Coronation celebrations now is the time to turn to our villages events. Fayres, fetes, talks, clubs, coffee mornings and outings – all being planned and made ready for our enjoyment.

So explore this magazine, find what tempts you and indulge – whether near at hand or farther away.

I wish you all a jovial June.

Anita Winslade, Editor

BAG IT, BIN IT

Clear up after your dog and keep our children safe from roundworm.

Always carry something to clean up – a plastic bag or a 'poop scoop' device.

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BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily

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

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Deaths/Funerals:

Mrs Flo Kellaway, former stalwart of Othery Church and of Othery Street Fayre, died on 5 March.

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

A COMMITMENT TO SERVE



“Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings”. In reply to these opening words at his Coronation, King Charles III responded ‘In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.’ This

short exchange summed up what the service was about and what it intended to convey. The King’s commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince’s Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King’s Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we’re going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us.

Because it’s all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we’re going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

Where to find the resource to act in the way that’s going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he’s called to give.

And in that we can follow him too.

Bishop Michael Beasley, Bath and Wells

A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE

O God, my Father, give me patience all through today.

Give me patience with my work,

so that I may work at a job until I finish it or get it right,
no matter how difficult or boring it may be.

Give me patience with people,

so that I will not become irritated or annoyed,
and so that I never lose my temper with them.

Give me patience with life,

so that I may not give up hope

when hopes are long in coming true;

so that I may accept disappointment without
bitterness

and delay without complaint.

Hear this my prayer for your love’s sake.

Amen



GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS

CHOIR CONCERT

The benefice choir are giving a concert to the St Francis club in Bridgwater on the afternoon of Wednesday 14 June. It is a club that meets monthly in that church hall and is for the visually impaired. Their hearing is good.

Richard Graham

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Free Concert Sunday 25 June 3pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

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

Daisy Chapman and Sue Lord Duo

Daisy Chapman, who has performed at Glastonbury, is an incredibly well-travelled pianist and vocalist who draws influences from the 'anti-folk' world. Every song harbours a dark story of love, lust and loss told through her exquisite voice and piano, with Sue Lord on violin bringing the performance to a harmonious ending every time.

We are retaining the principal of free entry to our concerts as we want to include as many people as possible. Of course, there is a cost to us! So, in order to help with the artists' fees and other expenses such as heating, insurance and licences, we sell refreshments and a raffle is held. Donations are encouraged from those who can afford to contribute.

Therefore, if you want to come to the concert contact Frank Challenger, details below.

Frank Challenger 01278 699071

email: f.challenger@icloud.com



FARM DIARY

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

In the Field. With the very wet early May weather, spring work is late. More than most industries, farmers are at the mercy of the weather. Early and late spring work will need to be done at the same time. Maize drilling and first cut silage are the jobs done in early May which are late. Silage quality falls as the grass puts up seed heads. Next winter, animals on silage will need more supplementation with 'nuts'. Nuts are purchased feed in pellet form that will include for example: protein, energy, vitamins and minerals and will be tailored towards that in which the main feed is short. The protein and energy can be soya meal, cereals, brewers grains and so on. With late planted maize it has to be borne in mind that the plant breeders have provided us with forage maize that can be grown at this latitude. Already it is a crop that is harvested quite late so that delay in planting could make this

later again or less mature and lower quality. Ground conditions at this time can be challenging. **Bear Grylls.** Having been a vegan before, he now regrets this. It must be possible to be vegan and healthy but as Bear Grylls points out the nutrient density of meat and dairy is immense. Other commentators have pointed out that the elderly, children and those on lower incomes will find it difficult to do well on a vegan diet. The environmental credentials of alternatives to meat and dairy are also suspect. All these points have been made before by this author.

Hunting etc. Hunting wild animals with dogs was banned some years ago. The debate at the time was based on political considerations rather than scientific ones. Counter-intuitively, foxes have declined catastrophically since the ban. However, we do need to understand if you have more of one thing you tend to have less of another. At the moment, the author is plagued with jackdaws. Their number is increasing relentlessly each year. Something else must be disappearing. The RSPB has been discovered to be killing foxes in Northern Ireland to address the declining number of lapwings which are ground nesting birds. All tricky.

Richard Graham

MIDDLEZOY & OTHERY SCHOOLS NEWS

It has been a fantastic few weeks at Middlezoy and Othery Schools. The children have, as always, been working hard. Year 6 have been preparing for their assessment week and we have continued to enjoy many additional enrichment activities. Local artist Darrell Wakelam worked with all our children to make two

fantastic pieces to mark the coronation of King Charles. We had a whole school celebratory afternoon tea party to mark the occasion which was organised and run by our amazing PTA. Phoenix Class have enjoyed a trip to the West Somerset Railway to supplement their learning in school about the history of railways. There are many activities and special events coming up as we rapidly move through the Summer Term.

As always, the Local Governing Body, Directors and Staff have been considering ways to ensure we can provide the very best provision for all our children. The number of children registered to Middlezoy from September 2023 will be 15. County have confirmed the local demographics data and do not envisage this to change over the next few years due to reduced birth rates across the county. We have therefore made the decision, for an initial trial

The logo for lendology-cic features the word "lendology" in a lowercase, sans-serif font with a teal-to-green gradient. The suffix "-cic" is in a plain, dark grey font. To the left of the text are three small circles in teal, green, and blue, arranged in a slight arc.The logo for Sedgemoor District Council consists of a stylized, multi-colored wave or ribbon shape in shades of teal, blue, and purple. To the right of this shape, the words "Sedgemoor" and "District Council" are stacked in a clean, sans-serif font.

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period of one academic year, to educate all children on the Othery School site. We truly believe that this decision is in the best interests of the children, staff and the school; bringing advantages for all.

As a small school with three teachers, all the children will benefit from all teachers and support staff being on one site. It will help Subject Leaders in developing a whole school curriculum to support a high level of education for our pupils. It will also take the pressure off staff when it is needed to provide cover for absences and illness.

Othery School building currently fits the needs of all the children regarding learning space, play areas, toilets and has the added benefit of the hall. We also can foresee that parking space for staff and parents is more accessible and can access the playing field easily. There are more whole school facilities within school including PE space, school hall and the ability to host the whole school in assemblies.

The minibus will still run to ensure all children registered at Middlezoy have transport to school every morning and afternoon. We held an open meeting to discuss the move to one site for parents and carers, with no concerns or issues raised. Positive comments include the benefit for parents to be able to have all siblings on one site – easing drop off and pickups, an oversight of an all through curriculum and joint collaborative learning opportunities.



OTHERY STREET FAYRE

**Saturday 17th June
11am to 11pm**

**Fayre Opened by Dave Englefield
11am live on air with Sedgemoor FM
Ice Cream Van, Barbeque,
Refreshments & Cream Teas,
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Bar in the Marquee (open all day)
4pm to 11pm
Live Music and Entertainment
in the Playing Field
5.30pm Pig Roast (until it's all gone!)
9pm The 'Grand Draw' takes place
9.30pm Entertainments continue
Proceeds to St Michael's Church, TA7 0QG
Free car park & entry to the Fayre
www.facebook.com/OtheryStreetFayre**

We will be evaluating the single site move regularly as a staff body, in consultation with the LGB. As a whole school too, we look forward to sharing our learning journey.

Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher and Nicola Mannion, Chair of Governors

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION (WFA)

Our next meeting is on 14 June, 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. Our speaker is Dr Rodney Attwood speaking about Rudyard Kipling and the Great War.

Dr Rodney Attwood is a graduate of the McMaster University, Canada and Churchill College, Cambridge. He served in the Royal Tank Regiment before pursuing an academic career. He has written extensively on military history.

At the outbreak of the war Rudyard Kipling was a most popular author; he wrote propaganda pamphlets and stories during the war and some poetry.

His only son John was killed at Loos in 1915 and his body was not found. Kipling spent a large part of his life after this trying to find out what happened to John and ensure that he had a proper burial. Later he worked with the Imperial War Graves Commission and Commonwealth War Graves Commission, suggesting many of the phrases that we find in CWGC cemeteries to this day.

Everyone is welcome to come to meetings. We ask for a £5 donation to help cover costs: this includes a mug of tea or coffee and a raffle ticket. If you wish to bring your own drink this is fine.

Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset branch WFA, 01823 698156 Somersetwfa@hotmail.com

SKY AT NIGHT

June 2023

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of June 5.01am-9.17pm

End of June 5.00am-9.30pm

Moon Phases

Full Moon 4th / Last Quarter 10th / New Moon 18th / First Quarter 26th

Planets

Venus shining bright in the western evening sky after sunset heading into the Constellation of Cancer and not setting until midnight. It is also heading towards Mars, which is much fainter and sets just after. In the early morning hours Saturn and Jupiter clear the eastern horizon.

Constellation

The Constellation of Scorpius the Scorpion is another constellation which resembles its name. It sits on the southern horizon and can be recognised by the bright red supergiant star Antares which is known as the rival of Mars. On 3 June the Moon is very close by.

Phenomena

The Summer Solstice when the Sun reaches its most northerly point is on 21 June when we have our shortest night and longest day.

Paul Adamson, 01823 698156

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 28 June at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. This month Dr Tim Wetherell gives his talk 'The fate of the Universe'. We also have a guide to

observing the night sky during the month of July 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

Follow us on Facebook.

Footnote:

We are sorry to have to announce the death of Bob Mizon M.B.E. of the Commission for Dark Skies who was to have been a speaker at our April meeting. Bob was a great supporter of our club and many will remember when he came to Othery village hall with his Mobile Planetarium for local school children. He will be missed.

Paul Adamson 01823698156



GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available from greintonvillage@gmail.com or via the Greinton Village in Somerset Facebook group

EVENTS IN GREINTON

Our coronation weekend party was a tremendous success with the village hall packed out to watch the concert broadcast live from Windsor Castle. Many thanks to Dave and Alan for getting everything set up and to Mark for providing the wifi. Sadly, the Aller Fun Ride planned for the next day had to be called off because all the wet weather we have had recently meant that it would not have been safe.

By the time you read this our Annual Parish Meeting and the Village Hall Annual General Meeting will have taken place in the Village Hall (Monday 22 May). Any significant outcomes from those two meetings will be in next month's MOMSS magazine. We are considering postponing our Annual Barn Dance from Saturday 2 September until Saturday 23 September due to a clash with another event. We are planning to hire a ceilidh band to

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provide live music this year, rather than the usual recorded music with caller. Other arrangements will be similar to previous years.

Finally, our regular monthly Pub Nights, on the first Friday of each month, continue to be well supported.

I am aware that publicising events in MOMSS, while very satisfactory in most ways, does suffer a little from the timing of deadlines. In particular, some of you didn't hear about the coronation party until too late, which I apologise for. It might be worth bearing in mind that the village events are always publicised on Facebook in our village group. I know social media isn't everyone's thing but it is a very useful tool for spreading news and noteworthy items around the village. Look for Greinton Village in Somerset. Please note that there are two very simple questions to be answered when you ask to join the group. If you do not answer the questions, you cannot be admitted.

The Village Hall Committee is always looking out for volunteers to help run the hall and organise events. We meet every couple of months to plan events and maintenance but manage to enjoy ourselves at the same time. If you feel you might be able to contribute in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Toby Crispin – greintonvillage@gmail.com – for more information. *Toby Crispin*

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

CHAPEL AND CHURCH

Detailed list of services etc. are on the back cover.

LEVELS METHODISTS CHAPEL Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

We have a new system of bookings for the Methodist Church. Please contact Josh Thorogood 07548 096519 or josh.avalonesa@gmail.com. Josh is also working on a booking system through our new website - we will confirm when that is up and running.

Salad lunch – Tuesday 20 June, 12noon:

We are hoping to be able to offer a salad and sweet lunch on the 20th for our village and Circuit friends. Look out for the posters on the noticeboard to confirm.

Advance notice for July and August:

We are planning a new event for any age at 11am – 12.30pm on the third Sunday mornings – 16 July and 20 August. A

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

On Sunday 7 May, as part of the Coronation weekend celebrations, Rev Kelvin Williams assisted by Pauline Davies led a Special Commemorative Service in Holy Cross.

On Sunday 14 May, Rogation Sunday, Sarah Blake led an informal outdoor service which reflected and prayed for the different aspects of village life.

At the time of preparing this article preparations are underway for an Open Tower Day on Sunday 21 May. At present the forecast is good so hopefully many were able to climb the tower and enjoy the panoramic views and/or enjoy the cream teas in the churchyard.

The grasses and wildflowers in the churchyard are now coming into fruition. Stop and look, you will be amazed at the variety of plants and wildlife.

Ian Campbell, Churchwarden

HOW MIDDLEZOY CELEBRATED THE CORONATION

Thanks to all who decorated their houses, it looked very festive. The Big Day dawned an unpromising weather outlook but this did not put us off. Several gathered in the



Village Hall to watch the proceedings on the big screen. The Ladies Social Group once again served up their delicious cakes and tea while we were all entertained by John Cook on the keyboard.

The evening saw us back at the hall again for the Blues Brothers Tribute night and a delicious Hog Roast catered for by Regency Butchers. From feedback we must

agree that it was a success and was enjoyed by all who attended. Sunday and the day promised good weather for the Bring Your Own Big Lunch and we were not disappointed. Approximately 100 villagers, families and friends enjoyed food, friendship and fun. Barry Paffey was kind enough to take family group photos and sent his drone up to record the event. Check it out on Facebook if you are



able.

Throughout the whole of the weekend people wandered around the village looking for 20 Crowns as part of the Treasure Hunt despite some very damp weather. We had an overwhelming number of correct entries so all correct ones were presented with Coronation appropriate prizes. The correct number was 2023 and phrase was 'God save King Charles!' Thanks to all households for taking part in adverse conditions and to those who 'hosted' Crowns - the complete answers have been published on Facebook.



Ladies of the village decorated the church with 'Royal themed' floral arrangements which were much admired.

The bunting has now been put away but memories remain from yet another Middlezoy Celebration.

Pam Jamieson on behalf of the organising committee

THE WILDING OF MIDDLEZOY

In the autumn of 2020 the concept of a Middlezoy bio-diversity group became an actuality. By the following spring a group was formed, funds raised and a gentle project commenced of increasing awareness about our glorious countryside on the Levels and what each household could do to increase diversity.

The project gained momentum, trees and 'whips' were planted, seeds were raised, existing wild plants were divided and the subsequent offspring moved to new locations.

The group prospered with the excitement of planting, but perhaps withered a little with the necessity of clearing ground and watering saplings. Not everything works! YET not even three years later the results begin to show, individual households make different choices as to what is grown in their garden, lawns are mown less, allowing seeds to develop and produce food for small birds. This is most necessary in May and June when the young are in the nest.

In my own home, the bat maternity unit is full, this demonstrates that insects are increasing. Next door my neighbour has been visited by a hedgehog, the first seen in several years. Perhaps this means that the badgers have been able to find a more varied diet.

Congratulations and thanks to Wild Middlezoy.

Gill Wilkinson



MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Monday weekly coffee morning at the chapel. A big thank you also to all the volunteers without whom the event would not happen.

If we ever get some nice sunny weather we may be able to have some tables outside too. We continue to have a bring-and-buy stall and welcome any items from produce to small unwanted household appliances. We do not accept clothes. Any unsold items are taken to the local charity shop so someone always benefits. Also, don't forget we have an array of

books and jigsaws in the back room of the chapel. Do come along and have a look.

If anyone is a keen crafter and would like to come along and demonstrate their skills as well as bring along items to sell, please contact me.

Hope to see you on a Monday 10am-12 Middlezoy Chapel - transport can be arranged for anyone in the village just let me know.

Jill Darby, Village Coffee Morning Co-ordinator

Tel : 01823 698000 Email : jilldrb@gmail.com



OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Coronation Celebration service

On Sunday 7 May people from across the village took part in an informal village service in the morning in the church with hymns, readings and prayers and an address by Rev. Keith Powell, all celebrating the crowning of King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Mervyn Winslade & Margaret Harris, Churchwardens



OTHERY STREET FAYRE

Saturday 17 June

Our annual church fundraising event is here again and we have organised another day and evening of events and activities. We will be delivering our annual House-to-House appeal leaflets asking people for donations of items to our own church stalls of Bottle-Tombola, Bric-a-brac, and Produce which we will then collect during the week immediately before the Fayre.

Cakes Stall

We are appealing for on-the-day donations of homemade cakes - small, medium and large sizes will be very gratefully received for sale in the refreshments marquee. Also, if you feel you could help on the stall for an hour during the day it would be much appreciated. Please contact Eli Busby at Church Farmhouse, North Lane or phone 01823 690453.

Decorate your houses and gardens

Again, we are inviting householders to decorate the outside of their homes with any bunting, flags and fun and bright items to brighten up the village for this special day. Make it Coronation Day times two!

From 11am - 4pm

Come along to North Lane, the Playing Field, the Old Vicarage Lawn and the church all of which will be filled with varieties of stalls, exhibitions, live entertainments, Dog Show, 'First Drop', children's competitions, hot and cold refreshments, all day bar, Classic Cars & Vehicles and Harley Davidson motorbikes to name just a few!

From 4pm to 11pm

Immediately after the Fayre closes at 4pm the Playing Field marquee will be the focal point with the bar open and live musical entertainments throughout the evening; from 5.30pm a Pig Roast (there until it is all gone!) and at 9.30pm the Grand Draw will be held with many valuable prizes which have been donated by very generous donors. Live music will then continue until closure of the bar and Playing Field at 11pm.

Anita Winslade, OSF Secretary

OTHERY READING GROUP

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn

In 2013 after a disastrous investment which saw their finances plummet, the author and her husband Moth are evicted by bailiffs. Having lost their farm and almost all their savings they find themselves homeless and with very little money. Added to this Moth has recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness that affects his body as well as his brain. Despite this, Raynor, inspired by the book '500 Miles Walkies' by Mark Wallington, decides that they should walk the South West Coastal Path. *The Salt Path* is Raynor's account of their journey. It describes how they overcome the difficulties of Moth's illness, wild camping and surviving on very little income. Along the way they meet some very different characters and find an inner strength that allows them to plan for a future.

The group had a lively discussion about the choices Raynor and Moth made, some of which irritated many of the members, particularly those who had read it for the second time. We also discussed the court system and the plight of the homeless. However, all agreed that the book was well written, an interesting easy read and thought provoking.

If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact Martin Wall
martinwall1@mac.com. We are a friendly group who meet at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month at Othery. *Lynette Golledge*

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OTHERY GARDENING CLUB

Following an afternoon of heavy rain, the sun came out for our May visit to the delightful wildflower meadow and gardens of Hillcrest at Stoke St Gregory; created by the owners to give year round colour and interest while providing a healthy habitat for wildlife. The gardens open for the National Garden Scheme and are well worth viewing.



At our next meeting on Tuesday 13 June at 7.30pm, Gilly Hayward will join us at Othery Village Hall to give her illustrated talk on *Garden Pruning – Why, When and How*.

Visitors are welcome to come and hear Gilly for a charge of £3.

We hope to see you at our plant stall at Othery Street Fayre where there will be many bargains to be had for your flower and vegetable garden!

If you are interested in joining our club please contact Jo Taylor for details on 01823 698123 or email otherygardeningclub@live.co.uk.

Lesley Stanford

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Coronation Celebrations

In the evening after King Charles and Queen Camilla had been crowned in Westminster Abbey the village Disco took place in the hall co-hosted and sponsored by the Hall Committee and the Parish Council. Residents and guests who attended were able to enjoy a vast supply of assorted foods that appeared and a good mix of musical records etc was provided by a very competent DJ.

Upcoming Events

Friday 9 June – Quiz Night, £10 per table, team sizes – up to 6 max – Contact us on 07958 006 403 or otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a table. Doors open 7pm.

Saturday 17 June – Puddings gazebo at the Othery Street Fayre

Friday 14 July – Pub Night, Summer Barbecue

Regular Events

Wednesday 14 June Western Front Association,

Wednesday 28 June Somerset Stargazers

Thursdays 10am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short mat bowls

Fridays 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night

Diary Dates

AGM - Tuesday 17 October 2023

New Year's Eve Party - Sunday 31 December

Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

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



OTHERY YOUTH CLUB

Othery Youth Club are still looking for volunteers to step forward and take up the running of the Club. With lots of equipment and a comfortable sum in the bank, all it needs is a few willing people, from either Othery or Middlezoy, to allow it to start up again.

If no one is able to help by 21 July we will unfortunately have to dissolve the Youth Club, and any interested parties are invited to an Open General Meeting in the Church Room on Thursday 3 August at 7.30pm to agree on the disposal of the assets.

Please contact any of the below if you are able to help.

Mo Wright 01823 698913,

Isobel Davis 01823 698119

Mervyn & Anita Winslade 01823 698368.

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MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

ST MARY'S CHAMPAGNE CELEBRATION SERVICE

Our thanks to Fiona for leading this special service on Sunday 7 May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III—and for providing us all with a glass or two of excellent champagne!



CHURCH HALL CORONATION TEA PARTY

Here are a couple of pictures to represent a very successful village gathering at which we toasted in the new King with Fizz and Coronation cake on Sunday 7 May. Thanks to everybody for coming and your generosity with the delicious food you all brought with you.

Mary Mason, Chair of Moorlinch Church Hall Committee



MOORLINCH SUMMER FETE

Saturday 8 July 2pm to 5pm Church Hall Grounds

After such a long, cold, dreary winter and spring we are so looking forward to our Summer Fete.

We have revamped the outside toilet into a fabulous outside space now named 'The Pavilion'.

We have already used it during our plant sale and it is being lined up to be used as part of the Fete's side shows and competitions.

We aim for the Fete to be lots of fun with food, traditional and new stalls and time to meet and chat with friends and neighbours.

Everybody welcome. See you all there.

Mary Mason, Chair of Moorlinch Church Hall Committee



STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Coronation celebrations

The beautiful display in St Francis church was done by Arlette Bannister in honour of the King's Coronation. We were so impressed with her wonderful arrangements done especially for the celebrations that we wanted to share the photos.

Anna Sealey



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 24 June. The coffee morning from 10am till 12 noon is at Jim and Morag's at the eastern or Moorlinch end of the village. All welcome.

Richard Graham

VILLAGE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

We had a Coronation Curry night on the 6th, Coronation Day, with the lighting of a beacon on the hill opposite Richard and Lianne Graham's house.

On Sunday, 7th, there was a commemoration service with prayers for King Charles and Queen Camilla, followed by a Bring-and-Share Afternoon Tea at the village hall. It was held outside the hall with a bouncy castle and Connect 4 game for the children.

Ruth Peberdy

PARISH OF STAWELL HERITAGE SOCIETY

A fun, entertaining and informative evening was had by all who attended the Parish Of Stawell Heritage Society (POSHS) meeting on Saturday 13 May.

Anne Murch brought 50 odd and unusual objects, gizmos and gadgets from times past to the village. We had to guess what they were. Many of us came up with some wonderful and weird suggestions which were totally wrong! Anne then gave us the correct answers with lots of additional interesting information.

When Anne was training staff in elderly persons' homes to do reminiscence work with residents, she suggested that they use a variety of different old artefacts as triggers to jog their memories. She went most weeks to a car boot sale and collected suitable old things to show them what might be useful. While collecting these, she found other peculiar objects and she started collecting for her own interest.

Anne said "I discovered that other people found these intriguing as well and started using them for quizzes. I didn't always know what they were when I bought them. I now have over 200 and must stop before the house is over run!"

A delightful evening! Thank you Anne!

Our next event will be on Saturday 24 June, 7.30pm in Stawell Village Hall with guest speaker local historian Roger Evans about *Somerset Ghost Stories!*

All welcome, pay at the door, adults - £3, children - £1.

Jackie Lusty - jackie_lusty@hotmail.com 07970974215



AND FINALLY.....

COME TO THE EDGE

Appollinaire said
"Come to the edge"
"It is too high"
"Come to the edge"
"We might fall"
"Come to the edge"
And they came
And he pushed them
And they flew.

Guillaume Appollinaire 1880-1918

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

"Our doubts are traitors,
And make us lose the good we oft might
win by fearing the attempt."

William Shakespeare

USEFUL INFORMATION

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.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES NEAR US

Ashcott & Pedwell	7.30pm	3rd Thursday	Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ
Burrowbridge	7.30pm	3rd Monday	Coronation Hall West Yeo Road, TA7 0RH
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.

WESTONZOYLAND WI

Our June meeting will have a talk on the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Learn not only about their rescue services but also about their outreach work with motorbike riders and drivers in order to prevent accidents and injuries.

So, if you fancy a night out with the girls, come and meet us.

Should you want any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson, Secretary, on 01823 698429

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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 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

Clare is a local designer, reflexologist and yoga teacher, who grew up in Stawell. She likes to explore creativity, therapies and yoga to promote wellbeing.

"Yoga helps me find the inner strength and compassion to cope with the stresses of everyday living, and create a positive focus in my life." My aim in these classes is to teach yoga in a very simple, down to earth manner that is gentle and allows everyone to access their inner calm and strength; using exercise and deep relaxation to bring the body into balance.

Calm Gentle Yoga with Clare

Stawell Village Hall

Tuesday evening 7.00 - 8.15 PM

Friday morning 10.00 - 11.15 AM

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Contact Clare on 01278 722917

E-mail clare.jonesuk@yahoo.com

Suitable for beginners/ intermediate

Please bring a mat, blanket and a cushion to classes.

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Call sign

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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		

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:

Friday 2 June

Thursdays 8, 15, 22, 29 June, 6 July

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Friday 2 June

Thursdays 22 June, 13 July

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Middlezoy: Mondays 5, 19 June, 3 July

Othery: Friday 2 June, Thursdays 15, 29 June

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week:

Thursday 1 June

Wednesdays, 7, 14, 21, 28 June

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:

Wednesdays: 7, 28 June

Garden Waste Bins, every other week:

Thursdays 8, 22 June.

RECYCLING CENTRES—Summer opening hours started on 1 April

9am-6pm 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 on a Friday every 4 weeks. **Next visit: 16 June**

Stawell Village Hall 10.10am - 10.40am

Moorlinch Tapmoor Road Junction 10.55am - 11.15am

Middlezoy Main Road Bus Stop 12.20pm - 1pm

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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

Chapel Stewards: Pauline Stewart 01823 698351 and Sandy Rogers 01823 698220

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: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Middlezoy: School 01823 698465; 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; Benjamin 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 JUNE 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
June 4 Sun <i>(Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion	St Michael's, Othery
11 Sun <i>(First after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Prayer and Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion Joint Worship For All	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
18 Sun <i>(Second after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's, Moorlinch
25 Sun <i>(Third after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Worship All Age Worship Circuit Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St. Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
July 2 Sun <i>(Fourth after Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Holy Communion	St. Francis, Stawell

The Common Worship readings and lessons for the services

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
June 4 Sun	Trinity Sunday	OT: Isaiah, chapter 40, v 12 to 17 and 27 to the end Psalm: 8 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 11 to the end Gospel: Matthew, chapter 28, verses 16 to the end
11 Sun	First Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 12, verses 1 to 9 Psalm: 33, verses 1 to 12 Epistle: Romans, chapter 4, verses 13 to the end Gospel: Matthew, chapter 9, verses 9 to 13 and 18 to 26
18 Sun Fathers' Day	Second Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 18, verses 1 to 15 Psalm: 116, verses 1 and 10 to 17 Epistle: Romans, chapter 5, verses 1 to 8 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 9, v 35 to chapter 10, verse 8
25 Sun	Third Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 21, verses 8 to 21 Psalm: 86 verses 1 to 10 and 16 and 17 Epistle: Romans, chapter 6, verses 1b to 11 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 10, verses 24 to 39
July 2 Sun	Fourth Sunday after Trinity	OT: Genesis, chapter 22, verses 1 to 14 Psalm: 13 Epistle: Romans, chapter 6, verses 12 to 23 Gospel: Matthew, chapter 10, verses 40 to 42

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