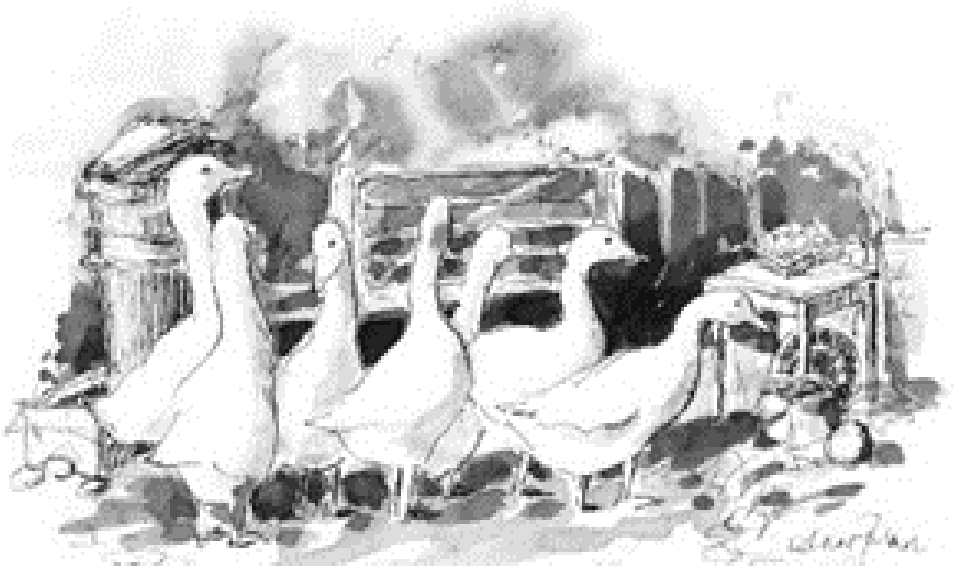


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FROM THE EDITOR

We have had enough of winds and showers to last the whole year through! Yes lovely flowers are blooming all over the place despite nature's attempts to disorganise our normal weather patterns. Climate change is definitely happening. Let us hope we have enough sporadic rain during the summer to keep our reservoirs full in case of an undesirable drought.

With plenty of events planned to take place during May in our six villages and adjoining parishes we all want good weather to be able to participate and enjoy them. You will find event details throughout this edition of the magazine.

If you favour staying at home there will be plenty of sports programmes on the major tv channels during May as well as insight into preparations for the Summer Olympics in Paris in July. We wish all our sports stars who train at Millfield School the very best of good luck and success in their gyms, fields and pools.

Anita Winslade, Editor

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GENERAL ITEMS

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

Summer Term 2024

Our gates opened on Tuesday 16 April, following our Easter holidays. The children came back eager to learn and the spring sunshine and beautifully clear, blue sky certainly helped put a spring in their step!

This term, the children in Unicorns will be learning about famous nurses, Dragons are focusing on the British Empire and Phoenix will be learning all about the local area. If you would like to come in to school to share your experience of life in Othery with the children, particularly if you were a pupil at Othery Village School, we would love to invite you in. Please contact the office if this is something you could offer.

There are many special events coming up during this term. The children in Dragons class will be going on their annual residential trip to Kilve Court later in May. This offers the children the chance to try a range of different activities and develops their confidence and team-building skills. This year, their activities include raft building, tackling the climbing wall and having a shot at archery. Fingers crossed for good weather! We also have our Sports Day and the Key Stage 2 production to look forward to.

If you are looking for a school place for your child and wish to come and see our schools in

action, please do contact the office on 01823 698464. We are currently all based at the Othery school site.

Just a reminder, our Ofsted reports are available to view on our school website, the link for these is: <https://www.middlezoyandotheryschools.co.uk/ofsted-and-performance-data>
Mrs Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher

LOCAL COMMUNITY CHOIR NEEDED

We need a local community choir for a Christmas concert which is going to be performed on 30 Nov 2024 in Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy. It is a completely new work composed just for us by local composer Mark Whitford-Williams. Remember the magnificent light show he composed for us during covid or the compassionate concert 'Home' which commemorated the end of the Great War in 1918.

Young and old, singers and those who feel they can or cannot sing, you are all very welcome. Just bring your enthusiasm. Mark Whitford-Williams can teach us all to sing so come along. Absolutely no auditions.

First meeting is in the church on Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm. Plenty time to reorganise your diary to make sure you can attend.

Residents from all the benefice villages are welcome. If you have any questions either email shrubrose@yahoo.co.uk or text me on 07753 882311 and I will pass your message onto Mark, who will be much more able to answer your questions.

Jean Campbell

CONGRATULATIONS YEOVIL FOOTBALL CLUB

Here are three photos featuring some of the local Yeovil fans after their team gained promotion into the National League.



Left picture: Toby, Leo and Jude Piper actually holding the cup.

Middle picture: Jude with the goalkeeper Joe Day. As you can see from Jude's jersey he is a great fan of Joe.

Right picture: Isaac Campbell, Ian Campbell and our very happy and excited Reader Pauline Davies with striker Alex Fisher.

The Piper and Campbell Families

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Somerset Branch of the Western Front Association will be on Wednesday 8 May at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. Our speaker is Ian Stevenson.

In 1918 Britain led a multi-national force which landed on the coast of Northern Russia. Ian will look at the expectations and the objectives of those involved, followed by the change of support to the White Russians and why it was withdrawn.

WFA members and non-members alike are equally welcome to come and listen to this

little known subject.

We ask for a modest £5 donation on the door to defray costs. Free tea and coffee will be supplied as well as entry into our raffle.

Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset Branch WFA 01823 698156

WARAG FESTIVAL 2024



Middlezoy is very fortunate, not only to have a successful heritage aviation centre but also the region's most significant historical re-enactment event. Building on the success of our previous WARAG events, we return on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May 2024 with our unique celebration of life on the former airfield at Westonzoyland during its operational era.

We enjoy active re-enactment, military armour and vehicles on the move around the site and it is an opportunity to learn of the airfield's long history from the 1920s through illustrated talks and a marquee exhibition. This year we are excited to have nationally recognised groups of Crimean and Napoleonic re-enactors and even a Western and US Cavalry display.

The show allows visitors to walk back in time, while viewing and chatting to our re-enactment groups who are keen to show you how things were done during other eras. They will be



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displaying their historical collections, vehicles, models and even their own military vehicles. Watch the vehicles move around the off-road areas. See how they would have looked and sounded.

See our resident aircraft and learn all about our Auster 'Louis' and its fascinating history. There will be steam and thrashing displays and vintage tractors. Women's Land Army re-enactors will give an insight into local agricultural life during the airfield's operational era. Bar and refreshments are provided with food wagons including Only Foods and Sauces burger van, Caribbean and Thai food, ice creams, fruit stalls and pancakes. Relax in our 1940s tearoom for high tea, cake, scones and tea served on Sheila Gould's wonderful china sets. You can sit and view static displays of vintage aircraft and cars. Entrance at the gate is still £10 for adults with accompanied children under 16 entering for free. Car parking is free.

The Tank and Tractor Bar will be hosting our singers and bands all weekend. We are very excited to have 'Elvis' performing, along with DJ Lucas Brown providing entertainment. Why not become involved with WARAG? We are always looking for adult volunteers. More details of WARAG 2024 can be found via Facebook or by visiting www.warag.co.uk.

Julian Hutchings

FARM DIARY

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

In the Field. At the time of writing, the weather is spring like and the rain has stopped. This allows field work to be done. On sandy soils, it can be done immediately. On soils with some clay, a few days of dry weather need to follow each other for field work. We have given up on the field beans which should have been sown in early November; but it was too wet. Looking at the poor profitability of the crop over several years has resulted in us scrapping this crop. We will plant a herbal ley in its place in our crop rotation. The herbal ley is supported by the government in its SFI or Sustainable Farm Incentive and can be used for our livestock production. A certain member of our farm partnership keeps on talking about an SFI option for wild flowers which cannot be so used. It pays more. If this covered the whole farm he could do more sailing... What we then do with our machinery and with people's need to eat is not clear.



Solar Farms. In an article by Matt Ridley in The Daily Telegraph on 3 April 2024, he reminded this author that in the Middle Ages a third of agricultural land was used for energy - harvesting wind, water use, hay for horses. With our level of self-sufficiency as a country, the author thinks we should not go down the route of using more land for energy again. We need more land not less for crop production. The sun's energy can supply nature's solar panels, plants, and we can use the bread or lamb. At the moment, these cannot be made any other way. Electricity can be made elsewhere - e.g. the roofs of industrial buildings.

Patrick Holden and sustainable farming. Holden is the organic farming pioneer and adviser to the King. In the interview reported in The Daily Telegraph of 14 March 2024, he talks of regenerative agriculture and how livestock have an important role to play in feeding the soils. This message is getting missed as figures such as Sir David Attenborough are calling

for less meat eating to save the planet. When Holden wrote to Attenborough to ask if he was prepared to be involved in a discussion on sustainable agriculture the answer came back that he didn't know enough about farming. His TV scripts imply otherwise. "It's not the cow but the how."

Richard Graham

SKY AT NIGHT

Sky Diary—May 2024

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of May 5.45am-8.34pm End of May 5.03am-9.17pm

Moon Phases

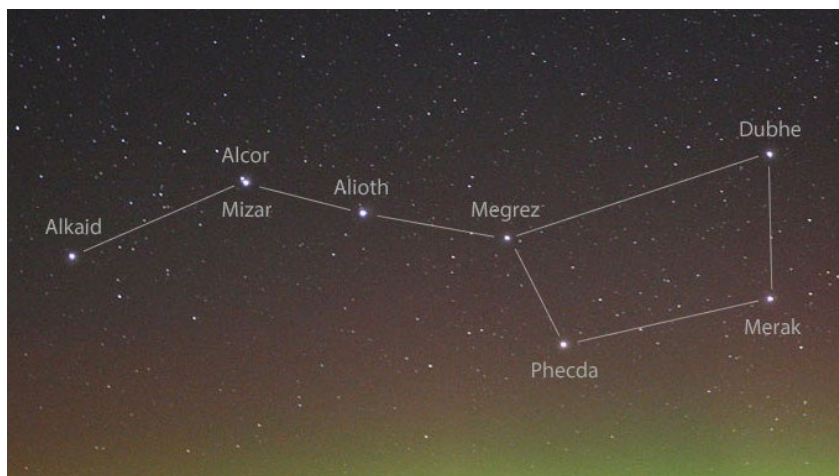
Last Quarter 1st / New Moon 8th / First Quarter 15th / Full Moon 23rd

Planets

After the famine of observable planets last month during May we see the start of the parade of planets to come starting off with Saturn which rises in the east at 3am (close to a slender Moon on the 31st) followed by Mars which rises at 4am.

Constellation

It is a good time to observe Ursa Major, the Great Bear, this month as it reaches its highest point in the sky looking north. People are familiar with the saucer-shaped asterism of stars here but there is so much more around which if you look starts to resemble its Ursidae namesake. Don't forget to look for the star in the middle of the bear's tail, the double star Alcor and Mizar. Observing two stars here used to be a test of people's eyesight in years gone by but it seems quite simple now and if you look



with powerful binoculars or a small telescope you will see a third star also.

Phenomena

On the morning of 6th May any meteor you see may be debris from the tail of Halley's Comet burning up in the Earth's atmosphere.

Paul Adamson 01823698156

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

At our May meeting on Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall TA7 0QU we are joined by Steve Tonkin F.R.A.S.

Steve is a dark skies advisor, author and regular columnist in the BBC Sky at Night Magazine and has many followers on his Binocular Sky website. He will be entertaining us with his talk '10 ways the Universe tries to kill you!!!' This is along with our usual night sky guide and Astronomy News. Admission is £3 with membership available. Free tea and coffee are also provided. We are also on Zoom

For more details please contact somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com Follow us on Facebook Paul Adamson 01823698156

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

Free Concert Sunday 26 May at 3pm

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

Dan Whitehouse *A Night of Glass*

Various songs have been gathered together for *Night Of Glass*, a simple but hypnotic live experience in which, variously behind a piano or on guitar, Dan takes the audience deep into the heart of glass in its myriad manifestations. His expressively nuanced, crystalline vocals - a hint of Bowie here, a touch of Cohen there, interspersed with narrative leavened by his hearty Black Country delivery - effortlessly mining a wealth of emotions and ideas. This is where the light gets in.

Refreshments are available at a modest charge from 2.15 pm 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!

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

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

Westonzoyland WI

At our May meeting on Wednesday 8th, there will be dancing!

Come and dance the night away to amazing music. Learn a variety of dances for all abilities whilst having lots of fun.

Should you fancy a night out with the girls, come and meet us. We welcome you.

For any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson,

Secretary, on 01823 698429

Gill Wilkinson

GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE EVENTS

A small team are working hard to try to find a way to keep the parish church open, at least for festivals. Before we commit, we need to be confident that the church structure does not require major work, which would almost certainly be unaffordable. We are therefore in the process of arranging a survey (Quinquennial Review), which should give us a clearer picture of what we have to work with.

Looking ahead, the Barn Dance is planned for Saturday 21 September and we have booked Hobson's Choice again, the same band that was so popular last year.

Toby Crispin

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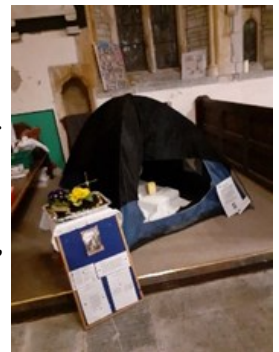
STICKY CHURCH

Easter Celebration

On Easter Tuesday afternoon (April 2nd) the Sticky Church team hosted a family-filled, fun Easter at Holy Cross Church Middlezoy.

It was an interactive exciting afternoon for children and young people with nearly fifty children and adults in attendance.

Activities were based around 'The Easter Story and Spring time', enabling both the teaching and fun creativity to be equally shared, as parents and others present also learnt something from the children. Some activities included the making of crosses from card and wood, weaving Easter cards, Easter gardens on recycled



bamboo plates, summer flower seed planting in recycled egg boxes and despite the wet weather an Easter egg hunt and egg rolling were held in the churchyard. Bible Chat Mats were placed throughout the church and in one section Stations of the Cross told the story of our 'Risen Lord'.

Refreshments were served and at the close of the session there was singing and dancing in the aisles.

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!"

Pauline Davies

MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

Middlezoy Emergency Plan

Somerset Council are encouraging all parishes to develop an Emergency Plan. The plan will enable the Parish Council to identify immediate action it should consider taking during and in the immediate aftermath of an emergency. These actions will assist the community and those affected in reducing the negative impacts an emergency can have while awaiting the assistance of the Emergency Services.

Middlezoy Parish Council have developed the plan for the village. An Emergency Management Team was formed to prepare the plan and an Emergency Support Team identified to assist during the emergency.

Full copies of the Emergency Plan are on www.middlezoyvillagehall.org.uk under the tab 'Documents' and on www.facebook.com/middlezoyparishcouncil.

Outline details are on the noticeboards at the shop, the village hall and in Broadfield Park. The plan identifies roles of the Emergency Management Team and the Emergency Support Team; identifies the risks to the community and the relevant trigger points when action is to be taken; identifies resources in the community available to assist during an emergency.

Appendices to the plan identify assembly points and shelters, defibrillator locations, volunteers with specific skills and useful telephone numbers.

If you are able to volunteer for any of the specific skills identified in Appendix 3 please contact the Chair of Middlezoy Parish Council, Paul Baker.

The plan will be reviewed and updated annually. Any updates will be posted on Middlezoy Village website and the Middlezoy Parish Council Facebook page.

Paper copies of the full plan can be obtained by contacting the Chair of Middlezoy Parish Council, Paul Baker 07760 887907.

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Monday weekly coffee morning at the chapel and to the many volunteers who help to ensure we can continue to run. An especially big thank you to those of you that help regularly pack away at the end of the session.

At our Easter Coffee Morning on Monday 25 March we raised £77 for the Children's Hospice SW and this was made up to £100 from the funds. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated a prize.

Our bric-a-brac stall is starting to look a little sparse. We would welcome any unwanted quality items that you can find.

Don't forget we also have a great book supply in the back room of the chapel - every author you can think of. Come along and take a look.

We run every Monday (excluding bank holidays). Hope to see you 10am-12 noon in

Middlezoy chapel.

*Jill Darby, Village Coffee Morning Co-ordinator
Tel : 01823 698000 Email jilldrb@gmail.com*

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

Dates for your diary:

Our first fundraiser of the year will be on Saturday 4 May 10am-12noon. Coffee Morning at the village hall.

Come along and support and treat yourself to a slice of homemade cake.

Tuesday 6 August - annual summer coach trip for residents aged 65+. This year we will be going to Exmouth with a possible stop on route. Further details to follow and invites will come through your doors at the end of June/July.

Jill Darby, Chairperson

LEVELS METHODISTS CHURCH NEWS

Easter celebrations

There was a very thought provoking Good Friday service at the Methodist Church, led by Ildiko, with various prayer stations and the placing of the cross on the fence by the road.

Thank you for the flowers that you brought to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday morning.

Over the Easter weekend, some little gift bags appeared on the chapel fence for people in the village to take away – we hope you enjoyed the gifts.

Thank you too to all the families who attended the Family Easter Fun on the Tuesday after Easter, which the churches together in Middlezoy offered. We had about 50 people for the afternoon activities, which included an egg rolling competition, making an Easter garden, and decorating candle holders.



The Peekaboo Gang!

Meets every Friday during term time from 9.30am – 12pm (arrive anytime and stay as long as you want) welcoming parents and carers with their babies and toddlers under 3!

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Details of Church and Chapel services are found on the back page of the magazine
The service on Sunday 26 May, 6.30pm will be Holy Communion at the Methodist Church – to include the Easter Offering Dedication – All are welcome to this reflective and interactive service ‘in the round’.

Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

Don't forget that the Chapel space and Back Room are available to hire. There is a booking form on the website <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings> or contact Jill Darby, jilldrb@gmail.com or at 01823 698000.

Revd Deborah Kirk, Minister deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com 01823 334854

Ildiko Haraszti Minister-in-Training

MIDDLEZOY CHURCH

On Sunday 2 June the church is hosting an Open Tower Day.

In addition to being able to climb the 93 steps and enjoying the panoramic views there will be, in the nave, a display to commemorate 100 years since the sinking, on 29 May 1914, of The Empress of Ireland in the St Lawrence River in Canada which resulted in the drowning of two ladies returning to Middlezoy.

The display will be complimented by information, prepared by the Heritage Group, of life in Middlezoy in 1914.

There will be usual refreshments with home-made cakes and scones to enjoy.

Ian Campbell, Churchwarden

OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for church services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

Churchwardens & PCC

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GATES FAMILY

We are sad to announce the death of Eileen Gates. Eileen died peacefully on the 9th April having moved into a residential care home in March.

Eileen moved to Othery, with her husband Michael and family, in 1981 from Drysend Farm in Moorlinch. She'll be sorely missed by all who knew her.

OTHERY MOUSE RACES

The church Mouse Races evening was again a resounding success with the village hall filled with sponsors, punters and spectators. Hot and cold refreshments were served throughout the evening and the bar kept thirsty people satisfied. Profit from the evening raised £1,452 in funds towards this year's Street Fayre pre-event costs.

Mervyn Winslade, Committee Chairman

OTHERY BOOK READING GROUP

Golden Hill by Francis Spufford

Golden Hill is an historical novel about the 18th century which also harks back to the glorious dog's breakfast that was the novel at its 18th-century beginning, when it could mix up adventure with serious themes, tragedy with farce, low pleasures with high ambition.

It's set in the very small colonial town of New York. One rainy evening in November, a handsome young stranger fresh off the boat pitches up at a counting-house door in Golden Hill Street: this is Mr Smith, amiable, charming, yet strangely determined to keep suspicion simmering. For in his pocket, he has what seems to be an order for a thousand pounds, a huge amount, and he won't explain why, or where he comes from, or what he can be planning to do in the colonies that requires so much money. Should the New York merchants trust him? Should they risk their credit and

refuse to pay? Should they befriend him, seduce him, arrest him; maybe even kill him? Our intrepid readers embarked on this rollicking journey with various levels of discomfort and joy. Many found the language and text presentation challenging as it referenced novels of the period such as *Tom Jones* and *Gulliver's Travels* indeed one member reverted to audio, however all present got to the final destination.

It is of course our response to the novel that we meet to share, and we had the full gamut of the experience with readers reporting unalloyed joy through to gritty endurance and being frequently irritated back to a vivid voyage of delights. As ever you would never have known we were reading the same book!

At our May meeting we will be discussing *The Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
Martin Wall

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings are held in the Church Room every Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon. We offer tea, hot chocolate and a variety of coffees including cappuccino and fresh coffee so there is something to suit everyone's taste. We also have a selection of home-made marmalade and sometimes chutney! We have a number of books for sale (25p each) with a varied selection of authors and we even have jigsaw puzzles for those of you who fancy a challenge. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and relax for a while, so please come along and join us - you'll be made very welcome.

Coffee Morning Committee

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Volunteers always welcome – if you would like to help with events or the Friday night bar, or even join the management committee - please contact us.



otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk or 07958 006403.

Happy Hour with the Village Hall bar on the first Friday of every month. 40% off all drinks and snacks until 8.30pm.

Upcoming Events

Barbecue Night - Friday 26 July. Doors open 6pm.

Regular Events

Tuesday 14 May – Gardening Club

Wednesday 8 May – Western Front Association

Wednesday 29 May – Somerset Stargazers

Thursdays – 10am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short mat bowls (not 2 May)

Fridays – 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night.

Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

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

OTHERY GARDENING CLUB

With talks, events and garden visits in the summer, Gardening Club is an opportunity to meet and share ideas with fellow gardeners. Membership is only £20 for the year which includes access to special trips and also discounts at local nurseries.

Why not come along and join us at our next meeting at Othery Village Hall on Tuesday 14 May at 7.30pm? Visitors are welcome at our meetings for a charge of £4 which includes a hot drink.

Also remember to visit our Gardening Club stall at Othery Street Fayre on Saturday 15 June where there will be many bargains to be had!

For further information about our friendly club and membership details, please contact Jo Taylor on 01823 698123 or email otherygardeningclub@live.co.uk
Lesley Stanford

OTHERY STREET FAYRE

Saturday 15 June

Our annual church fundraising event will be here again and we have organised another day and evening of events and activities. With the June edition of the magazine we will be delivering our annual house-to-house



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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

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

Got something to sell?

Stall sites booking forms are available from the Street Fayre Secretary, Anita Winslade, Elmgrove Bungalow, Holloway Road, Othery, TA7 0QF.

Tel.: 01823 698368 or 07714 672316.

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.

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 stalls, exhibitions, live entertainments, Dog Show, horses, games, competitions, sales of the Grand Draw Raffle tickets for many valuable prizes which have been donated by very generous donors. Hot and cold refreshments, all day bar and classic cars etc 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 entertainment from 4.30pm; then from 5.30pm a pig roast. Live music will then continue until closure of the bar and playing field at 11pm.

Anita Winslade, OSF Secretary, 01823 698368

Elmgrove Bungalow, Holloway Road, Othery, TA7 0QF.

MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

MOORLINCH PLANT SALE

Sunday 12 May 2pm – 4pm, Church Hall grounds

It's a perfect time to pick up some plants for your flower and vegetable garden. There are usually masses of tomatoes and climbing beans, broccoli, courgettes and squash, not to mention more unusual vegetables and chilli plants to try. Browse through the wide selection of plants lovingly grown by Moorlinch Garden Club members, brighten up your flower borders, from annuals such as cosmos and nicotiana to dahlias, geraniums, irises and ornamental grasses. There is always a chance to find something unusual and many bargains to be had!

Tea and delicious home-made cakes will be on offer as well as a cake stall.



So please join us for plant buying, or just a cup of tea and a piece of cake.
Any contributions of plants and cakes are most welcome. In aid of Church Hall funds.
For more information please contact Jenny Hayward-Karlsson 07807 505 693
Jenny Hayward-Karlsson

STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Easter Bingo

With Christmas Bingo still fresh in our minds, Easter being so early this year saw us holding our Easter Bingo with Lamb Bonanza earlier than usual.

Always a popular event, especially with the younger people, it was an evening of fun and laughter and we all enjoyed it.

Thanks to all the wonderful donations of prizes, among them plenty of scrummy Easter eggs. Special thanks go to Graham Fry, (Stawell shepherd extraordinaire who cares for his flock so meticulously,) who donated a leg of Stawell bred lamb for the Lamb Bonanza. It was won by Ann Claydon who I am sure, with her family, enjoyed a wonderful roast dinner. As always, thanks to all who supported Easter Bingo in whatever way. We raised approximately £250, give or take a pound or two. It will go some way to helping pay for the church's leaky roof.

Stawell Church Committee

On Tuesday 7 May the Church Committee will meet at Ralph and Ann Sealey's home at 5pm.

Coffee Morning

On Saturday 25 May the monthly coffee morning will take place at Annie and Terry Holder's home. 10am till 12 noon. All welcome.

.Ruth Peberdy, Stawell Church Committee

BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

Open Daily

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer; see their notice boards for their opening times. Othery church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for church services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Death: Mrs Eileen Gates of Othery died on Tuesday 9 April. Her funeral is being arranged.

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*

WELLS CATHEDRAL NEW ADMISSION CHARGES

Last month's article has apparently caused some confusion about who qualifies for free passes to Wells Cathedral. The free Residents Pass and Parish Pass are only available to those people on the Church Electoral Rolls.

Those people residing in the MOMSS&G villages who are not on a Church Electoral Roll can buy an annual Cathedral Card for £30 / £20 Locals Rate.

The application form is available from the website <https://www.wells cathedral.org.uk/yourvisit/wells-passes>

Hopefully the information below explains the matter clearer.

CATHEDRAL CARD

For: Everyone

Free admission to the Cathedral, discounts on purchases, priority booking at selected events and more. Valid for 12 months from date of issue.

Cost: £30 / £20 Locals rate - Purchase at the Cathedral Welcome Desk or in the Cathedral Shop

RESIDENTS' PASS

For: Residents of Wells, St. Thomas', Central and St Cuthberts electoral wards

Free admission to the Cathedral. Valid for 12 months from date of issue.

Cost: No charge - Bring proof of address to the Cathedral Welcome Desk

PARISH PASS

For: Parishioners on a Church Electoral Roll within the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Free admission to the Cathedral for the duration of the current Church Electoral Roll

Cost: No charge - Complete the form (available online) and take it to the Cathedral Welcome Desk

USEFUL INFORMATION

FOODBANKS

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 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

DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINES

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

Ascertain the condition of the patient. If a defibrillator is required 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	This is now in 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.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The new schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week: WEDNESDAYS 1, 15 and 22 May, THURSDAYS 9 and 30 May,

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: WEDNESDAYS 15 May, 5 June

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: TUESDAY 7 May, MONDAYS 20 May, 3 June

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: FRIDAYS 3, 17 and 24 May, SATURDAY 11 May and 1 June

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: FRIDAYS 3 and 24 May, SATURDAYS 11 May, 1 June

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: THURSDAYS 2 and 16 May, FRIDAY 31 May

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: WEDNESDAYS 1, 15 and 22 May, 5 June, THURSDAYS 9 and 30 May

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: WEDNESDAYS 15 May, 5 June

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: FRIDAY 10 May, THURSDAYS 23 May, 6 June

RECYCLING CENTRES

Summer opening hours (April to September)

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 every 4 weeks on Fridays:

Next visits: 3 and 31 May

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

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 jilldrb@gmail.com 01823 698000

Bookings: <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings/> or Jill Darby (above)

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 07885 195418

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 MAY

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
May 5 Sun (6th of Easter)	3.00 pm 3.30 pm 4.00 pm	Practice of songs etc Teas etc United Benefice Taize service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
12 Sun (7th of Easter)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion service Rogation Service Morning Prayer Joint Worship For All	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
19 Sun PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	10.00 am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist	St Michael's, Othery
26 Sun TRINITY SUNDAY	10.00am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Rogation Service Prayer and Praise Holy Communion service Morning Prayer Circuit Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St. Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
June 2 Sun (1st after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service	St Mary's, Moorlinch

The Common Worship (Year B) readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
May 5 Sun	6th Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 10, verses 44 to 48 (the end) Psalm: 98 Epistle: 1 John, chapter 5, verses 1 to 6 Gospel: John, chapter 15, verses 9 to 17
12 Sun	7th Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 1, verses 15 to 17 and 21 to 26 (the end) Psalm: 1 Epistle: 1 John, chapter 5, verses 9 to 13 Gospel: John, chapter 17, verses 6 to 19
19 Sun	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	First: Acts, chapter 2, verses 1 to 21 Psalm: 104, verses 26 to 36 (the end) Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 22 to 27 Gospel: John, ch. 15, verses 26 and 27 and ch. 16, verses 4b to 15
26 Sun	Trinity Sunday	OT: Isaiah, chapter 6, verses 1 to 8 Psalm: 29 Epistle: Romans, chapter 8, verses 12 to 17 Gospel: John, chapter 3, verses 1 to 17
June 2 Sun	1st Sunday after Trinity	OT: 1 Samuel, chapter 3, verses 1 to 20 Psalm: 139, verses 1 to 5 and 12 to 18 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 4, verses 5 to 12 Gospel: Mark, chapter 2, verses 23 to chapter 3, verse 6