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FROM THE EDITOR

LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING FORWARD

The winter of 2024 has brought to Britain much devastation from severe wet and cold weather – winds, rain, storms, floods, snow and ice - you name it we had it – yet elsewhere in the world there were catastrophic fires and heatwaves, some still happening. I am glad I live here not there.

With Christmas and the New Year celebrations we look back at all that has happened and make judgements and plans for the future. For many life goes on as usual, for some life has lost something precious which cannot be restored and for others life promises future hope and a way forward.

In this edition of the magazine we have articles that enlighten us, inspire us, soothe us. Details of events to help us, guide us, guard us. I hope you will enjoy at least one article, and hopefully more than that.

My thanks to all our contributors, compilers, donors, sponsors and readers – without you the magazine would not exist.

Best wishes for 2025.

Sincerely, Anita.

Anita Winslade, Editor

GENERAL ITEMS

MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

We ended 2024 with our Foundation Stage and KS1 children performing their Nativity, 'Shine Star Shine', to parents. The PTA provided the children and staff with another wonderful Christmas lunch and Unicorns class was chosen to perform some Christmas songs at the Middlezoy Chapel coffee morning.

The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm for the spring term. Our Reception class will be beginning to develop their understanding of familiar events and how these may have differed in the past: along with exploring the natural world and learning to recognise the similarities and differences between life in this country to that in others.

Our KS1 children will be starting a new topic focussing on knights and castles. In English, they will be learning to write fairy and traditional tales and they will look at rhyming couplets in poetry.

In KS2, Phoenix class will be focussing their attentions on Europe, and they will be finding out about the physical features of European countries. In History, they will study a range of monarchs in order to gain a chronological understanding of when each monarch reigned in relation to others. In English, they will be learning to write an alternative fairy tale along with a recount and a report. They will also learn what Christians believe about salvation and link this to Easter.

Dragons class will focus on the topic of light and forces as part of their science curriculum. Their history topic is the Ancient Maya Civilisation. They will be learning about significant inventions, their homes, farming and beliefs. Their art work will look at the work of

Mexican artist, Frida Kahol and they will be learning about mechanisms in DT.

Heidi Braithwaite Office Assistant – Middlezoy and Othery Schools

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WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 February starting at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, TA7 0QU.

We welcome Darren 'The Somerset Tommy' back to speak to us accompanied by his equipment, uniforms and Lewis Gun.

If you have always wanted to see and touch items from the Great War this is your opportunity.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to find out the year's programme, please email us. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings. We ask for a £5 donation to help cover our hall and speaker costs (under 16 years old are free). For this you not only get a good speaker but a free mug of tea or coffee and a raffle ticket.

We hope to see you soon.

Pat Adamson

Secretary, Somerset branch, WFA

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SKY AT NIGHT

February 2025

Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of February 7.46am-5.03pm

End of February 6.56-5.51pm

Moon Phases

First Quarter 5th / Full Moon 12th / Last Quarter 20th / New Moon 28th

Planets

Venus continues as a dazzling object in the west before, during and after sunset and is at its brightest on the 19th setting at

9pm. Saturn is much fainter

situated below left of Venus and

sets at 8pm. The next brightest

object in the night sky after Venus

is Jupiter in the Constellation of

Taurus and this planet sets at 3am.

The red planet Mars is in Gemini

and although fading after its

January opposition is still a

prominent object setting at 4am.

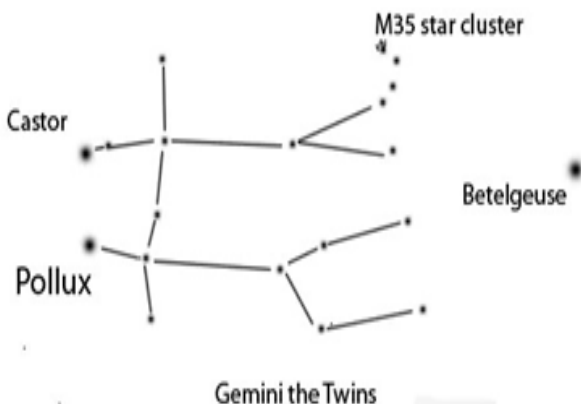
Constellation

Mars is currently situated within

the Constellation of Gemini the

Twins which is to the upper left of

the Constellation of Orion the



Hunter. Gemini is dominated by its two brightest Pollux a yellow/orange star and above this Castor a white star which in fact is a multiple star system containing 6 stars in total. Casting your gaze along to the left of Castor eventually brings you to the open star cluster Messier 35 which contains around 500 stars;. For the best view of the cluster look using a pair of binoculars.

Phenomena

A conjunction in astronomy is the term used when two objects appear close together in the sky and here are three interesting ones to look out for in February. On 1st a Crescent Moon with Venus and Saturn close by, on 6th Moon just past first quarter close to Jupiter and on 9th look out for Mars close to an almost full Moon.

Paul Adamson 01823698156

SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

We unfortunately had to cancel our January meeting due to unforeseen circumstances but our planned speaker has agreed to come back later in the year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

For our February meeting we move location to nearby Middlezoy Village Hall where we will hold our yearly astronomy evening with telescope and experts to guide you around the night sky.

This year whatever the weather we have plenty to keep you entertained with talks and displays from the Stargazers and Campaign for Rural England, a family workshop and also local award winning astrophotographer Josh Dury who regularly appears on BBC Points West and BBC Radio Somerset.

P.S. if you have your own telescope or binoculars please bring them along, we can also help if you have any issues with your equipment.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm in Middlezoy Village Hall, Nethermoor Road, TA7 0PG. Admission is free with refreshments available.

For more details please contact somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com

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FARM DIARY

This is written for non-farmers living surrounded by farmland.

In the Field. The rainfall for our central Somerset village has been up by about 40% for

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two years running. The failed oil seed rape will probably mean that spring barley will return to the farm again. The lambs are being sold into a good trade.

Milk drinking. This writer is biased. However, 542,778 women in the Million Women study (don't ask) had 97 dietary factors looked at. The follow-up was almost 17 years. A 17% decrease in risk of bowel cancer occurred in women who drank one large glass of milk or two pots of yoghurt per day. The calcium itself was the main factor cutting risk and could be obtained from dairy or non-dairy sources. Written by an unnamed Daily Telegraph reporter on 9 January.

Muddles. The UK has signed up to global commitments to protect 30% of its land and sea for nature by 2030. Currently the figure for land is 7%. We are only about 60% self-sufficient in food. Another big farming estate in Lincolnshire is planning a solar farm covering 14,000 acres of prime farmland. Rewilding Britain is currently advising on projects covering 500,000 acres or 1.3% of the land surface. As the CEO of the Countryside Alliance said, if you tell farmers they are not needed anymore you're not going to engage them. The government is planning on a huge uplift in the number of houses built each year. When a certain unplanned event occurs, the government wants private business owners but not corporate business owners to give them 20% of all their assets less a nil rate band that will soon be eaten up by machinery on many farms and businesses. Then there are the national insurance changes. This will not affect many businesses as the threshold is 5 employees. But according to The Daily Telegraph's Daniel Wilson in an article on 9 January, Richard Clothier the managing director of Wyke Farms in Somerset will have to increase his prices as other factors are occurring at the same time. Wyke Farms is the largest independent cheese producer in the UK. It is trickier to obtain staff in rural areas as there is more travel involved and fewer people. His cheeses mature for 18 months to 2 years.

Richard Graham

PAY IT FORWARD FOR SOMERSET

The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) are making a new appeal, a campaign that changes lives.

CCS are working to make sure that no one in our county must face hardship alone. With the launch of the 'Pay It Forward Somerset' campaign they are aiming to raise £25,000 by the end of the financial year to support vital services that help Somerset residents when they need it most.

Every day CCS helps people like Amy, whose limited mobility left her without fresh food and the ability to cook for herself. Thanks to one of the Village Agents,

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Amy now has access to a food pantry and a home kitchen setup that allows her to prepare her own meals again. And then there's Ed who was overwhelmed by memory loss and mounting debts. With our support Ed received help with finances, and daily care and now feels safe at home.

CCS are asking for your support and would be very grateful for anyone to organise a one-off collection event in their area to help their work over the winter season.

Your support can help change lives across Somerset. Every pound raised will go towards the Village Agents and CCS's wider community work, addressing economic challenges, health needs and social isolation across the county.

To learn more about the campaign visit <https://mailchi.mp/somersetcrcc/ccs-thatch-bulletin-winter-issue-17458662>

To make a donation visit <https://ccslovesomerset.org/pay-it-forward-for-somerset>

Let's make Somerset a place where everyone can thrive – with your help, we can make a lasting difference. *Matthew Byrne, Head of Development & Communications*

MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS

MOORLINCH, STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET PCC

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 February at The Old Vicarage, Moorlinch at 5pm. *Fiona Hixon, Churchwarden*

VEGAN LUNCH THANK YOU

Thank you to the chefs, pudding makers and bakers, potato peelers and mashers, table setters and decorators, kitchen staff and servers - all of whom contributed so much to our 3rd annual vegan lunch. The biggest thank you goes to all those who came and enjoyed some food and chat and raised around £650 for the charity Shelter.

Carrie, Pam and Jane

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

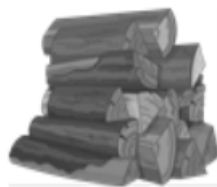
Bring a picnic and enjoy the live music in my garden of The Post House with the big band sound of the wonderful Mendip Swing Band on Sunday afternoon/evening of 10 August at 2.30pm. Last August over £3,000 was raised for the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance and other various cancer charities. A very big thank you to you all for your past support.

A very belated happy and healthy new year to you all. *Audrey Warner*

MARGARET COMBER

We recently learnt that Margaret Comber, previously of Tapmoor Cottage, Moorlinch,

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passed away peacefully in her residential home in Almondsbury near Bristol. Margaret was for many years the organist at St Mary's, Moorlinch and enthusiastically encouraged many of the youngsters in the village to enjoy playing musical instruments. Her funeral was held on Friday 24 January at St Mary's, Almondsbury. Our condolences to her family and friends.

MOORLINCH COMMEMORATIVE TEXTILE

On Saturday 8 March, there will be a Show and Tell on the progress made on the village's commemorative textile. People in the village have been very busy stitching and wonderful progress has been made. We would like to share this with the rest of the village.

Come and chat to us about our work, whilst also stopping for a cuppa and a slice of cake. We will be in the church hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The Village Textile Stitchers & MGNSC

STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available on the website www.stawellvillage.info

CHRISTINE MCGINTY

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have expressed love and sympathy since my wife, Christine died on 11 November last year.

Christine was well known locally having been involved in and supported many local activities as a member of Stawell and Sutton Mallet Village Hall Committee, co-organising the Summer Balls and Burns Night Suppers as well as her role as Clerk to the Stawell and Sutton Mallet Parish Council.

She was also my greatest support in my work as the local Councillor and Leader of Sedgemoor District Council. I could not have done everything I did without her unerring support.

Sadly, ill health over the last 4 years had led to her lessened involvement locally with the last 12 to 18 months being the hardest, a challenge she met with stoicism and strength.

As much as she loved her local community, she also loved dogs, especially our Great Danes.

Thank you again to all of you who have let me know how sadly she will be missed. For myself, I have lost my friend, confidante and soulmate.

Having said my personal farewell at her private cremation, there will be an interment of her ashes in Sutton Mallet Churchyard this coming summer and an opportunity to remember Christine and celebrate her life. Details to follow.

Duncan McGinty, Sedgemoor in Somerset, LGA Peer.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Thanks to those who helped with the Christmas Bingo on 30 November, the proceeds of which were just shy of £200. As usual, it was a lot of fun. Thanks also to all who donated prizes so generously.

Now we look forward to Easter Bingo with lamb bonanza which will hopefully be on 12



April, when hopefully, the prizes will reflect the Easter theme.

The season of Lent is a little later this year and our Lent Lunch will be held on 15 March, when we will be enjoying a range of home-made soups and fresh crusty bread. Do join us for that, donations will be given to a charity yet to be decided.

Again, thank you so much to all those who have supported St. Francis Church during 2024 and we hope to see you at our events in 2025.

Ruth Peberdy

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 18 February, Church Committee meets at Ralph and Anna's home, Cape House.

Saturday 22 February, 10am 'til 12 noon, the monthly Coffee Morning, this time held at Ralph and Anna's home, Cape House. All welcome.

Wednesday 26 February Moorlinch with Stawell and Sutton Mallet PCC meets at Fiona's home, the Old Vicarage, Moorlinch, at 5pm.

St Francis Church Committee

STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL

February

Saturday 8th, Hub Café, 10.30am - 1pm.

Saturday 8th, Film Night, doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Saturday 22nd, Hub Pub, 8pm - 11pm.

Maxine Hughes, Chairperson

GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

VILLAGE NEWS

In the run-up to Christmas we held a very well-attended Singalong in church to get us all in the festive spirit. Sadly, heavy rain forced us to cancel the carol singing around the village, but we will be back next year, weather permitting.

This year we are due to renew the Electoral Roll for the parish church, a process which happens every 6 years. This is nothing to do with your right to vote in local or Parliamentary elections but the Church of England's way of recording its membership. It is a way to welcome those new to church life, or to the community and is a practical symbol of commitment to the church, enabling us to take part in decisions which affect the church and parish, to take part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and to stand for the Parochial Church Council.

If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll, or are interested to know more, please contact Toby or Georgie Crispin at West Town Farm.

On 11 January a parish meeting was held to discuss what level of precept the parish should levy as part of next year's Council Tax. This is particularly important in light of the amount of rainwater collecting on the roads through the village in recent years and the need to mitigate this as far as we are able. We have already successfully applied for grant funding, so this will demonstrate our commitment as well as adding to funds. A total of 15 votes were cast as follows: 2 for £700 a year for a Band D home; 3 for £2,000 and 10 for £3,000. This gave an average of £2,425, which works out as about £23 per year for a Band A home going up to £69 for a Band H home, so less than £1 a week for all but the most highly rated homes.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Greinton has only just started to generate funds through a precept and we are optimistic that this will give us more flexibility and choices to better support our community.

Pub nights continue on the first Friday of the month at the village hall and there is also a Quiz Night planned for Saturday 1 March, starting at 7.30pm.

Toby Crispin, greintonvillage@gmail.com

ANN MEADE

Those who knew her will be very sad to hear that Ann Meade passed away early in the New Year after a long illness. She was a resident of Greinton for virtually her entire life and a stalwart supporter of the church, being Churchwarden at St Michael and All Angels for very many years. She will be greatly missed.

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS

MIDDLEZOY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

We are lucky enough to host the Post Office within our little community shop to ensure that local communities can benefit from this much needed service.

Our open hours are:

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Wednesday 8.45am-1pm

Thursday, Friday 8.45am-1pm and 1.30pm-5pm

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Post Office

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Wednesday Closed

Thursday, Friday 8.45am-1pm and 1.30pm-5pm

Saturday, Sunday Closed

Alongside everyday essentials, we continue to stock products from local suppliers including: Somerset Bakery & Deli's granary and white sourdough, loaves, rolls, pastries, sausage rolls, cheese straws, donuts and cakes plus a range of bakery granola.

Regency Butchers' meat and eggs

Barnetts Dairy's milk, cheese, butter and other items

Wendy's Preserves and Pam's Jams range of jams and chutneys

Zoy Honey direct from Middlezoy Bees

Somerset Chocolate Company's range of delicious chocolate bars, gift boxes and other treats.

Unique cards and gift items from Somersata Designs

Lovely ornamental wooden houses and other gifts from Jody Tidball

We are making some structural improvements during the next few weeks with the aim of improving our offer to the communities we serve ... watch this space!

We always welcome new volunteers, do get in touch if you have an hour or two a week to spare to support any aspect of running the shop - contact middlezoyvillageshop@outlook.com

We really appreciate your ongoing support enabling us to keep this great community resource going - Thank You!

Follow us on Facebook for shop and Post Office updates.

The Middlezoy Village Shop Committee

MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL

The quiz night that we held on the 11 January raising funds for the village defibrillators was well attended, 113 of you came and we raised an amazing £456 towards the defibrillators for the village.

A big thank you goes to John and Helen Rook, Mike and Sally Evans and Louise Batstone for all their work on the arrangements. Also thank you to Evie, Sammy and Ian for their help on the bar. Thank you all so much.

Carrying on from the theme of opening the second Saturday of the month we are hoping to organise a bingo night, casino night and a horse racing night and many other themed evenings.

Regarding the horse racing does anybody know who can organise a horse racing evening? It has been done by various organisations around the area, but I cannot find any details of who to contact. If you have any of these details could you please let me know so I could contact them to arrange a date.

Friday evenings are still a big success, fish and chips being the best attended. We also have other food waggons attending. Details are posted on the Middlezoy Facebook page. We are also looking at having a Friday cocktail evening once a month. The bar will still be open as normal but with a menu of cocktails.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help run and organise events for the future. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings, we hold them on the first Monday of every month starting at 7pm we usually aim to finish no later than 9pm.

If you can help or have details of organisations who run horse racing, please contact me on 07760 887907.

Paul Baker, MCP Chair

MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council meeting on 18 February, we will be holding the meeting at the earlier time of 7pm (19.00hrs) as we have attending our local Member of Parliament Sir Ashley Fox MP or his agent, this is to enable him to meet parishioners and to answer questions of local importance. We are also two councillors short so if you feel you would like to become a member of the Parish Council and help support the local community you would be very welcome, for further information please contact me on 07760 887907.

Paul Baker, Chair, Middlezoy Parish Council



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MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

On Saturday 7 December despite Storm Darragh causing havoc across the country our Senior Citizens Christmas lunch went ahead as planned.

Although our entertainers had to cancel due to travelling conditions there was lots of chatting and merriment in the hall.

Thanks to Blake Purchase for providing music at very short notice and to Sue Davis for finding and distributing a quiz for all our guests.

We prepared and cooked lunches for 78 guests plus another 13 for our committee members. We were so lucky that all was cleared and packed away before the village power cut later that evening.

The Taunton Ukulele Strummers are booked for this year. So fingers crossed we have no adverse weather again this December.

Look out for future fund raising events and before too long we will have details of the summer outing on Tuesday 5 August. *Jill Darby (Chair)*

WEEKLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to our many visiting stallholders in the run up to Christmas. We all had the opportunity to buy some unique gifts and/or treat ourselves. We look forward to welcoming some of them again near Easter. We were also treated to some wonderful entertainment from the Kellywood Four with their recorders and great songs to sing along and the Othery/Middlezoy School children with their great singing voices. Thanks to them for helping to put us all in the Christmas spirit.

Our coffee morning is not run for profit. Each year we donate any funds to various village

organisations. This year we were able to donate a total of £1,250.

The organisations who benefitted were Holy Cross Church, The Community Allotments, The Levels Methodist Chapel, MOMSS Magazine, Middlezoy & Othery School PTA, the Defibrillator group, Middlezoy Community Project and the Women's Social Club.

If you are part of a club/group in Middlezoy and would benefit from a donation from ourselves, do let me know. We want to be inclusive and ensure everyone in the village can benefit.

Each year our Christmas raffle is for charity. The amount we raise we then add that same amount



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from the funds. This year we gave £250 to the Holy Cross Church Bell Tower fund. Please come along and meet friends old and new on a Monday in the chapel at 10am-12noon. £1 for tea/coffee/hot chocolate and a free refill. Biscuits are also available free of charge. We have a weekly raffle with shop vouchers as prizes and usually chocolates too. There are also books and puzzles for you to peruse in the back room.

Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Christmas Events

Thank you to all who decorated the church and prepared for services during the Christmas period. Special mention to the carol singers who ventured out on a cold and wet night and still managed to raise £210.92 for the Langport Foodbank. The carol service was well attended and at the Crib Service the children enjoyed developing the crib scene where, on completion, it was standing room only round the manger.

Bell Restoration Project

The application for a faculty from the Diocese to undertake the bell restoration work has been submitted. The decision of the DAC is awaited. The project includes removing the bells for refurbishment and retuning and the replacement of the bell support structure in the tower. In addition, an opening is required to be formed in one of the intermediate floors in the tower to allow the bells to be lowered and a bat survey will be undertaken. The present estimate is £85,000 (inc VAT). To date over £3,000 has been raised through donations and events and a substantial grant will be provided from the Bath and Wells Bell Ringers Association. With Viridor Credits now no longer awarding grants and uncertainty if the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme will continue beyond April there is reliance on being awarded a major grant from the National Lottery Heritage Grant Fund.

Application for grants will also be made to several other trusts/organisations.

Middlezoy Churchwarden and PCC

MIDDLEZOY HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Group meet on the first Thursday in the month in the church from 10am. The aim of the group is to archive the history of Middlezoy. The meetings are open to all so please come along to help to preserve the heritage of the village.

Middlezoy Heritage Society

MIDDLEZOY DEFIBRILLATORS

Through the Parish Council a defibrillator will be purchased from the British Heart Foundation and located at Broadfield Park. In addition, the two existing defibrillators will be out of their warranty period in 2025 and will be replaced. Funding has been helped from donations and a quiz evening on 11 Jan arranged by the MCP.

MIDDLEZOY FOODBANK

Over the Christmas period the donations towards the Foodbank were truly amazing. We had 3 trips to the Angel with our car loaded with items which helped to make Christmas special for so many families. Vicky, who co-ordinates it all, was astounded with the supplies we gave. Thank you to all those in Middlezoy and Othery who continue to support Langport Cares Foodbank.

MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH

The Peekaboo Gang

Toddler Group meets on Friday mornings in the Methodist Church, 9.30am–12noon. Come when you want, for as long as you want. A friendly group for under 3s and their parents/ carers. We will take a little break for half term on Friday 21 February.

Soup and Sweet at the Chapel

The return of the Soup and Sweet lunch for some of the winter months! Come along at 1pm (a little later than the salad lunches to accommodate the Pilates group) on Tuesday 11 February. £7 for tasty soup, bread and cheese, and dessert. Look forward to seeing you!

Booking the Methodist Church for your events:

Don't forget that the Chapel space and Back Room are available to hire - phone Jill Darby on 698000. Revd Deborah Kirk, Minister deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com 01823 334854

Ildiko Haraszti Minister-in-Training, ildikotutor@gmail.com

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

MERVYN WINSLADE, MBE

Isobel Davis writes:

The church was full for the funeral of Mervyn Winslade, MBE, Churchwarden of St Michael's Othery, on Saturday 11 January. To the people who knew him, in the words of Mervyn's son Ralph, Mervyn was an embodiment of love and compassion, so it was very appropriate that the service leader Rev Keith Powell read the wonderful and well known passage from the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13, on what love is.

Mervyn's life and service were so full that Rev Keith Powell arranged his interesting and often amusing eulogy into Mervyn's 4 Loves: Love of God, Othery Church and his Christian Faith; Love of his beloved wife Anita and their family; Love of Farming, the Countryside and all things rural; Love of the Village of Othery, the School, Street Fayre, etc and all those living in the community.

Again in Ralph's words it was a true service of thanksgiving for a life well spent. In the words of Matthew 25 verse 21 "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

Anthony Betty writes:

Mervyn served 44 years on the Parish Council especially as a former long serving Chairman, having to deal with everyone's issues in Othery. Key projects that he was involved with in my first 8 years before he retired: Gaining the affordable homes in Othery, the Play surface in the playing field, 20mph speed limit outside the school, these are just a few things.

I always remember him telling me the day I was elected to Sedgemoor District Council "As long as you please one person in your duty you know you have done right. That one person needs to be yourself. You please yourself you know you have pleased one person."

I have followed that advice on the District and Parish Councils ever since.

THANK YOU EVERYONE

Ralph and I were dealt a heavy blow when Mervyn died peacefully in Musgrove hospital on 12 December. We have had so many years of joyful, wise and helpful times as well as hard and sad ones but we know he was ready to accept his destiny and any heavenly reward and we could not deny him that.

Our deepest thanks and appreciation for all the flowers, letters, cards, calls and messages of condolence we have received and for all the help and assistance that so many people are giving us. You have lifted our hearts and by holding out your hands to help us in the trying times ahead we now walk a path we had not expected to take.

We will continue his work and endeavours for as long as we can.

Sincerely, Anita and Ralph

CHURCH ANNUAL MOUSE RACES SATURDAY 22 MARCH, FROM 6.30PM

You are invited to come along to Othery Village Hall and enjoy another exciting and fun filled night of mice racing along a series of self-contained lanes in 8 small races! The mice are all domesticated, not actually from Othery Church, and are used to running in races in other local villages.

Entry to the hall is free and a hot food supper will be on sale from 6.30pm and a bar also available throughout the evening.

Auctions of temporary ownership of racing mice 'competitors' - the owners of the winning mice get cash prizes as do the successful backers - and a cash tote betting system will continue throughout the evening.

Back your choice of mouse, be a lucky winner and win £s but remember you have to be there to win prizes so come along and enjoy the thrill of urging your chosen mouse on!

All profits from the evening will be used towards the annual June Othery Street Fayre set up and running costs.

*Anita Winslade, Secretary, Street Fayre
Committee 01823 698368*

OTHERY ARCHIVES

The Othery Local History group functioned very successfully from 1995 until the Covid Lockdown, during which we produced a number of exhibitions and illustrated calendars. Since then, several members are no longer in the village for various reasons and the group has not met together. However, we feel the time has come to see if there is enough interest in the topic to regroup and invite new members to take part.

A large collection of photographs, documents and information is stored in

MOUSE RACES!

(Live mice running along miniature courses)
IN AID OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, OTHERY



Saturday 22nd March 2025

from 6.30pm

Othery Village Hall

Families Welcome, Admission Free!

**Hot Supper purchases from 6.30pm
(until Sold Out)**

Bar available

'Owner' auctions, Betting and Races from 7pm

Cash Prizes!

Further details from 07714 672316

the originally specially acquired cupboards in the village hall, although now unfortunately demoted to a less accessible corner of the small storeroom beside the stage. As announced in the last edition of MOMSS there will be two days when you are invited to the Church Room during the days of Friday/Saturday February 14/15 to see

and chat about some of the village history and possibly relate it to your house or the land on which it stands.

Any enquiries ring 01823 698162. *Kath Cowles*

OTHERY BOOK READING GROUP

At our January meeting the group discussed *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

Throughout the story we are awakened to the suffering of many people south of the border and the often perilous journey they take to reach America and a better life.

The book begins with dramatic descriptions of events in Acapulco where Lydia Perez and her young son Luca flee from the cartel that took her journalist husband Sebastian's life for daring to expose them through his writing. Their story becomes the timeless narrative of immigrants, often taking huge risks including riding across Mexico on the roof of La Bestia or beast train, sadly only to find when they arrive north of the border they face further challenges and dangers.

Although one or two found the story difficult to get into, several of the group were gripped by the plight and resilience of Lydia and Luca and moved by the goodness of strangers they met in often desperate circumstances when so many others were corrupt.

The group's next book *The Mad Women's Ball* by Victoria Mas will be discussed at the February meeting. *Lesley Stanford*

OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

Happy New year to all!

Thank you from everyone on the Village Hall Committee for your continued support.

Below is a list of future events we have planned for you all. As ever if you have any ideas for other events, then please do contact us on the details below.

We have managed to secure various caterers to support our Friday Night socials. Details have been shared but if you haven't seen them then we have visiting us as follows:

Enricos Pizza – 14 Feb, 14 March

Go Greek – 21 Feb, 21 March

Little Van Rouge – 28 Feb

M. Franks & Sons ***Independent Family Funeral Directors***

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Email: mfranksandsons@gmail.com

Website: www.mfranksandsons.co.uk



SAVE THE DATES!

We have a number of events already planned in our calendar – keep an eye out for the posters around the village and in our noticeboard for full details but please save the following dates:

Mouse Racing – 22 March, 6.30pm Othery Village Church fund raiser

Decades Disco – 29 March, 7pm – midnight. Music from the 50s through to the 2,000s £5 entry per adult under 16s free

PTA Bingo – 4 April. Doors open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm, Children welcome

Quiz – 25 April. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start max 6 per team

Summer Barbecue – 25 July, 6pm - late

Live music night – September – details to be confirmed

Halloween Party – 24 October, 7pm

2nd Annual Othery Village Beerfest – 14 November, 7pm

Village Christmas Party – 7 December, 4pm – 7pm

Regular events

Happy hour (and a half) at the Village Hall bar on the first Friday of the month. All drinks and snacks 50% off from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Local groups including Pilates, Western Front Association, Short Mat Bowls, Little Pickles and Somerset Levels Stargazers as advertised on our website.

And finally

If you are new to the village or haven't had a chance to join us yet then it would be lovely to meet you at our regular Friday night bar socials, starting at 7pm.

We are always looking to expand our group of volunteers to either help set up, run or tidy up after our events or help run the bar on a Friday night. If you do have some time to spare and would like to get involved, then please speak to a member of the committee or contact us on the details below. Thank you.

Rachael Selway, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

Email: otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07456 653252

Website: www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk

BENEFACTIVE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS

PROCESSES WHILE WE ARE IN VACANCY

The Churchwardens are the people to contact for arranging baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy of the post of Priest-in-Charge for the United Benefice of MOMSS&G.

Details of normal regular services are being arranged with the Area Dean and will be published as usual in this magazine and on posters. *UB Churchwardens*

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.

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 middlezoypayers@gmail.com. *The Prayer Group*

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriages:

A wedding blessing service was held for Max and Phoebe Downing (nee Hennah) on 31 December at St Mary's Moorlinch. Rev Keith Powell officiated. The couple currently live and work in the US.

Deaths/Funerals:

Christine McGinty of Sutton Mallet died on 11 November 2024 (tribute on page 6).

Elizabeth ('Ann') Hutchings of Middlezoy died on 28 November 2024. Her funeral was held on 19 December 2024 in Holy Cross church, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Joycelyn Price of Middlezoy, died on 12 December 2024. Her funeral was held on 30 December at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

Mervyn Winslade, MBE, of Othery died on 12 December 2024. His funeral was held on 11 January 2025 in St Michael's church, Othery followed by burial in Othery village cemetery (tribute on page 12)

Janet Ann Underhill, formerly of Greinton, died on 14 December 2024. Her funeral was held on 16 January 2025 at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

Stuart Douglas Norton of Moorlinch passed away at home on 30 December 2024 and his funeral was held in St Mary's church, Moorlinch on 27 January 2025, followed by burial in the churchyard.

LENT COURSE

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 5 March and we will have a Lent course that will be on Tuesday evenings starting on 11 March from 7pm until 8.30pm in Othery Church Room and elsewhere around the villages for the following weeks. Tea and coffee will be available beforehand to enable a comfortable start to the sessions.

The course will be on reflections of Archbishop Rowan Williams. Nicky Gumbel, the pioneer of the Alpha course, calls him one of the great theologians of our time. For example, the Archbishop's reflections on 'action' and 'being' suggest that we require a certain degree of inner stillness, a sort of poise: the attentiveness of a bird watcher; attention and expectancy, an attitude of mind sufficiently free of ego to turn itself with openness to what God in Christ is giving.

Do join us to learn more of the Archbishop's thoughts.

Richard Graham

WELCOME BACK BISHOP RUTH

We are delighted to share that Bishop Ruth is returning to our diocese in February, following her secondment to the Diocese of Coventry.

A welcome service will be held on Sunday 2 February at the 3pm Candlemas Eucharist at Wells Cathedral. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Community is at the heart of who we are, a gift from God that calls us to live in relationship with one another. At its best, community reflects God's love – where people

come together, share burdens, celebrate joys and support one another through life's challenges. Our faith inspires us to look beyond ourselves. It calls us to respond to the challenges we see and reminds us that true strength lies in the bonds we build with one another, guided by God's presence among us.

In a world that often feels fragmented and isolated community offers us a sense of belonging and purpose. As we walk this journey of life, we do so hand in hand, reflecting God's love and sharing His light with the world.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE



Someone once asked the great Anglican monastic theologian Herbert Kelly this question: "How do we know what the will of God is?" to which he famously answered, "We don't. That's the joke."

Kelly is right: we can't know precisely what God's will is in a certain situation. But we can open up opportunities for God to 'come through' our actions, and building community is a key way of doing this. In any situation we can try and tune our lives a bit more to God. And across our diocese our commitment to our communities is key to this.

So, when we meet people, a simple smile shows the person before us we see them as a friend. This is not to suggest ignorance or naivety. We are not unaware of the limitations and imperfections of a person, but we are prepared to focus more deeply, to the depths of the heart in each person. To seek out the goodness that only love and trust can bring to birth.

As a Cistercian writer recently put it: "Let us welcome each person as Christ, because in all truth it is Christ whom we welcome. 'You did this to me' (Matthew 25). Let us look for the beloved face of Christ in each person, for each is his true face."

But why start our focus on community, with those around us, and not God? Good question. Perhaps it is best explained by a lovely saying from the Desert Father, John the Dwarf: "You don't build a house by starting with the roof and working down. You start with the foundation."

They said, "What does that mean?"

He said, "The foundation is our neighbour whom we must win. The neighbour is where we start. Every commandment of Christ depends on this." *Toby Wright, Dean of Wells*

BEYOND THE BENEFICE

THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM

Think fun and frolics, trips and treats and Christmas parties

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.

WI's near us

Ashcott and Pedwell	7.30pm	3rd Thurs	Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ.
Shapwick Starlets	7.30pm	2nd Tues	Village Hall, Station Road, TA7 9NJ.
Westonzoyland	7.30pm	2nd Weds	Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ.

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

Westonzoyland WI

Come to our February meeting on Wednesday 12th and experiment with yoga. If you have always planned to do this but feel you are a little stiff, try and experiment. Should you fancy a night out with the girls, come and see us. We welcome you. For any further information please email: zoywisec@gmail.com or call Gill Wilkinson on 01823 698429

Gill Wilkinson Secretary

MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

**Free Concert Sunday 23 February at 3pm
St Mary's Church, Main Road, Westonzoyland, TA7 0EP.
Trio Paradis 'The Latin American Collection'.**

Somerset-based group return with a programme entitled *The Latin American Collection*.

This collection of music by South American composers will bring some sun to dark winter days with popular dances such as Tango and Rumba alongside classical and reflective pieces.

Composers include Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, the king of Argentinian Tango, Astor Piazzolla, fellow Argentinian Magdalena Garcia Robson, Cuban brother and sister composers Ernestina and Ernesto Lecuona, Mexican Manuel Ponce and Carlos Guastavino, the *Schubert of the Pampas*. It will be a fun informal concert.

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

Up to now we've never exceeded the church's capacity and never had to turn anyone away, BUT please note, seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

Any further information contact:

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



MIDDLEZOY ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Our Aims: To provide organised Association Football for Adults and Children to play at the highest possible standard. Provide a safe and enjoyable environment for both players, officials and supporters. To encourage proper attitudes to the game and to promote the highest values of sportsmanship.

About us:

Your local community football club offers football to Under 5s running all the way to a veterans team. This incorporates 19 football teams and includes lots of players who live in Westonzoyland. Locally we use the main club house, and we



are lucky enough to be able to use the Westonzoyland Community Centre and Middlezoy Cricket Club to be able to facilitate many of those matches on a weekend, along with some overflow car parking assistance. We are more than a football club, we like to think we are part of the community. Our facilities are open to the general public and are available for hire. We can offer the local village community a flat booking fee of £50 for an event if the bar is used. The football club is run by volunteers and we are always on the lookout for anyone who might wish to get involved in any capacity they feel comfortable, be that in the Bar on the Gate or running a football team, there are lots of opportunities. For enquiries or more information please email middlezoyroversfc@gmail.com or call 07881 504050 www.middlezoyrovers.co.uk

Special Event:

Saturday 15 March, Previous Players, Friends and Sponsors Day.

From 1pm Live football on the large screen; 3pm Kick Off with 1st Team v Axminster; 5pm Pig Roast.

A great chance to catch up with old team mates, reminisce and see how far the club has come. Bar available.

Craig Berry, Secretary.

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 St Mary's House, Magdalene Street,, Taunton, TA1 1SB, (0808 278 7842) or your Village Agent, local GP surgery, 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 schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

MIDDLEZOY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 February

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesday 12 February

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Mondays 10, 24 February

OTHERY

Recycling Boxes, every week: Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 February

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Friday 21 February

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 6, 20 February

MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLETT & GREINTON

Recycling Boxes, every week: Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26 February

Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks: Wednesdays 12 February, 5 March

Garden Waste Bins, every other week: Thursdays 13, 27 February

RECYCLING CENTRES

Winter opening times

All 16 Somerset recycling sites open at weekends

9am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

9am to 5pm weekdays.

Full details of each site, location, opening times, materials they will accept etc. can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/find-your-nearest-recycling-centre/>

MOBILE LIBRARY

Taunton Area, Route P

The service continues every 4 weeks on Fridays:

Next visit: 21 February

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: Vacancy

Contact your village Churchwarden or contact person listed below

United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

Parish Auxiliary Lay Minister

Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Anthony Betty 07801 233676

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 07767 763628

Stawell: Deputy Churchwarden Richard Graham 01278 722284

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: John Gould 01458 210801

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-1.00pm, 1.30pm-4.30pm, Wed 8.45am-1.00pm,

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

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

Thurs, Fri 10.00am-1.00pm, 1.30pm-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; Tom Russell 07935 013566

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 FEBRUARY 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
February 2 Sun <i>(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Francis, Stawell
9 Sun <i>(Fourth before Lent)</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Breakfast Café Joint Worship For All Candlemas Service Morning Worship	The Church Room, Othery Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell
16 Sun <i>(Third before Lent)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
23 Sun <i>(Second before Lent)</i>	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	Worship For All Prayer and Praise Morning Prayer Holy Communion Circuit Communion Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
March 2 Sun <i>(Next before Lent)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist	St Michael's, Othery

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
February 2 Sun	Presentation of Christ in the Temple <i>(Candlemas)</i>	OT: Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1 to 5 Psalm: 24 Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 2, verses 14 to 18 (the end) Gospel: Luke, chapter 2, verses 22 to 40
9 Sun	Fourth before Lent	OT: Isaiah, chapter 6, verses 1 to 13 Psalm: 138 Epistle: 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Luke, chapter 5, verses 1 to 11
16 Sun	Third before Lent	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 17, verses 5 to 10 Psalm: 1 Epistle: 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 12 to 20 Gospel: Luke, chapter 6, verses 17 to 26
23 Sun	Second before Lent	OT: Genesis, chapter 2, verses 4b to 9 and 15 to the end Psalm: 65 Epistle: Revelations, chapter 4, verses 1 to 11
March 2 Sun	Next before Lent	OT: Exodus, chapter 34, verses 29 to 35 (the end) Psalm: 99 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 12 to chapter 4, verse 2 Gospel: Luke, chapter 9, verses 28 to 36