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## ***FROM THE EDITOR***

What a month ahead! A Coronation, national celebrations, local functions and community get-togethers, religious services, parties, Big Lunches – what a wonderful outpouring of joy and warmth and love to families, friends, neighbours.

Inside this month's issue you can read about events that have happened, updates of projects and schemes that are in progress – all wonderfully supported with lots of photos – and advance notices about sales and fayres and quizzes and meetings! Wow what a lot going on!

As Summer is nearly upon us take time to relax and recover, rest and rejuvenate, look at the beauty all around you in the countryside as well as in town and city parks. Then when you feel the urge, get planting – seeds of hope and companionship with the people you have met in the events now happening – but do not forget to make contact again with those you have lost connection with during the nation's enforced separations caused by Covid or the state of the economy.

This summer I am meeting up with some cousins that I last saw many years ago because we lost contact with each other – it is going to be a wonderful series of reunions. So enjoy life while you can – I will.

*Anita Winslade, Editor*

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

### **CHURCHES AND CHAPELS**

#### **Open Daily**

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



### **BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP**

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

*The Prayer Group*

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

#### **Deaths/Funerals:**

Mr Samuel (Sam) Price of Middlezoy died on 27 March and his funeral was held at Sedgemoor Crematorium.



### **PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

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



## **UNITED BENEFICE WALK OF WITNESS**

This year the annual event took place on Good Friday 7 April at Othery.

Starting at the top of Grove Hill the procession of 25 people and a dog proceeded down the main road carrying the large wooden cross making several stops along the way for readings from the Bible, saying prayers and singing hymns. The cross was erected at the crossroads at Townsend and the walk concluded with a short service. Refreshments of hot cross buns, teas and coffees were then enjoyed by the participants in the Church Room.



## **CELEBRATING THE CORONATION**

### **Bath and Wells Diocese**

As well as holding Their Majesties in their prayers as the Coronation Weekend approaches, church communities across Bath and Wells will be coming together to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, either hosting their own events or coming alongside other community events.

### **Bishop Michael to play historic role at Coronation**

The Cabinet Office has announced that 13 individuals will play historic roles at the heart of the Coronation. Among them are Bishop Michael and Bishop Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, who will both act as Bishop Assistant to the King. Commenting on the announcement, the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells says "I am deeply honoured that as the Bishop of Bath and Wells I will have the privilege of supporting His Majesty King Charles and Her Majesty the Queen Consort during the service of Coronation. It is a truly historic moment and humbling to realise that this continues a tradition dating back to Richard I in 1189. The church family in Bath and Wells will be praying for Their Majesties as we approach the Coronation and marking the event itself with services of celebration, community events and volunteering".



## ***GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS***

### **SKY AT NIGHT May 2023**

#### **Sunrise Sunset**

Beginning of May 5.45am-8.32pm

End of May 5.03am-9.15pm

#### **Moon Phases**

Full Moon 5th / Last Quarter 12th / New Moon 19th / First Quarter 27th

#### **Planets**

Venus still dazzles in the western evening sky not setting until after midnight while red Mars much fainter can be seen to the upper left. Mars sets at 1.30am and then the next bright planet to be seen is Saturn which rises in the east at 3am.

## Constellation

A kite and a crown can be seen looking south in the late evening sky this month. Starting with the kite shaped asterism of stars that form the Constellation of Bootes, the Herdsman, find this by locating the bright orange star Arcturus which sits at the tail end of the kite shape. This star is 26 times bigger than the Sun. To the left of this is Corona Borealis a C shaped asterism of stars noticeable by the blue/white bright star Alphecca, the jewel in The Northern Crown.

## Phenomena

Watch the crescent Moon pass from the lower right of Venus to above Mars in the west/north west between the 22nd and the 24th of May.

*Paul Adamson, 01823 698156*



## SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 31 May at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall. This month committee member John Martin MBE looks at the first post Apollo mission Skylab. We also have a guide to observing the night sky during the month of June and the latest news from the world of astronomy and spaceflight.

£3 visitors (includes hot drinks). Membership available. The meeting is also on Zoom for a small donation. For details and Zoom link contact

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## FARM DIARY

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

**In the Field.** Turnout of farm animals has been slow this year. Turnout is considered when there is insufficient conserved forage left in the barn, when the grass is growing and when there has been growth so that there is something to graze and when the ground conditions are dry enough to avoid damage to the sward. Our sheep of our new enterprise have never been inside. They are 'designed' for our weather with a fleece high in lanolin.

**Myths.** Again, according to the NFU's *The facts about British red meat and milk* leaflet, myth number 2, British livestock and dairy farming are bad for the environment. Firstly, livestock can play a key role in the maintenance and enhancement of wildlife habitats. There are several examples but one local one is the large blue butterfly. This has been reintroduced on the Polden Hills and it is hoped in time they will spread to our farm. Sheep grazing is essential for its complicated life cycle as is the wild thyme plant; both of which we now have. The county notable plants on our limestone grassland also require animal grazing to flourish as mentioned before. As gardeners in our area will already know, soils in our area with their clay content are enhanced with the addition of animal manures. Together with our non-ploughing system of cropping, the addition of farmyard manure increases the organic matter content of the soils. This builds soil fertility reducing the need for applied fertiliser. Last year we only bought two thirds of our normal fertiliser as the price was high and we have used a lot of farmyard manure. The yields were the same as the year before. We saved one third of our normal fertiliser usage. Water usage is another claim levelled at our industry. However, it is a complex issue. There is green water that is rainfall used where it falls and which generally cannot be used by anyone else. There is blue water that is taken out of the available water supply such as a tap and there is grey water that is freshwater used to dilute pollution. Beef and lamb mainly use green water. Also comparing our milk with almond milk produced in California, shows that our milk uses significantly less blue water.

*Richard Graham*



*Kids playing*



*Kids resting*

## WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION (WFA)

The next meeting of the Somerset Branch of the Western Front Association will take place at 7.30pm on 10 May in Othery Village Hall. Paul Harris is speaking about Sir Herbert Lawrence. As Chief of Staff to FM Douglas Haig in 1918, General Sir Herbert Lawrence played a key role in the defeat of Germany in World War One. Described as a man of outstanding ability as a soldier and in business, he remains one of the forgotten figures of the war. This presentation will trace his remarkable career and argue that Lawrence has a strong claim to be regarded as one of the principal architects of allied victory. WFA and non-members alike are equally welcome to this fascinating presentation. We ask for a modest £5 donation to defray costs. This will include a free tea or coffee and a raffle ticket.



Pat Adamson  
Secretary, Somerset branch WFA, 01823 698156  
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## MUSIC ON THE LEVELS

**Free Concert Sunday 21 May 3pm**

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# STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS

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

## ST FRANCIS CHURCH

### Easter Bingo

What a fun evening! Our Easter Bingo with Lamb Bonanza on 25 March was a resounding success, so many thanks to all who supported it in whatever way. Thanks to all who donated prizes and those who turned up on the night to join in the fun. Special thanks to Graham and Jill Fry who donated a leg of lamb for the Lamb Bonanza. It was won by Marion Keeping who, I am sure, cooked up a wonderful Easter roast with it. Second prize was a jar of Stawell honey donated by Jim Thorley. The result of the evening was £373.50p for church funds.

Ruth Peberdy

## PARISH OF STAWELL HERITAGE SOCIETY

"50 peculiar historical artefacts!" What do you think they are? Come and join us for a fun and interesting evening with Anne Murch who will bring 50 oddities and you have to guess what they are!

Saturday 13 May, Stawell and Sutton Mallet Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets - Adult £3, children £2.

Further information: Jackie Lusty - [jackie\\_lusty@hotmail.com](mailto:jackie_lusty@hotmail.com) 07970974215

Jackie Lusty



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## COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 27 May. The coffee morning from 10 till 12 noon will be at Ralph and Anna Sealey's Cape House. All welcome.



Richard Graham

## GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS

Information is available from [greintonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:greintonvillage@gmail.com) or via the Greinton Village in Somerset Facebook group

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN GREINTON

**Coronation Weekend** – we are planning to hold a party on the Sunday afternoon/evening (7 May). Bar, barbecue and bunting, kicking off at about 2pm!





Ideally, the AV system will have been installed by then and we can show the concert at Buckingham Palace. The following day, Monday 8 May, we will be helping to run the Aller Fun Ride, an annual event for horse riders, who follow an almost entirely off-road course around King's Sedgemoor. So, not actually at the Village Hall but involving several village residents and raising funds for the village hall.

**The Annual Parish Meeting and the Village Hall Annual General Meeting** will take place on Monday 22 May in the Village Hall. The Parish Meeting starts at 7pm and the Village Hall AGM follows on directly afterwards, as usual, at about 8pm. Please pass anything you would like to discuss at the Parish Meeting to Sam Hearn ([greintonparish@gmail.com](mailto:greintonparish@gmail.com)) and Village Hall AGM affairs to Toby Crispin ([greintonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:greintonvillage@gmail.com)). If in doubt, send it to both email addresses and we will sort it out!

**Our Annual Barn Dance** is planned for Saturday 2 September. We are planning to hire a ceilidh band to provide live music this year, rather than the usual recorded music with caller. Other arrangements will be similar to previous years.

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

The Village Hall Committee is always looking out for volunteers to help run the hall and organise events. We meet every couple of months to plan events and maintenance but manage to enjoy ourselves at the same time. If you feel you might be able to contribute

in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Toby Crispin ([greintonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:greintonvillage@gmail.com)) for more information.  
*Toby Crispin*



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## ***MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS***

### **MIDDLEZOY COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Our village hall bars on Friday nights continue to be busy and well supported. We welcomed Thornhills Wood Fired Pizzas back on 14 April. They will be coming once every four weeks throughout the summer, as will 'Oggy Oggy Pasties', while 'Fancy Fish and Chips' will continue on alternate Fridays, as fish and chips seem to be so popular with village residents throughout the year.

On Saturday 6 May for the coronation of Charles III and Queen Camilla, the bar will open at 10.30am so that people can sit in the hall and watch proceedings on



the large screen while enjoying a drink with friends. The bar will stay open all day, finishing at 11pm.

We hope to welcome many villagers to the hall in the evening for our Blues Brothers' tribute band and the hog roast which has been laid on by the Coronation Celebrations Committee.

Tickets for the evening event are £10 and are available from the village PO/Shop.

On Sunday 7 May you are all cordially invited to the hall and playing field to bring along your own food and drinks for 'The Big Lunch'. The bar will not be open on that day so you will need to BYO.

Let's make it a wonderful weekend of celebrations for our new King and Queen.

*Sally Evans, Bar Steward, MCP*

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

*Details of services, times, etc. are on the back cover*

### HOLY CROSS

Over Easter two events were held at Holy Cross.

On Maundy Thursday there was a very poignant period of 'Time for Reflection and Prayer' led by Pauline Davies with music specially composed by Mark Winford-Williams.

On Easter Sunday Rev Kelvin with assistance from Pauline Davies led a joint service with the congregation from Othery.

In May there is the rare occurrence of a service at Holy Cross on each Sunday.

On Sunday 7th Rev Kelvin will lead a special service to celebrate the Coronation of Charles III.



Sunday 14th is Rogation Sunday and a special outdoor service is being planned.

On Sunday 21st the service will be a United Benefice service led by 'Safe Families'. Safe Families is a charity that works in 35 local authorities areas, including Somerset. They provide help, belonging and support for children, families and carers. They do this primarily, not exclusively, with and through local churches. Due to the type of service it

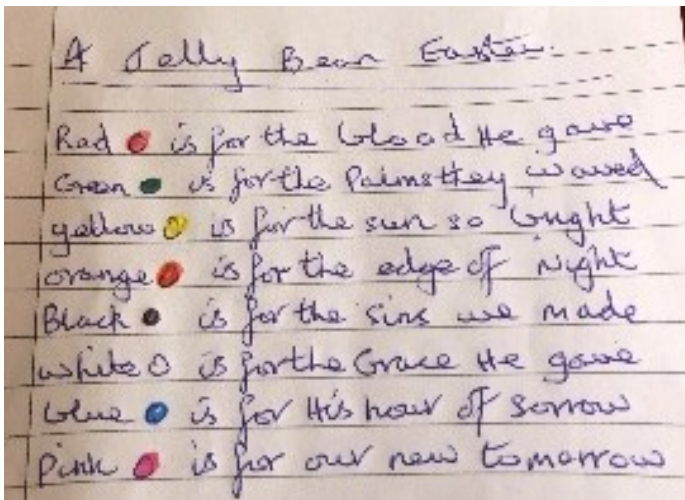
will be held in Middlezoy Methodists Chapel.

On Sunday 28th Rev Kelvin will lead a Holy Communion service.

*Ian Campbell  
Churchwarden*

### LEVELS METHODISTS CHAPEL

The Good Friday service of Reflection and Raising the Cross was held at the Chapel. Thank you for placing flowers on the Cross



and in the mesh on Easter Sunday and later.  
The dates of our evening services, held on the fourth Sunday of each month with Rev Deborah, are 28 May and 25 June.

*Sandy Rogers and Pauline Stewart, Chapel Stewards*

## **EASTER FAMILY FUN**

### **Initiated by both the Chapel and Holy Cross Church**

The Easter Celebrations continued into the week after Easter Sunday at Holy Cross, when the Easter story was retold through fun activities and light refreshments.



Easter Gardens were made, Resurrection biscuits built, pebbles of Hope painted and the Easter egg hunt and egg rolling were amongst

some of the activities provided. Children of all ages and adults enjoyed and appreciated the get together and many thanks to everyone for such a special time. We look forward to seeing you all at a Summer Activity Celebration. Watch this space.



*The Team*



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## MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

This month we have 3 bank holidays but we will close for just 2 of them. The Coffee Morning will run as normal 10am -12 noon on Monday 8 May and will promise to give anyone that comes along a real royal welcome. If you feel inclined, please wear a crown.



Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our Easter Raffle. We made £52 and sent off a donation to the Syria and Turkey Earthquake appeal.

We welcomed Jodie Tidball on 17 April with his amazing wooden handmade houses. You really do need to see them. Jodie has his own workshop in his garden on Old Chapel Road and welcomes visitors. I personally ordered a bug house for a wedding present - such a unique gift.

Do come along on a Monday when you can, and, have a cuppa and a natter - Middlezoy Chapel, 10am -12 noon.

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

## WILD MIDDLEZOY

The Wild Middlezoy group has been busy over the last few months. We have helped improve the hedgerows by planting more hedging in the autumn and early winter. Daffodils were planted in the churchyard, at the playing field and in the newly acquired allotment. We are spreading snowdrops and primroses to more areas within the churchyard and out into the triangle by the steps up to the church which will add to the wild flowers which were planted there last year. There was a working well there many years ago and there are plans to put a feature well there in the very near future.

The newest project we have taken on is to get an allotment off the ground and functioning as a place which can be shared by those who would enjoy meeting up with others while enjoying growing fruit, vegetables and herbs without having to take on a complete allotment. We have had great fun starting the project. Potatoes are in, a raised bed is ready for herbs, part of the plot is ready to be grassed and two more raised beds are about to be constructed.

Wild Middlezoy is a group who meet together to do practical things to help improve the environment and people's wellbeing. We are also helping a teenager with his Duke of Edinburgh award and would be very willing to help others who are working towards this award if it was possible to fit it into the type of things we do.

Over the next few weeks we will be announcing on the village Facebook page and on notices round the village when we plan to have work parties. Please watch out for them and come and join us.

*Wild Middlezoy Group*



*Tony and Anne  
planting potatoes*



*It is not all hard work*



*A view over the allotment  
showing our hard work  
and our reclaimed polytunnel*



## MIDDLEZOY CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

By now all households should have received a flyer letting you know how you can join in. Now's the time to dig out the bunting and let it fly.

*Pam Jamieson, on behalf of the organising group*



## ***OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS***

### **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH AGAIN OPEN DAILY**

Works to the porch and some of the windows are now completed. It is hoped that the extra repairs to the tower will soon start and be completed sometime in the summer. The church is again open daily, from approximately 9am to 5pm.

*Mervyn Winslade and Margaret Harris, Churchwardens*

### **CHURCH ANNUAL MOUSE RACES**

Our seventh Annual Mouse Races Evening took place in Othery Village Hall on Saturday 1 April. Great excitement ensued with mice running forwards, and backwards, along small tracks to the finishing lines. However, infuriatingly, some mice decided that they would just sit down and preen themselves instead of getting on with their tempting escapes.

Everyone who attended was able to look at and choose their favourite mice, sales of temporary 'ownership' of the mice took place and punters placed their bets. Much enjoyment was had when the winners crossed the line and 'owners' and successful backers received their cash prizes!

Our thanks to all who sponsored the eight races, for Denzil Hayes and his team for providing the mice and staging the event and for Eli Busby and her team for running the kitchen providing hot and cold refreshments for sale throughout the whole evening. The bar was run by the village hall committee.

The profit of approx. £2,000 raised by the event will go towards the set-up and running costs of the thirty-first Annual Othery Street Fayre and Evening Events on Saturday 17 June.

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

### **CORONATION CELEBRATION SERVICE**

On Sunday 7 May there will be a special service in St Michael's Church starting at 10am celebrating the coronation of HM King Charles III and HM Camilla, the Queen Consort. Everyone is invited to this less formal service.

*Mervyn Winslade & Margaret Harris, Churchwardens*



### **BREAKFAST CAFÉ**

We are planning our third breakfast café to be held on Sunday 28 May from 9.30am to 11am. Come and join us for an informal chatty occasion with discussions, songs or hymns, prayers, etc. as well as a free meal and fresh coffee.



*Mervyn Winslade and Margaret Harris, Churchwardens*

## OTHERY READING GROUP

### *The Ninth Child* by Sally Magnusson

*The Ninth Child* opens in Glasgow in 1856 when the city lived in fear of another devastating cholera outbreak. Isabel Aird is a doctor's wife who has suffered a number of miscarriages and is struggling to find her place within genteel society. When her husband volunteers his support of an ambitious new engineering project to build a series of tunnels and aqueducts from Loch Katrine in the Trossachs to supply the city with fresh water, Isabel sees a move to the mountains as an opportunity for adventure. It is there that Isabel meets the enigmatic Robert Kirke and the novel moves from the historical into magical realism.

Kirke, based on a real-life minister and folklorist (Robert Kirk) enchanted by the 'faerie' underworld, befriends Isabel although all is not as it seems. Both have suffered loss and turn to local folklore to

supply answers as superstition swirls that faerie forces are being unleashed as the mountainside is blasted apart.

The majority of the group found the novel interesting in terms of the social history but felt that many parts of it were unnecessary with stereotypical characters and an ending that was too neat.

Next month's book is *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn.

Scilla Tempest

## OTHERY VILLAGE HALL

### Upcoming Events

Saturday 6 May – Coronation Day Disco, starts 7pm, in conjunction with the Parish Council.

Friday 9 June – Amended Date - Quiz Night - Contact us on 07958 006 403 or [otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve a table. Doors open 7pm.

Friday 14 July – Summer Barbecue

### Regular Events

Wednesday 10 May Western Front Association

Wednesday 31 May Somerset Stargazers

Thursdays 10am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short mat bowls

Fridays 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night

**Diary Dates:** AGM - Tuesday 17 Oct; New Year's Eve Party - Sunday 31 December.

Bridget Gander, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee

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## MOORLINCH PLANT SALE

**Sunday 14 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 and 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.

**Back again this year, 'Top Edge' tool and knife sharpening service.** Anything from sewing scissors to garden shears professionally sharpened. A perfect opportunity to get your garden tools in good shape for the year ahead.

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-Karlssoon 07807 505 693.

*Moorlinch Church Hall Committee*

## ST MARY'S CHURCH

On a sunny, but slightly blustery, Easter Monday we held the Moorlinch Egg Rolling Competition.

The winners were as follows:

Adult's Longest Throw – oops I mean Roll – was Woz

Children under 25 Longest Roll was William

Mini Egg Play Offs Final was Ian

Longest Mini Egg Roll was Emma (who beat the 1903 record)

Best Dressed Competitor was Marion

(Wobbly Egg Roll winner is awaiting adjudication as the VAR system was tampered with!)

A jolly afternoon and these 5 have set the bar high for next year!

*Moorlinch Church Committee*



*Marion*



*Woz*



## MOORLINCH TABLETOP SALE

On Saturday 15 April, the Moorlinch Good Neighbours Social Committee took the initiative to organise a Spring Tabletop Trail for Moorlinch village.

This was a very well organised and a well-attended event, with lots to buy, delicious cakes to keep everyone going and an amusing map. It was also great fun to be a part of. Thanks to all that helped set up, supported with tabletop wares and to those that attended. Other events are in the pipeline, plus the bi-monthly pub quiz, so to keep up to date follow us on Facebook at Moorlinch Good Neighbours Social Committee.



*Moorlinch Good Neighbours Social Committee*

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

### **LOST CAR KEYS**

Finding a woman sobbing that she had locked her keys in her car, a passing soldier assures her that he can help.

She looks on amazed as he removes his trousers, rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door.

Magically it opens.

"That's so clever," the woman gasps. "How did you do it?"

"Easy," replies the man. "These are my khakis".

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

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### **WOMENS INSTITUTES NEAR US**

Ashcott and Pedwell 7.30pm Third Thursday Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ  
Burrowbridge 7.30pm Third Monday Coronation Hall West Yeo Road, TA7 0RH  
Shapwick Starlets 7.30pm Second Tuesday Village Hall, Station Rd, TA7 9NJ  
Westonzoyland 7.15pm Second Wednesday Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ  
Local times can vary so it is best to contact Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

## BURROWBRIDGE WI

Creative Arts are holding a seminar on Wednesday 14 June at Burrowbridge Village Hall on 'Knitted Comforts from the Crimea to the Modern Day'. There will be a talk in the morning followed by a demonstration of garments and patterns after lunch. Booking is required, there is a charge of £15 for non-members. For further information please call the WI Federation Secretary on 01278 496400 or email: [fedsec@somerset-wi.org.uk](mailto:fedsec@somerset-wi.org.uk).



## WESTONZOYLAND WI

On Mayday, Monday 1 May the WI will provide tea and cakes at the Carnival Fete at the Village Hall Westonzoyland from 12noon to 4pm. Come along and join the fun.

Our May meeting will have a talk on *The Life and Times of Dr. Jonathan Toogood*, who founded the Bridgwater Infirmary (now Bridgwater Hospital) in 1813. He held enlightened views on the use of chloroform as an analgesic and campaigned for restrictions on the sale of arsenic.

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

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

Gill Wilkinson



Dr Jonathan Toogood



## I BELIEVE

I Believe...

That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

I Believe...

That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I Believe...

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

I Believe...

That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I Believe...

That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I Believe...

That you should always leave loved ones with loving words; it may be the last time you see them.

I Believe....

That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

I Believe....

That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I Believe....

That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done.

I Believe...

That it isn't always enough, to be forgiven by others; sometimes, you have to forgive yourself.

## LEXOPHILIA

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

The batteries were given free of charge.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

When chemists die, they barium.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

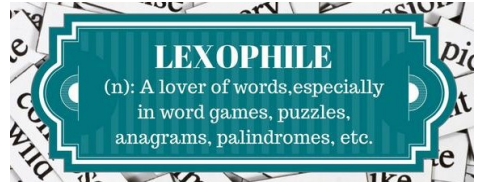
The man who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

When she saw her first strand of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.



## AND PARAPROSDOKIANS

**A  
Para-  
what?**

Along with Lexophilia, Paraprosochians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is

surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Apparently, Winston Churchill quite loved them.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

You do not need a parachute to skydive.

You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.



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I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

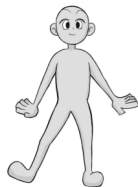
Filling out an application, where it says 'In case of Emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.

If these made you laugh or smile, share the joy! <https://welcometoerinsworld.com>

## WHAT PART OF THE BODY AM I?

1. A personal pronoun
2. Tall trees
3. One who attends school
4. To throw away good material
5. Conceited
6. A large box
7. Two young animals
8. Mad in March?
9. These go with a hammer
10. A place of worship
11. What an army needs in order to fight
12. The start of a cheer
13. Head of a stalk of corn
14. A measure of length
15. An artists implement
16. Edge of a hill
17. Impudence
18. Height of a horse

Answers on next page.



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## VEGAN SAUSAGE ROLLS

Prep Time: 20 mins Cook 50 mins Makes 8



### Ingredients

200g chestnut mushrooms	3 tbsp olive oil
2 leeks finely chopped	2 large garlic cloves, crushed
1tbsp sage, finely chopped	1 tbsp brown rice miso
2 tsp Dijon mustard	30g chestnuts, very finely chopped
60g mature vegan cheese	70g fresh white breadcrumbs
1 x 320g sheet vegan puffed pastry	

### Method

Put the mushrooms in a food processor and pulse until they're very finely chopped. Put half the olive oil in a large frying pan and add the leeks along with a pinch of salt. Fry gently for 15 mins or until softened and golden brown. Scrape the leeks out of the pan and into a bowl.

Heat the remaining oil in the pan and fry the mushrooms for 10 mins over a medium heat. Add the garlic, sage, miso and mustard and fry for another minute, then leave to cool slightly.

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Combine the mushroom mixture with the leeks in a bowl, add the chestnuts, cheese and breadcrumbs. Season lightly to taste (the miso and leeks will add salt, so don't add too much) and work everything together until you have a slightly stodgy mixture.

Unravel the puff pastry on a floured surface, then roll out so one side measures about 40cm. Push the mushroom mixture down the centre of the pastry.

Bring the pastry around the mixture and seal the edges with a fork, then cut into eight pieces. Lay on a lined baking sheet.

Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until deep, golden brown.

Allow to cool a little before eating.

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18. Hand  
17. Cheek/ lip  
16. Brow  
15. Palate  
14. Foot  
13. Ear  
12. Hip  
11. Arms  
10. Temple  
9. Nails  
8. Hair  
7. Calves  
6. Chest/ trunk  
5. Vein  
4. Waist  
3. Pupil  
2. Palms  
1. Eye  
quiz on previous page.  
to Parts of the Body  
**ANSWERS**

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

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### DONATION POINTS

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**Othery:** St Michael's Church Porch.

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

**Stawell:** The Old Post Office, Stawell

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

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

**Bridgwater Foodbank** can be contacted by email [info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 01278 434636 or 07804 119273 (Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays). They will help put you in touch with one of the agencies that can help with a referral.

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



## DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINES

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

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

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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		



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

Because of the Coronation there are three Bank Holidays in May this year so the recycling and rubbish collections for the MOMSS & G area are:

### MIDDLEZOY & OTHERY

**Recycling Boxes, every week:** Thursdays: 4, 18, 25 May and Fridays 12 May, 2 June

**Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:** Fridays: 12 May, 2 June

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

Middlezoy: Tuesday 9 May, Mondays 22 May, 5 June

Othery: Thursdays 4, 18 May, Friday 2 June

### MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

**Recycling Boxes, weekly:** Wednesdays 3, 17, 24 May, 7 June and Thursday 11 May

**Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:** Wednesdays: 17 May, 7 June

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

Thursdays 25 May, 8 June and Friday 12 May



## RECYCLING CENTRES

**Summer opening hours started on 1 April**

9am-6pm weekdays and 9am-4pm weekends.

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

## MOBILE LIBRARY

### Taunton Area, Route P

The service continues on a Friday every 4 weeks. Next visit: 19 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](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)



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# MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH INFORMATION

### Priest-in-Charge

Rev Andrea Harwood 01458 443239 [vicarmomss@gmail.com](mailto:vicarmomss@gmail.com)

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

### United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

### Parish Auxiliary Lay Ministers

Mervyn Winslade (Othery); Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

### Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Mervyn Winslade 01823 698368 and Margaret Harris

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 01458 211096

Stawell contact: To be arranged

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

## METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

**Minister:** Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

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

## PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: Anne Farmer 01458 210393

Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Chairman: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

## VILLAGE AMENITIES

**Middlezoy:** School 01823 698465; The George Inn 01823 698215;

P.O. 01823 698981 open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8.45am-12 noon, 2pm-5pm;

Shop 01823 587222 open additionally Wed 8.45am-11am and Sat 8.45am-12 noon;

Village Hall 01823 698366

**Othery:** School 01823 698464; Othery Village Hall 01823 690482

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

**Stawell & Sutton Mallet:** Village Hall 01278 723665

**Greinton:** Village Hall 01458 210277

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

**CRIMESTOPPERS:** 8am-10pm Weekdays 0800 555111

**NHS:** Tel: 111

## DISTRICT PCSOs

Georgia Coles 07889 659466; Benjamin Simpkin 07889 659932

## VILLAGE AGENTS

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

## SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES MAY 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>May 7 Sun</b> <i>(Fifth Sunday of Easter)</i>	10.00 am	Coronation Celebration service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
	10.00 am	Coronation Celebration service	St Michael's, Othery
	10.00 am	Coronation Celebration service	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.00 am	Coronation Celebration w Communion	St. Francis, Stawell
14 Sun <i>(Sixth of Easter)</i>	10.00 am	Outdoor Rogation Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Michael's, Othery
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.00 am	All Age Worship	St. Francis, Stawell
21 Sun <i>(Seventh of Easter)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Special service led by the 'Safe Families' charity team	Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
28 Sun <i>(Pentecost)</i>	9.30 am	Breakfast Café Church	Othery Church Room
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
	10.00 am	All Age Worship	St Mary's, Moorlinch
	10.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	St. Francis, Stawell
	6.30 pm	Circuit Communion Service	Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
<b>June 4 Sun</b> <i>(Trinity)</i>	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	St Michael's, Othery

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
<b>May 7 Sun</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Communion service)	First: Acts, chapter 7, verses 55 to 60 Psalm: 31, verses 1 to 5 and 15 and 16 Epistle: 1 Peter, chapter 2, verses 2 to 10 Gospel: John, chapter 14, verses 1 to 14
	----- Coronation Celebration	----- A selection of Readings are available from the Coronation Celebrations websites
14 Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 17, verses 22 to 31 Psalm: 66, verses 7 to 20 Epistle: 1 Peter, chapter 3, verses 13 to 22 Gospel: John, chapter 14, verses 15 to 21
21 Sun	Seventh Sunday of Easter	First: Acts, chapter 1, verses 6 to 14 Psalm: 68, verses 1 to 10 and 32 to the end Epistle: 1 Peter, chapter 4, verses 12 to 14 and chapter 5, verses 6 to 11 Gospel: John, chapter 17, verses 1 to 11
28 Sun	Pentecost <i>(Whit Sunday)</i>	First: Acts, chapter 2, verses 1 to 21 Psalm: 104, verses 26 to 36 Epistle: 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 3b to 13 Gospel: John, chapter 7, verses 37 to 39
<b>June 4 Sun</b>	<b>June 4 Sun</b> Trinity	OT: Isaiah, chapter 40, verses 12 to 17 and 27 to the end Psalm: 8 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 11 to the end Gospel: Matthew, chapter 28, verses 16 to 20