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## ***FROM THE EDITOR***

Summer? Where is summer? As I write this after the annual Othery Street Fayre (sun, showers, sun, showers etc., etc.) I am hoping that by the time you read this it has finally arrived! So while the sun is shining let's all get out and about. Fetes, Open Gardens, seaside beaches, parks, stately homes, ancient ruins - national treasures to be found, explored and enjoyed.

In the meantime the Parliamentary election campaigning will be about to finish, voting to take place nationally on Thursday 4 July and hopefully a definite result achieved so our country can progress towards stability once again.

This month also will see the retirement of Rev Andrea Harwood, our United Benefice Vicar, who's final service will be at 10am on Sunday the 21st in St. Michael's Church, Othery. Everyone from the benefice is invited to attend and immediately after that everyone is invited to gather in Othery Village Hall for teas and coffees whilst the hall is prepared for a knife and fork Bring and Share Buffet Lunch which will start at 12 noon. Please contact your village churchwardens/principle contact persons (details on the inside back cover) to let them know that you will attend and if you are offering to provide some food or drink for the lunch. Our Reader Richard Graham is co-ordinating details for the event - any further enquiries, donations to help cover the costs etc. please contact him.

Inside this edition you will find our wide range of interesting items and reports. Our advertisers help provide us with some income towards printing the magazine - please read their adverts because there may be someone who can do that job you want done.

Here's to a good summer!

Anita Winslade, Editor 01823 698368

## ***FROM THE VICAR***



I asked my husband for inspiration for this, my final column to you, the other day, and his reply was MOMSS+G. Do you recognise it? It stands for, Many Outstanding Memories of Special Significance and Grace.

Indeed, there have been many of these over my almost five years in the benefice, many that I will cherish and revisit in quiet reflective moments in the future.

I give heartfelt thanks to God for the opportunity to share in the joyful celebratory times of your lives, as well as the very sad ones which we have also shared, and as a consequence, hopefully have made the load a little lighter to bear. As Andrew, Laura and I bid farewell and offer our heartfelt thanks to the many wonderful people that we have been blessed to meet, serve amongst, and grow to know and love, in Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet and Greinton I pray with all my heart that our Lord Jesus Christ will continue to watch over you, encourage you, comfort you, support you and guide you. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen. With our love and thanks, Andrea, Andrew and Laura.

Rev. Andrea Harwood

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

### **THE REV. ANDREA'S LEAVING DO**

This will be after the last service she leads in the benefice. This happens to be in Othery and on Sunday 21 July. Coffee will be available after the service as usual except that this will be in the Othery Village Hall and whilst the hall is set up for the lunch. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Buffet lunch - sit down and with knives and forks. The meal will be from approximately 12 noon if you are elsewhere earlier in the day.

Please let me know if you are coming and whether you will bring sweet or savoury items - this will help with the organisation - either by email to [richardjohngraham@hotmail.com](mailto:richardjohngraham@hotmail.com) with the subject as 'Andrea's leaving do' or phone, please.

Offers of help with this event will be gratefully received, please.

A monetary collection is being held and likewise to me please or to your Churchwarden.

*Richard Graham, 01278 722284*

### **MARGARET HARRIS OF OTHERY**

The funeral of Margaret was held on Tuesday 4 June in St Michael's church which was filled with mourners. The service was followed by a delightful reception/wake with family members, relatives, friends and acquaintances held in Othery Village Hall. Many happy memories were shared and comments of how much she is already missed and will be in the future. Margaret's son Chris, Sharon and family thank everyone for their condolences, kind thoughts and sharing of memories of Margaret's life.

*Mervyn & Anita Winslade*

### **SKY AT NIGHT**

#### **Sky Diary**

#### **Sunrise Sunset**

*Beginning of July*      5.02am-9.29pm

*End of July*            5.37am-8.59pm

#### **Moon Phases**

New Moon 5th / first Quarter 13th /

Full Moon 21st / Last Quarter 28th

#### **Planets**

Saturn appears before midnight now rising in the east at 11pm. Mars slightly fainter then rises at 1am followed by Jupiter 30 minutes later.

#### **Constellation**

Along with the constellations in the sky there are also asterisms, unrelated formations of stars that are not constellations. One of the most famous can be seen overhead at this time of year consisting of three unrelated stars that form the Summer Triangle.

These are the first stars to appear as

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darkness falls; being in order of brightness Vega in the constellation Lyra, Altair in Aquila and Deneb in Cygnus.

### Phenomena

On July 6 the Earth reaches its furthest point during its orbit of the Sun, at over 94 million miles or 152 million kilometres.

Paul Adamson 01823698156

### SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our July meeting is on Wednesday 31st at 7.30pm in Othery Village Hall, TA7 0QU, when Mark Radice of Andover Astronomical Society will give a talk on observing the Moon. We also have our night sky guide and astronomy news.

Admission is £3 with membership available. Free tea and coffee are also provided.

We are also on Zoom. For more details please contact [somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com](mailto:somersetlevelsstargazers@hotmail.com). Follow us on Facebook.

Paul Adamson 01823698156.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing in May of John Martin MBE, co-founder of our club. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Pamela and his family. He will be greatly missed.

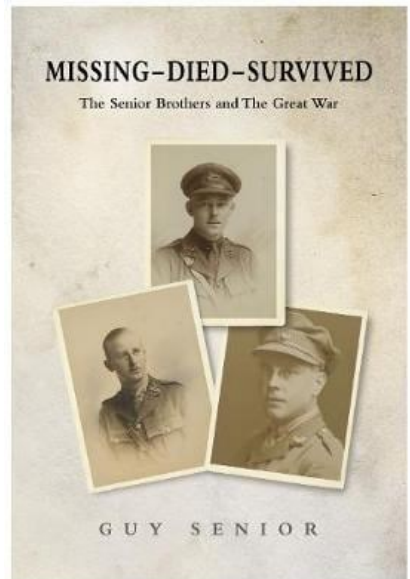
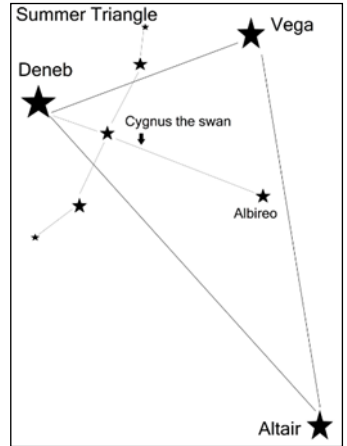
### WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Somerset Branch of the WFA takes place on Wednesday 10 July in Othery Village Hall, TA7 0QU, at 7.30pm where our speaker will be Guy Senior. He will be talking about his book *Missing - Died - Survived*.

*Missing - Died - Survived* is the story of three brothers who fought on the Western Front: Joseph, Walter and George Senior. Born in the Yorkshire town of Wakefield, all three were educated at Wakefield Grammar School.

Joseph, the eldest was one of the most academically gifted boys of his generation. In the 1911 Oxford Senior Examinations he was ranked first out of 14,000 candidates nationally. He then studied at Clare College Cambridge, where he graduated in Classics with first class honours. Initially serving with the West Yorkshire Regiment, he would later volunteer for the Royal Flying Corps and see action over the Ypres battlefield as an observer with No 45 Squadron.

Walter, the middle brother, would also serve with the West Yorkshire Regiment. He would take part in the Battle of the Somme, leading his men on a daring raid of 'The Triangle' in the Thiepval sector.



George, the youngest, would serve with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and later become attached to the Sherwood Foresters.

Only one would come home. This fully illustrated talk by Guy Senior features first-hand accounts of combat on land and in the air.

We ask for a modest £5 on the door to defray costs. This will include a free tea or coffee and a raffle ticket. Should you wish to bring your own drink then that is not a problem.

*Pat Adamson, Secretary, Somerset Branch WFA 01823 698156*

## **FARM DIARY**

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

**In the Field.** Maize normally planted in early May is still emerging in mid-June. This is due to the difficult weather conditions this spring so that many crops were planted late. First cut silage should be made in early May but this was not possible in some fields until June. The quality or expected yield of these later crops are in doubt. The rain will make everything grow which is a help. As mentioned before we are in approximately year five of seven by when the previous government support for farmers will be removed. The Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) is its successor. Whilst we are in that and have received one of our first regular, quarterly payments, we wait for the standards for peat soils. In central Somerset there are a lot of peat soils. At the western edge of this village, for example, there is four metres of peat before the bed rock is reached. Currently trials are ongoing on at least one local farm. As long as it is kept wet, it is stable and a huge and important carbon sink.

**Insects.** Caterpillars have decimated two box plants by the author's front gate planted in memory of a favourite aunt. They succumbed to the Box Tree moth. It is the author's opinion that it is now unwise to grow box in central Somerset. Last autumn, we had a small amount of damage to one of these two plants. This spring every leaf was brown and there were caterpillars everywhere. The plants have been removed and burnt. The Royal Horticultural Society are keeping track of the spread of this pest and have an online form that can be filled in and submitted. For control measures, the RHS website is recommended. This pest is not in most books as it only came to Britain in 2008. It is only found on box. On another matter, the lack of insects is the subject. Farmers feel this keenly as we are blamed for their demise. In this author's experience, there is no shortage of insect pests. Apart from the box being covered in caterpillars we have also had our spindle tree covered in millions of Spindle Ermine moth caterpillars. The spindle will recover. This is all confusing. On the farm, we stopped using prophylactic aphid spray on the winter wheat some years ago as it was not specific enough. We don't grow potatoes or vines. Insects are opportunistic and will mushroom in numbers when they experience favourable conditions.

*Richard Graham*



Box Tree Moth

## THE THREAT FROM ASIAN HORNETS

### Asian Hornets in Europe

Asian Hornets were inadvertently brought to France in 2004, most likely in a shipment of goods imported from east Asia. Since arriving in France, the species has spread rapidly. It is now present across France and is moving into adjoining countries.

The Asian Hornet is a non-native species in the UK, as it hails from east Asia and could not arrive in the UK naturally.

The concern around the Asian hornet is that it is a significant predator of bees. In France, it has consumed large numbers of bees, including the well-known European honeybee and many lesser-known solitary and colonial bee species. Nature conservation organisations, including the RSPB, are concerned about the impacts of Asian Hornets on bees, as these pollinating species are an essential component of well-functioning ecosystems.

### The difference between the Asian and European Hornet

Our native hornets are much larger than the Asian variety, have a fully banded yellow body and reddish legs. The smaller Asian hornet has less yellow banding but very distinctive yellow leg ends.

### Reporting sightings of the Asian Hornet

Please continue to be vigilant for any Asian hornets and if you think you've spotted one, report your sighting through the Asian

hornet app or use the online form at the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.

If you suspect you have seen an Asian hornet you should report this using the iPhone and Android app 'Asian Hornet Watch' or alternatively, e-mail [alernonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alernonnative@ceh.ac.uk).

Asian Hornet

✗ Non-native



European Hornet

✓ Native to UK



## MIDDLEZOY AND OTHERY SCHOOLS

The summer term is always incredibly busy, this year is no exception. We held our whole school Sports Afternoon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Middlezoy Playing Field. The children competed in their House Teams in six events, the children all supported one another well and the team captains ensured the younger ones stayed on track. Congratulations to Bristol, our green team, who won the event. All children then had the chance to compete in their year group running races. The afternoon finished with a couple of additional races for our year 6 leavers! The fancy dress race was a huge hit and the children really entered into the spirit of the event. Thank you to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success.

A group of our children danced at the Othery Street Fayre this year. Huge congratulations to all the children who took part and a special mention to Mrs Brown for coaching the children so brilliantly. The performance was so good the group have been booked for the Middlezoy Fayre too!

Looking ahead we have our transition afternoon coming up. We will welcome our new starters in reception for the afternoon and the older children will spend the afternoon with their new classes. Most of our year 6 cohort will be enjoying their taster day at Huish

Episcopi Academy.

With the support of Peter Selby, our preparations are underway for both the KS2 production and our performance at The Bridgwater Singing Festival in July.

Please take a look at our website for further information and contact the School Office on 01823 698464 if you wish to visit our school.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Lindsay Hayward*

## **THE REVEREND JIM AND SUE ADAMS RETIREMENT**

As a young couple, the Reverend Jim and Sue Adams moved to Geneva, New York State to serve the parish of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and through their guidance, outreach, creativity and faith the church has flourished and become a leading force of civic progress and unity. In 1986, they launched Neighbours' Night, a program that today welcomes between 50 and 100



local children every Wednesday evening for a hot meal and activities. The Adams established children's choirs at St. Peter's open to all in the community and every 4 years since 1999 they have been bringing those choristers across for a tour of the UK. We have been fortunate enough to host the choristers, form long-term friendships with all members of the tour and enjoy their wonderful musical abilities.

In addition to serving at St Peter's, in 2005, they founded St. Peter's Community Arts Academy; a non-profit organisation that has been serving the greater Geneva area with enrichment programs, workshops and instruction in music, visual and performing arts. They have been co-directors of Lake Delaware Boys' Camp in Delhi, New York State since 1988 and have worked ceaselessly to bring out the potential of all the young people in their care. So as they begin this next step of their journey – 'retiring' from one part of their ministry but no doubt taking up many more community activities – we wish them and their family all the very best for the future and hope our paths will cross again one day.

*Jane Stryker*

## ***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*

### **32ND ANNUAL OTHERY STREET FAYRE**

**Saturday 15 June**

Wow! What a day! The weather up to and including the great event was so changeable - sunshine, showers, winds coming from all directions, raincoats on then off then on again - but thankfully not so bad and the Fayre took place after being opened by Dave Englefield of Sedgemoor FM.



Thank you to all the generous people who gave us items when we made our annual house-to-house collections for the church fundraising stalls and raffle prizes. Thank you too for all the lovely cakes and produce which were donated to the refreshments marquee in the Old Vicarage garden. Because of the cooler weather our hot food stalls did very well.

We had another good variety of stalls, entertainments, games, exhibitions and two magnificent shire horses.

After the Fayre had closed the playing field was the focal point with the bar staying open and live musical entertainments continuing throughout the evening. The pig roast arrived and was duly heartily consumed. Live music then continued until closure of the bar and playing field at 11pm.

We are most grateful and thankful for all the helpers, organisers, patrons, participants and shoppers who did everything possible to make this charming and friendly annual church fundraising event so successful. As soon as we know how much the event has raised we will publicise the information.

*Othery Churchwardens and PCC*

### **TUESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

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

*Coffee Morning Committee*

### **OTHERY BOOK READING GROUP**

*Looking for Jane* by Heather Marshall  
Heather Marshall was born and raised in Canada, where she lives with her family. She worked for several years in politics and communications before turning to her true passion storytelling. Heather's debut novel *Looking for Jane* was an instant best seller in Canada. It has won several awards, been published in 14 languages in 19 territories around the world and was optioned for development into a television series.

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There were mixed views of this book. These ranged from thoroughly enjoying it to disappointed as the story had been told lots of times before. On the plus side, comments were “a good easy read”, “fiction with a solid foundation”, “good plot told with momentum” and “well researched”. On the negative side, “not as factual as expected”, “story line contrived” and “didn’t do the subject justice”.

It provoked a discussion afterwards, that it was shocking that abortion is still illegal in many countries. Anger towards the nuns and religion when they ran these homes, where babies were sold, often against the mother’s wishes. The view of the nun’s side of this would be interesting too? The ‘right to life’ was raised. The view of the group was that it was a woman’s right to choose.

*Marion Hilling*

## **OTHERY VILLAGE HALL**

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

*otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk* or 07958 006403.

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

### **Upcoming Events**

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

### **Regular Events**

Wednesday 10 July – Western Front Association

Wednesday 31 July – Somerset Stargazers

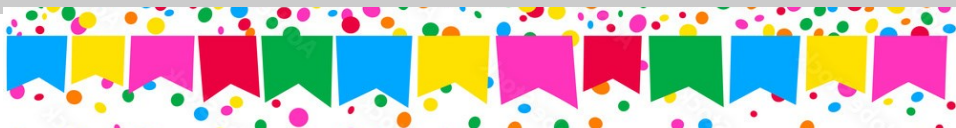
Thursdays 10.00am Toddler Group, 7.30pm Short mat bowls (not 4 July due to the General Election)

Fridays - 11am Pilates, 7pm Bar night.

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

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

## **MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS**



### **FIESTA ESPANOLA**

#### **A Spanish themed evening**

On Saturday 10 August from 6pm to 9pm in Moorlinch Church Hall and grounds. An evening of Spanish food and music.

Bring your own drink and rugs if the weather is kind. Tables will be set up as well, either inside or out.

£20 per ticket - £5 per children under 10

£45 per family ticket – 2 children under 10

Ticket prices include all food and a welcome glass of Sangria

Further details of ticket prices etc on posters around the area or you can get your tickets by emailing [moorlinchgns@aol.com](mailto:moorlinchgns@aol.com)



*Liz Tapper*

## **THE MOORLINCH ANNUAL SUMMER FETE**

The event above has been postponed.

## **SOUND AND VISION COMES TO MOORLINCH CHURCH HALL**

The latest update on the hall improvements

Ongoing improvements, thanks to the Sedgemoor Grant, open up more varied opportunities for you and other local communities to use the building. Don't forget it when planning your next family event, fundraiser, party, or if you just need space to practice juggling!! It's incredibly good value! Read on to find out about the new sound and vision system!

Upgrades include the grandly named 'pavilion'. Giving covered outdoor space it's used for stitch club, GOGs, and a pretty backdrop for the plant sales, fete, lunches and all sorts. The new outdoor toilet is ready. The indoor space is more versatile and cosy thanks to sliding doors, lowered ceiling and better lighting.

We have a huge maintenance programme; the flat roof is repaired and there's a massive list still to complete. Maintenance is paid for by fundraising; (fete, plant sale, 100 Club) as the grant is ring-fenced for improvements. If you can spare a few hours to help with simple maintenance or redecoration once work is completed, we'd be delighted! Please contact Mary Mason the committee's Chair.

Priorities for the hall arose from the Moorlinch Church Hall survey 2 years ago. The latest feedback we've progressed has been installing a projector, screen, and 4 up-to-the-minute speakers that now provide consistent sound quality wherever you are in the hall via an amplifier and hands-free microphone. By connecting via bluetooth or plugging in, you can stream or play items from your laptop or phone to screen and sound systems.

It's so exciting to open up more possibilities for everyone to use the hall. Perhaps you'd like to give a talk about something you are involved with? We also hope to get external bookings from local groups. Please keep supporting the hall fundraising events, please help where you can and don't forget ... it's your hall to make the most of for very reasonable rates!

*Sam Dawe*

## **AUDREY'S MUSIC IN THE GARDEN - 18 AUGUST**

My charity garden party is from 2.30pm onwards and carrying on throughout the evening. The main attraction being the 24 piece Mendip Swing Band, performing twice early on in the afternoon, followed by half a dozen other performers later in the day. This year's charity is for The Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance.

The aim is for guests to bring a drink and a picnic, maybe some could bring a chair or rug, but many chairs will be provided. If we are suffering inclement weather all will be under canvas and indoors. Entry charge is £5 per person.

There will be an auction and a large raffle.

*Audrey Warner, 01458 780139*



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

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

### **PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL Remembrance Evening 25 May**

Over 80 people attended our charity evening. We made a profit of £1,005.90 for the cause and this can now be added to the grants we've received giving us a grand total of £1,868.90 which will hopefully be sufficient to complete the first phase of the project. Thank you to Paul for the collage of Simon and Frank; this will be put up on the wall in the village hall for everyone to see. Thanks also to the band whose £200 fee went to their own charities.

Phase one will be the purchase of two benches and the subsidiary work required to place and secure the benches.

The Committee are looking for volunteers to aid in the groundwork.

*Maxine Hughes, Stawell & Sutton Mallet Village Hall*

### **ST FRANCIS CHURCH**

St Francis Church will be holding a hog roast on 6 July, at Stawell Village Hall from 7pm onwards. Tickets are £10, with primary school children £6, available from Ruth 01278 722914 and Ralph 01278 722934. Bring your own drinks and glasses and desserts if wished.

*Ruth Peberdy*

Thursday 4 July - General Election

Tuesday 9 July - Church Committee meets at The Manor at 5 p.m.

Sunday 21 July 12 noon - The Rev. Andrea's leaving do at the Othery village hall.

Saturday 27 July - Monthly coffee morning at Jim and Morag's, The Old Manor Farmhouse. 10am till 12 noon. All welcome.

## **GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS**

### **VILLAGE NEWS**

The next event in the Village Hall is our regular monthly Pub Night held, as usual, on the first Friday of the month: 5 July. It normally gets going at about 7pm and we don't have a licence, so please bring your own drinks, Contributions to communal nibbles are also very welcome.

The main event in the Village Hall's calendar is fast approaching – our annual Harvest Barn Dance will take place on the evening of Saturday 21 September. Full details will follow in future editions of MOMSS but we will have a live band again, after last year's success, and the usual cash bar, hog roast and raffle/tombola. Put the date in your diaries/phone calendars now!

There is still not much to report on regarding the church. We have yet to hear the diocese's view on whether we can run the church with a committee made up of a mixture of churchgoers and non-churchgoers and have still to make progress in



arranging a structural survey of the church, so we can better understand the financial implications of taking over the church building from the diocese, should that option arise.

There will be a Harvest Celebration in church on a Sunday in September, following a similar format to previous years (with the intention of making it relevant to all, regardless of their religious views). The date and time have yet to be decided but will be promulgated soon (NOT the same weekend as the Barn Dance).

*Toby Crispin*

### **GREINTON PARISH CHAIR STEPPING DOWN**

After 3 years our current Parish Chair of Greinton is looking to hand over the reins to another. The role is an important, but not particularly taxing one, as much of the management, contacts, funding and administrative process are all in place and in a good state. The time allocation is as much or as little as you are willing to give, but one hour per week should be enough to stay on top of everything.

If you're interested in being nominated for the position at the next Parish meeting, please email Sam via [greintonparish@gmail.com](mailto:greintonparish@gmail.com) and he can arrange a call or meeting to discuss it further.

*Sam Hearn*

## **MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS**

### **MIDDLEZOY PARISH COUNCIL**

In May the Parish Council organised a very successful annual parish meeting which was held in the village hall. This was attended by eight different organisations from within the village. Each one of the organisations gave a very interesting short talk about their organisation and their aspirations for the future. It is hoped that new people moving into the village will be interested enough to volunteer their services to help with one or more of these organisations.

After the talks there were snacks and the bar was open, this enabled people to engage with the various organisations and ask questions about what they do within the village.

*Councillor Paul Baker*

### **MIDDLEZOY COMMUNITY PROJECT**

The village hall is going from strength to strength, we are getting a new bar fitted. This work will be started within the next fortnight. Once the work is completed it will give a greater bar space. This will not affect the Friday evenings or the Saturday opening of the bar. On a Saturday the Cricket Club is operating the bar and this is open to all villages and cricketers alike. Come and support them and watch a good game of cricket at the same time. A percentage of the profits go towards the Cricket Club funds.

We are in the process of revamping the stage down at the village hall the front part of the stage will be removed, and, in its place, a modular stage will be used. This will increase the floor area within the hall when the front part of the stage area is not required. A modular stage is extremely flexible and can be utilised in any number of different configurations, we will also be able to use it outside for functions on the playing field. It is hoped that this will encourage more organisations to come and utilise the village hall.

The bar on Friday evenings is proving extremely popular along with the food vans that come along especially the fish and chips. With the summer evenings we're able to sit out on the veranda and watch the youngsters played cricket. It is also a great safe family evening; families are able come down with their children and the children able to play on the playing field.

We also have the village fete coming up on Saturday 6 July. We have 65 different stalls. Entrance is free and there will be car parking available. On the day we will have two bars in the marquee one operated by the village hall and the other by Wadys cider. There will also be music on along with a lot of things for the children to do. Look out for the posters. The Middlezoy Community Project (MCP) will be holding their AGM on Thursday 18 July - any nominations for new members or the following positions: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Bookings Secretary. Please email the current Chair: [cllr.paul.baker@outlook.com](mailto:cllr.paul.baker@outlook.com)

Paul Baker

## **LEVELS METHODISTS CHURCH NEWS THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

On a busy Saturday in June, some willing volunteers from village and Circuit turned up to help tidy up the garden space and clean down the outside paintwork. Thank you to Ian, Wes, Debbie, Liam, Becky, Jack, David and Ildi! They all worked so hard!



## **THE SALADS AND SWEETS LUNCH**

Tuesday 9 July at 12 noon, in the Church, £7 per person.



## **'THE PEEKABOO GANG!'**

Meets every Friday during term time from 9.30am – 12pm (arrive anytime and stay as long as you want to) welcoming parents and carers with their babies & toddlers under 3! Lovely toys and a warm relaxed friendly setting, refreshments and activities. The Toddler Group are enjoying some outside fun during the summer days – hope we can have a few more!

## **CHILDREN'S FUN AFTERNOON**

Saturday 27 July in the Methodist Church and Garden, 2pm to 4.30pm.

Games, Activities, Crafts, Refreshments. Suitable for primary-age children and their families.

## **BOOKING THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR YOUR EVENTS**

Don't forget that the Chapel space and Back Room are available to hire. There is a booking

form on the website <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings> or contact Jill Darby, [jilldrb@gmail.com](mailto:jilldrb@gmail.com) or at 01823 698000.

Revd Deborah Kirk, Minister [deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.m.kirk@gmail.com) 01823 334854

Ildiko Haraszti Minister-in-Training

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

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The week of 1 - 7 July is the diocese's week where they are focusing on prayer for the younger members of our society. If you copy and paste this link into your computer you will be able to access materials you can use.

- Go to Bath and Wells website ([bathandwells.org.uk](http://bathandwells.org.uk))
- Select **Ministeries**, select **Children and Young People**
- Scroll down to the link "**the latest edition of our Go Team newsletter is available to read here**" and click
- Scroll down to **Upcoming Events**. Find **Week of Prayer Children and Young People** and click the link to download the Prayer Guide.

### **CHURCHES AND CHAPELS**

#### **Open Daily**

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

### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

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

John MARTIN MBE of Othery died on 21 May. A private family cremation was held at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Monday 24 June followed by a wake at the Webbington Hotel.

Alex PERKINS, formerly of Othery died on 6 June and his funeral was held at Taunton Crematorium on Tuesday 25 June.



### **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*

### **A RICHNESS OF MINISTRY**



If we're all alike we tend to think the same. This can be comfortable and reassuring - "Everyone around here sees things just like I do". But it doesn't help us think out of the box or worse, spot risks and dangers of which we're unaware - "Crumbs we never saw that one coming!". For this reason, companies and all kinds of organisations are seeking to become more diverse. Having differing viewpoints, skills and abilities is increasingly

recognised to grow ability to think not only more widely but more effectively too. Recognising diversity has been very much part of our life here in our Diocese of Bath & Wells during recent weeks. Back in May we acclaimed the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. It's almost impossible now to imagine what our Church would be like without the contribution of women throughout the ordained ministry. At the end of June the 'Celebration of Lay Ministries' held at St Paul's, Weston-Super-Mare saw us affirm, thank and bless the many different roles and responsibilities that lay people are undertaking across our churches and in local communities – from leading worship to pastoral care, ministry with children and young people, to preaching and teaching the faith. Again, it's almost impossible to imagine what our churches would be like without such richness.

Our hope is that the diversity we've been honouring will only flourish and grow. For it's essential if we're to bring the light of the Gospel to everyone in our communities – and especially those we find hard to connect with. For none of us alone, either individually or as a group, has the ability to reach everyone. All of us are needed. It's for this reason that one of the priorities we're commending across our diocese is 'shared local ministry'. This recognises that everyone, everywhere, has a contribution to make. Now surely that's something to celebrate!

*Bishop Michael, Rt Rev Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath & Wells*

## ***BEYOND THE BENEFICE***

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

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

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

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## WIs near us

Ashcott and Pedwell	7.30pm	3rd Thursday	Ashcott Village Hall, TA7 9PZ.
Shapwick Starlets	7.30pm	2nd Tuesday	Village Hall, Station Road, TA7 9NJ.
Westonzoyland	7.15pm	2nd Wednesday	Village Hall Cheer Lane TA7 0EZ

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

## Westonzoyland WI

Come to our July meeting on Wednesday 10 July and learn about 'The Red Cross, One man to 100 million'.

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

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

Gill Wilkinson

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### FOODBANKS

#### DONATION POINTS

**Middlezoy:** Holy Cross Church, Village Coffee Mornings or Meadowbank, 11a Main Road.

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

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

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

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

**To obtain assistance from a Foodbank** you need a referral from: Citizens Advice Bureau: Clarence House High St, Bridgwater, TA6 3BH 03444 889623 or your Village Agent, local GP surgery, schools, health visitors and social workers. **Bridgwater Foodbank** can be contacted by email [info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk](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 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July

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

Wednesdays 17 July, 7 August

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

Mondays 1, 15, 29 July

### OTHERY

**Recycling Boxes, every week:**

Fridays 5, 12, 19, 26 July, 2 August

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

Fridays 5, 26 July

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

Thursdays 11, 25 July

### MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

**Recycling Boxes, every week:**

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July

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

Wednesdays 17 July, 7 August

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

Thursdays 4, 18 July, 1 August

## RECYCLING CENTRES

**Summer opening hours (April to September)**

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

Full details of each site, location, opening times, materials they will accept etc. can be found at

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

## MOBILE LIBRARY

**Taunton Area, Route P**

The service continues every 4 weeks on Fridays:

Next visit: 26 July

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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Please advise [momssgeditor@live.co.uk](mailto:momssgeditor@live.co.uk) of amendments/additions

## ANGLICAN CHURCH INFORMATION

### Priest-in-Charge

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

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

### United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

### Parish Auxiliary Lay Ministers

Mervyn Winslade (Othery); Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

### Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Mervyn Winslade 01823 698368 Anthony Betty 07801 233676

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 01458 21 1096

Stawell contact: To be arranged

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

## METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY

**Minister:** Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

Local Contact: Jill Darby [jilldrb@gmail.com](mailto:jilldrb@gmail.com) 01823 698000

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

## PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: Anne Farmer 01458 210393

Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Chairman: Philip Jay

Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

## VILLAGE AMENITIES

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

Shop 01823 587222 open Mon, Tues 8.45am-1.00, 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 8.45am-11.00am,

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

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

Thurs, Fri 10.00am-1.00, 1.30-5pm, Sat closed; Village Hall 07885 195418

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

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

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

**Greinton:** Village Hall 01458 210277

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

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

**NHS:** Tel: 111

**DISTRICT PCSOs:** Georgia Coles 07889 659466; 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 JULY 2024

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>July 7 Sun</b> (Sixth after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
14 Sun (Seventh after Trinity)	9.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Breakfast Café Holy Communion Morning Prayer Joint All Age Worship	St Mary's, Moorlinch St Michael's, Othery St Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
21 Sun (Eighth after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service (Vicar's final service) followed by the United Benefice Bring & Share Lunch	St. Michael's, Othery  Othery Village Hall
28 Sun (Ninth after Trinity)	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 6.30 pm	All Age Worship Prayer and Praise Holy Communion Morning Prayer Circuit Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy St. Michael's, Othery St. Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodist Chapel, Middlezoy
<b>August 4 Sun</b> (Tenth after Trinity)	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion Service	St. Mary's, Moorlinch

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

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
<b>July 7 Sun</b>	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	OT: 2 Samuel, chapter 5, verses 1 to 5 and 9 and 10 Psalm: 48 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 2 to 10 Gospel: Mark, chapter 6, verses 1 to 13
14 Sun	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	OT: 2 Samuel, chapter 6, verses 1 to 5 and 12b to 19 Psalm: 24 Epistle: Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 3 to 14 Gospel: Mark, chapter 6 verses 14 to 29
21 Sun	Eighth Sunday after Trinity	OT: 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 1 to 14a Psalm: 89, verses 20 to 27 Epistle: Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 11 to 22 (the end) Gospel: Mark, chapter 6, verses 30 to 34 and 53 to 56
28 Sun	Ninth Sunday after Trinity	OT: 2 Samuel, chapter 11, verses 1 to 15 Psalm: 14 Epistle: Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 14 to 21 (the end) Gospel: John, chapter 6, verses 1 to 21
<b>August 4 Sun</b>	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	OT: 2 Samuel, chapter 11, verses 26 to chapter 12, verse 13a Psalm: 51, verses 1 to 13 Epistle: Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 1 to 15 Gospel: John chapter 6, verses 24 to 35