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Diary for Trio May 2020

PLEASE NOTE
GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS SAY THAT ALL CHURCHES SHOULD BE LOCKED AND SERVICES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE HOWEVER…

during the current arrangements a weekly sheet with prayers and Bible readings is available by e-mail, this month will also include service sheets for Ascension [May 21st] & Pentecost [May 31st].

If you would like to be included on the distribution list the contacts are…..

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FLAG DAYS FOR MAY 2020

1st	Philip & James - Apostles
2nd	Princess Charlotte of Cambridge born 2015
8th	VE Day 1945 – 75th Anniversary
9th	Europe Day
14th	Matthias - Apostle
21st	Ascension Day
31st	Whit Sunday (Pentecost) Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Thoughts from the Rectory

The other day, I came across the following quote from Harry Emerson Fosdick, a 19th century pastor and theologian: '.....fear puts hopelessness at the heart of life, while faith rejoices in its God'

This made me think of all those Holy Week and Easter stories where fear has overtaken all that has gone before.
After the resurrection, in John's Gospel chapter 20 we read '... the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear...' Another kind of lockdown, as it were. Locked in with fear.

There is no doubt that these are extremely anxious times. We fear for our families and our friends; and for the many people who continue to work putting themselves at risk. Fear can, indeed, put an all consuming hopelessness at the centre of our lives.

But the friends of Jesus become transformed by the encounters they have with the Risen Christ.
As they cower in that room, fearing for their lives, wondering when the authorities will come to round them up, Jesus comes and stands among them. He greets them with the word Shalom which is translated as peace be with you.
Actually though, shalom means more than peace as maybe we think of it. It is a greeting that wishes the recipient a wholeness, an inner harmony and to be safe in body, mind and spirit. The disciples fear is replaced; they rejoice at seeing their Lord.

All very well, for them, we may think. In our lockdown when will we see Jesus and hear that word Shalom? There are various ways in which we encounter the Risen Jesus. An inner tranquillity may come upon us as we sit thinking, meditating or praying. It can happen while reading Scripture or looking out at, say, a sunlit garden.
We may well encounter the Risen Christ as we read or see a good story on the news.
Think for example, of Captain Tom or the brave smiling faces of some of our medics.

Perhaps, like the two who encounter Jesus on the Emmaus road we'll find our hearts warmed and know the presence of the Risen One.
Hard though it can be let each of us do our best at letting our faith overcome all our fear.

Shalom !

With love and blessing

Jan Knott



A heartfelt thank you for the many get well wishes plus birthday greetings and gifts that appeared in the Rectory porch.
It was lovely to know of your care and love.
THANK YOU!!!

A PRAYER FROM PREB. JAN TO HELP US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS.

God of love and hope,

You made the world and care for all creation,

but right now, the world feels a strange place.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus,

Many people are worried that they might become ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with us all and help us to find peace.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and scientists,

and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.



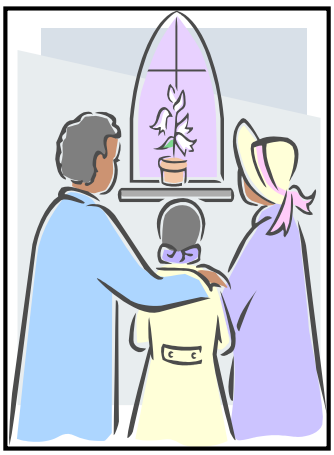
Help us to know that even in these anxious times you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you

In Jesus name. Amen.



THE RECTOR is always happy for you to give her call if you want a chat. Unfortunately at present, due social distancing guidance, Preb. Jan cannot visit you or bring you Communion.
Please don't hesitate to contact the Rector for a chat (01761 479311).



ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made to the Rector. Her day off is usually Friday, but when she is not available or on Leave, then please contact one of the Churchwardens.



WELCOME PACK

If you have new neighbours, please give let the Rector or Churchwarden know so once we are back in action they can have a welcome pack containing a scrumptious bar of chocolate (Traidcraft, of course!) as well as a welcome letter from Preb Jan & a copy of Trio. CRL

Letter from the The Rt Revd Peter Hancock
Bishop of Bath & Wells.
May 2020

A time to ‘Love our neighbours as ourselves’

I wonder - are you someone who gets everything ready long before you need to; jobs done well before time; and someone who is never late for anything? Or are you someone who leaves things to the last minute; works right up to the deadline; and catches the bus or train with moments to spare? Or maybe you are somewhere in the middle?

One of the things that Bishop Ruth and I enjoy doing is writing these articles each month for parish magazines and newsletters. It gives us a chance to keep in touch with people across the diocese and to share the things that are in our hearts and minds as the year unfolds. The only drawback is that we have to write these articles well in advance, so that they reach magazine editors and church administrators in good time. The problem is of course that things may change in all sorts of ways between us writing them and you reading them. I am particularly conscious of that this month, as we are in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Things are changing very fast and it is hard to know what the next few weeks will bring. That inevitably brings with it a certain degree of uncertainty and some us, especially those who are isolated and cut off, may be feeling anxious for ourselves or for others.

My hope throughout this time of ‘lockdown’ is that although some of us may have felt physically isolated from each other, that we have not felt socially or spiritually isolated. Indeed, I have been truly amazed and encouraged by all the stories I have heard of people caring for each other, phoning each other and going shopping for those who cannot get out to buy the food they need. At this stage none of us knows quite how and when this virus will eventually be brought under control. However, I do hope that when we get to the stage that restrictions can be safely lifted and we begin to go out and

shop as we did before, that things will be different. Many of us have had difficulty buying the food we wanted. Some of us have had to rely on others for our daily needs. We have had to learn new ways to pray and keep in touch with others in our churches and communities. We have had to trust, hope, and look out for our neighbours, especially those who are particularly vulnerable. We have been humbled by the courage and dedication of those who work in the NHS and care homes and all who as 'key workers' have worked tirelessly to look after and provide for us.

Jesus taught us to 'Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind' and 'to love our neighbours as ourselves'. My hope and prayer is that as we emerge from this pandemic that we and our communities may be a more compassionate, more generous, more grateful. And may we all have discovered what it is to know in a deeper way the peace and the presence of God.

May the peace and the joy of the Risen Lord be with you

Peter Hancock

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS THIS MONTH'S TRIO IS DIFFERENT!

It's as a PDF only & circulated by email or available to download from Community/School websites.

I can't thank enough those who have put something together for everyone to read, it's really appreciated & I'm sure you'll all learn something & hopefully some bits will make you smile!

Trio is not divided into Church areas, as all items cover what's going on now or in the past in the Benefice so please read on & enjoy & if you wish to contribute next month please email me your item, details on page 27.

Thank you Ed.

THE CENTURION'S TALE

What a weekend it's been. To say it was peculiar is an understatement. It started well enough - just routine - then it all went pear shaped.

I'm tired; I'm ready for a meal; and I'm on a fizzer - accused of dereliction of duty. They say I fell asleep on guard. But it wasn't like that at all.

It was all to do with that young chap from Nazareth, Jesus. A bit of a political upstart - he liked to stir things up and as a result he upset one or two people - especially the chief priests. He said he was King of the Jews - the Son of God - but the priests weren't having any of that. I also heard he went round doing all sorts of things like making the lame walk; turning water into wine; and what's more raise a man from the dead. At first I thought that it was fake news - but now I'm not so sure.

Anyway, to cut a long story short, the high priests had him arrested and turned him over to Pilate, the Governor, for trial on all sorts of trumped up charges. Of course there wasn't a jury just a baying mob that was becoming more and more unruly calling for him to be crucified. It was amazing; Jesus remained silent throughout the whole ordeal.

I think Pilate was worried and wanted to satisfy the crowd so he released another criminal, a murderer, called Barabbas. He then had Jesus flogged before handing him over to the military for execution.

My mates led Jesus away. They stripped him and put a purple robe on him and twisted together a crown of thorns which they placed on his head. They mocked and spat at him, hit him with their hands and struck him on the head with a stick and as the thorns bit into his flesh blood trickled down his face. I took no part in any of this. I stood back - I was ashamed! Then they took the robe off him and put on him his own clothes and led him away to be crucified.

I was there, at the crucifixion. It was odd; the guy didn't make a sound - they usually scream as nails tear the flesh. He even prayed to some God or other for the two thieves that were executed with him. That was weird.

He was on that cross for hours before he finally gave up and breathed his last. As he was nearing his end there was a mysterious darkness. It was eerie and I had a peculiar feeling in my bones. But at last it was all over - he was dead and gone and would be taken away for burial. And as for me? Well, it was back to barracks, wash off the dust, have a meal and a well earned rest. I couldn't have been more wrong.

Pilate had given consent for the body of Jesus to be taken away for burial by one of his followers, a bloke from Arimathaea, on the condition that the tomb had to be sealed and a guard set. It was my job to guard the site and during my watch I saw a brilliant light. I was mesmerized by it and on coming to I found a broken seal and an empty grave. Will Jesus be heard of again? Perhaps not, but it was an extraordinary experience and one I shall never forget.

PB

Note in a church magazine:
'Next Thursday there will be try outs for the Choir.
They need all the help they can get'.

COMMUNITIES ARE HERE TO HELP …

CORONAVIRUS - HOW WE ARE HELPING EACH OTHER.

IN MARKSBURY…..

Staying Connected, Offering Help, Seeking Help

Residents are encouraged to sign-up to the village WhatsApp group or emailing your details to marksburyvillagehall@gmail.com so that you can share information, ask for / offer help & by help, we mean collecting groceries, medicines; offering a friendly phone call; being available in emergencies etc.

Please do not be shy - if you think you might need help over the next few weeks or months ask.

It goes without saying that it would be nice for everyone to keep in touch with their neighbours.

For further information go to …..

https://marksburyvillage.wixsite.com/hall

IN STANTON PRIOR…..

As always in Stanton there is strong community support with residents looking out for each other & helping with tasks as required, like Marksbury Stanton Prior residents are encouraged to ask if help is needed.

& IN FARMBOROUGH…..

Residents are looking out for each other through smaller community groups within the village, notes have been posted through some doors by neighbours & residents are using social media particularly Facebook to help 'advertise' offers of help or support for those with a problem looking for a solution or some advice.

Also available throughout the Benefice is….

farmborough community shop





Grocery delivery service

Due to coronavirus, if you are showing symptoms of the virus or have been advised by a medical professional to self-isolate please contact Farmborough Community Shop to receive any shop supplies you may be in need of.

We will endeavour to deliver to anyone in the vicinity who is need of the service over the coming weeks.

Please email or call the day before a delivery is required, details are..
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or call 01761 471811 between 1pm & 5pm
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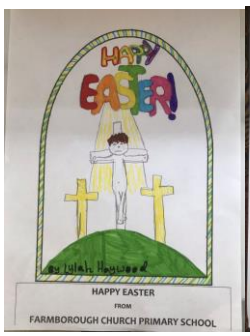
Although none of the 'social' groups & clubs which are active in the villages are able to meet at the moment due to Government restrictions your Parish Councils & B&NES are now able to meet 'virtually' following the Bill that went through Parliament at the end of March so keep an eye on their websites to see what is going on.

What's going on in our Schools during lockdown?

Farmborough..

With School now closed to most children, teachers have been regularly updating their class pages on the School website with ideas for all sorts of activities, from Joe Wicks' PE session in the mornings, to cooking with Jamie Oliver and live webcams at San Diego Zoo.

Easter activities ranged from making an Easter garden, drawing a cross for Good Friday, Palm Sunday or Easter Day and designing an Easter window, some of which can be seen around the village.



Lylah





Jacob and Rose

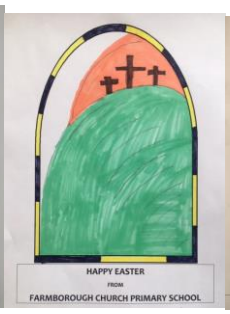


Keanu and his sister

Ben



Rebecca



Josh S



Finally, in our Collective Worship at the end of Friday 20th March, Mrs. Howell, RE lead, prayed the Blessing which follows for our whole School community and now echoes out through every day that we're closed.
Mrs Howell was using the rainbow as a symbol of God's promises and hope before we started painting rainbows for displaying in windows and on walls, to cheer people up.



May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Keep safe and keep in touch

Stay well, everybody - we're really looking forward to seeing you all again as soon as we can!

We hope all our pupils, families and staff are keeping safe during these strange times.

Nicky Stone



Marksbury..

A Message from Marksbury CE Primary School

As we all get used to our new normal, the extended Marksbury School community are doing as they always do and that is 'having a go'.

We are all digging deep to think about what we know and how we can use this knowledge to help us work on something new.

We are all using our Diamond power!

As most children have begun learning at home, we have heard stories of children developing their culinary skills to cook their keyworker parent's tea, of animation projects, of flowering bean plants and of children getting back to nature.

Everyone is learning in their own way in the new environments they find themselves in.

At school the children have worked together to create a giant rainbow cross, which will soon be illuminated in the school window for the whole community to see.

A symbol of hope, a chance to remember that…
'Hope is believing that good things will happen.'

As we move forward into a new term, the children will have access to learning projects at home which are being continually updated on the school's class pages.

The staff team are keeping in touch with everyone via phone calls and emails and we are posting pictures of the children's home learning at school to try and make everyone feel closer together.

We are also circulating a fortnightly newsletter to share the children's achievements and successes.

We hope that everyone in our extended school community continues to keep in touch and stay safe and well.

Julie Player and The Marksbury Staff Team

My thoughts on lockdown

One month has just gone by now and it has been very different to other months.
Home schooling has been tough and not just for me but for a lot of children in the country and it's a weird feeling having your parent's as your own private teacher. But Joe Wicks the body coach has now become the nation's P.E teacher as well as mine in our family.
Now is the time to be thankful for our wonderful gardens and if you don't have a big one then we have country side that we can walk in. Some people don't even have a garden or only a little one which

must be really tricky when there isn't much variation to look at if you live in a city or town. This is where I feel really lucky because my family and I have had the time to discover new wonderful walks around the area such as the bluebells on the hill in Stanton Prior or some off road tracks on our bikes.
This Easter was unlike any other Easters. Firstly, we were meant to go camping but as you know we couldn't so instead we camped in the garden. It was a very windy night, but it was fun. You might have heard that on Good Friday Church Farm Close had a tea party on their front lawns. It was a very social party even though we had to social distance. There were lots of bits I enjoyed about it but one in particular was making scones and then eating them with jam and cream or is it cream then jam!!??!
So that we don't get bored our village has started a photo competition. Each week there is a different theme and we have to take a photo of that theme e.g spring or yellow. The photo we took for the yellow theme was of about thirty five yellow objects from our house we put together. We won and as a prize we got awarded lots of chocolate.
Looking back at the last few weeks has made me realise how strange our world can get but look at the improvement in our pollution levels and isn't it just great being with your family.

By Phoebe Pudsey-Dawson Age 9 Marksbury

Thank you Phoebe for such clear view on your experiences in Marksbury today but how does it compare to WW2?...

BLACKMARKETS AND BOMBS

Today's strange world of goods being in short supply and stockpiling necessities like toilet rolls, coupled with the need to take precautions to protect ourselves from danger, draw some parallels with World War 2 life in Marksbury.

Throughout the village residents were coming up with ever more imaginative hiding places for 'contraband'! Hen houses hid truckles of cheese, pigstys hid bags of sugar, pats of butter, and other rationed goods. Once, a woman who used to work as cleaner at the Rectory (then at Stanton Prior) arrived on the doorstep in a terrible state! She had got wind that the Police had heard about the villagers dabbling in

the Black Market and were about to conduct raids. ‘Rector! Rector! where is the tea? The Police are coming’ ‘Don’t worry, - it’s up the chimney’ he replied. ‘Thank God for that! They’ll never find it there!’ ‘Amen’ said the Rector!

In the end, rather than arrest most of the village, the Police targeted just one man, who ‘took the rap’ for everyone. He spent a year in Horfield Prison, but just before being sentenced, Marksbury gave him a good send of at a Social Evening, and a chorus of ‘For he’s A Jolly Good Fellow’! Not once did he divulge to the authorities the names of his ‘customers’ nor his ‘suppliers’. In many eyes he was a hero!
Just outside Compton Dando was ‘Big Bertha’. A searchlight. Just outside Becketts Place there was a mobile field gun. When the light was on and the gun was firing, the village rocked with noise!

Marksbury was on the flight path for Bath, Bristol, Cardiff, and Coventry, and did not escape unscathed! German pilots would often jettison their ‘cargo’ around here if the ‘Ack Ack’ fire became too dangerous for them
On 26th June 1940, the Luftwaffe dropped 3 bombs in fields between New Cottages and the Church. Remains of the resulting craters can still be seen today.

For children of course, it was a scary, yet exciting time. There were craters to explore, shrapnel to find, and to watch what was happening at the roadblock on the main road!

Following the Bath Blitz in April 1942, it was thought prudent to evacuate children to the surrounding towns and villages for a while. Marksbury school became home to many for a week or two. It was quite some task to turn the school building into a ‘hotel’! After the guests left, the school was ‘fumigated’ because ‘you don’t know what they were infested with!’

Rather than ‘social distancing’ during WW2 communities came together. Knitting Parties produced socks for seamen. First Aid lessons were given by the local GP. No 67 was designated as a gas decontamination centre. A full bath of water was kept in a prominent position, and, if contaminated, you stripped off and completely immersed yourself in the water! Concerts were held at the school to raise money for the war effort.

One mystery remains……. Is there **really** an unexploded bomb lying in Marksbury bottom??????



What's happening here?
Is it a fund raising activity during the War?
Any caption ideas?

Anon.

CHURCH NEWS.

As church, we are the body of Christ, living out our faith in the world in response to God's love for us. We hope that you stay safe and well in body, mind and spirit though this difficult time and give thanks for any ways in which you are able to support the work of the church so that we can be a light within our communities.

Annual Meetings

As you know, All Saints' were due to hold their Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM on Saturday 21st March & St Lawrence on March 27th, both were unable to do due to social distancing.

For 2020, the time for holding a meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens is extended until 31 October (instead of 31 May). Similarly, the period for holding an annual meeting of parishioners (APCM) is extended to 31 October. Bishop Peter has issued an instrument to that effect.

All Saints' & St Lawrence PCCs.

Until we are able to rearrange our meetings, Catherine and Tom will continue to serve as churchwardens at All Saints' & Frances & Richard at St Lawrence, all other officers will remain in post in both Churches. We are very grateful to them and all the PCC members.

St Peter, Marksbury held their meetings on March 15th before the lockdown, churchwardens, officers the PCC members were all re-elected.

If you have any queries with regard to the Church of England's response to the coronavirus pandemic, please refer to the Bath and Wells website, details on page 4.

We are aware that for some people, income has reduced or disappeared and that money may be an urgent concern. If you are aware of a parishioner who is suffering in this way and to whom we may be able to offer support in securing payments, then please do contact the relevant churchwardens in confidence.

Lisa Hegan on behalf of all PCCs

Diocese of Bath and Wells guidance regarding caring for and securing our church buildings during lockdown.

Churchyard

- Open access to the churchyard can be maintained for pedestrians as it is an important public space but ideally secure any large gates to prevent vehicular access.
- Mowing should cease whilst the building is closed and whilst some might not like this, there will be a benefit to wildlife during this time. If concerned about long grass, you could consider asking someone with grazing animals to place one or two in the churchyard as this is a green and economical maintenance option.

For more detailed information, use the link below.
https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/ministry-support-vacancies/coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/coronavirus-caring-for-and-securing-our-church-buildings/

GUNS AND BELLS FALL SILENT.

A FAMILIAR sound is missing! Like the Queen's birthday guns church bells have been silenced as a result of the Covid-19 lockdown. Not since Easter 1943, when a wartime ban on bell ringing was lifted, has the ringing of church bells been suspended.

Church bells were silenced for a large part of the Second World War. After Dunkirk in 1940 the ringing of church bells was reserved for use as an invasion warning. The ban was temporarily lifted in November 1942 when Winston Churchill ordered mass bell ringing throughout the land to lift the spirits of the nation and to celebrate the allied victory at the Battle of El Alamein. They were not to ring again until April 25 1943.

For centuries church bells have been used for calling people to worship, bringing together assemblies for peaceful or warlike purposes, announce fire, flood or other disaster and to mark the passing hours in peaceful occupations or ordinary life.

The bells of All Saints' fell silent on Sunday March 15 following an unsuccessful attempt to ring a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. I hope it will not be too long before they are heard again.

Patrick Bridges

Church Giving During Coronavirus

Our churches, who rely on regular giving, are experiencing concerns about how they meet the costs of the ministry and mission they provide and ensure that the church is secure for the future. Because of the very real challenges that people are experiencing, the financial support our churches receive will almost certainly reduce very significantly whilst our buildings remain closed.

The usual way in which we give financially if by cash, the planned weekly envelope scheme or the gift aid envelopes is not currently available with our church services not existing and it may be some time before they are resumed to enable us to give in this way; however, there are alternatives that you might like to consider.

The easiest way you to give to your church is by either **standing order or internet payments** this would have a positive impact and reduce the stress and potentially difficult decisions that may ensue for PCC's.

If you would like to pursue either of these methods all you need is the sort code and account number of your church's bank account, details of which can be obtained from your church treasurer see contact details below.

It goes without saying that we are always extremely grateful for all the contributions made to church funds by our church families but for some right now, money may feel like the least important thing, and for some people, where income has reduced or disappeared, money may be an urgent concern and we understand perfectly if contributions cannot be made at this time.

If we can be of service in any other way, please do get in touch.
For:

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All Saints -	Jeannette Jones	750840	jeannette.georgina@gmail.com

JGJ

In Marksbury's **Prayer Diary** for the month of May we pray for the families and homes in the area around the Green, down the Vale and around the school.





Bells. Marksbury are still waiting for work to start on the bells, no date has been set & work cannot take place during the pandemic.

Christian Aid have decided that during Christian Aid Week (May 17 – 23) they are not having house to house collections so no envelopes are being provided.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water'.
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.

As with other church activities Messy Church can't happen at present but we are looking ahead and planning so that when we can fix a date we will be ready to go!!

Meanwhile I am sending advice of resources that can be downloaded from the internet to our MC families that they can use them with the hope that this will make them feel connected to the wider church family and that they are being thought of by our three churches and held in our prayers.

I can also be contacted and further information and resources associated with Messy Church can be found at https://www.messychurch.org.uk/ .

Jan – on behalf of the Messy Church Team

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Have you wondered what happens at Monday @9?

We meet & start with a short reflection using the Lectionary to remember the lives Saints & others who have served God before a short service of readings & prayer.

During May we would be looking at the following: -

On May 8 Julian of Norwich who was born in 1342. She was an English recluse during the Middle Ages. She wrote the oldest surviving book in English written by a woman "Revelations of Divine Love". She lived in Norwich, at that time a centre of thriving commerce and religion. She survived the Black Death 1348-50 and Peasants' Revolt of 1381. In 1371 she was so ill she thought she was going to die and she received a series of visions of the Passion of

Christ. She wrote two versions of her experiences. The first she wrote soon after her recovery. The much longer version "The Long Text" was finished many years later. She lived in permanent seclusion in her cell attached to St.Julian's church in Norwich. She preferred to write anonymously. She died in 1417.

Prayer of Julian of Norwich

Before you made us, O Lord, you loved us. Your love has never slackened nor ever shall. In love all your works have begun, by love you sustain them and in your love our life is everlasting. So let the beginning and ending of all our loving be to see God for ever and ever. Amen.

On May 19 Dunstan who was born at Baltonsborough in Somerset in 909. His uncle was Bishop of Wells and then Bishop of Winchester. Dunstan became Abbott of Glastonbury, then Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London and then Archbishop of Canterbury. He restored monastic life in England and reformed the English Church. He served several English kings and was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries. He died in 988.

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Did you know?



Walnut trees can live for 150 years.

This one in Stanton Prior, which fell last year, apparently liked its location, because I counted 173 rings meaning it was planted in 1846.

It was just getting established when the West Country branch of my family left for America.

When I returned, a five-generation circle closed, and I brought back stories that now belong to who I am.

Here's a news story: I've outlived a 173-year-old tree!

Wayne Hill

WHAT WERE WE DOING 25 YEARS AGO ON MAY 8th?

Farmborough, like all our communities, held a village celebration focussed around children dressed up & joining together for tea at the Village Hall.
With the strange conditions we are in now you may have forgotten that normally the first Monday in May is a Bank Holiday but this year it was moved to Friday the 8th to coincide with 75th Anniversary of VE Day & now it can only be a 'Virtual Celebration'.



Celebrations are on hold for now but no doubt when restrictions on social distancing are lifted our communities will do something appropriate.

WITH TIME ON YOUR HANDS DID YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS LAST MONTH?

ARE YOU A KNITTER OR DO YOU PREFER CROCHET?



We are hoping to get a group together, sometime in the summer, to make poppies for the Remembrance appeal in November.

The idea is to knit or crochet the poppies and offer them for sale in the usual way in the house to house collection.
The British Legion will still benefit.

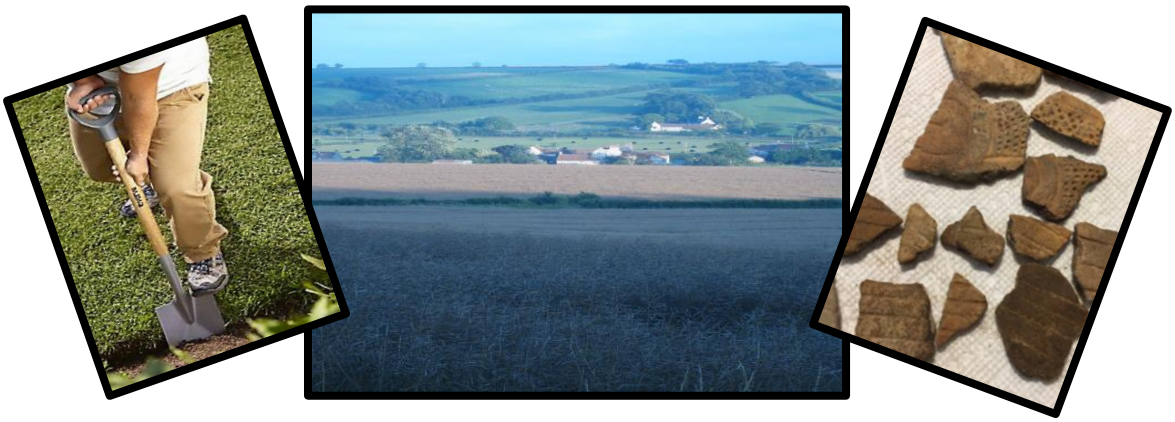
If you are interested, please contact Judy Roberts (who has the patterns) 470455, or Judith Haywood, 470317.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Stanton Prior Rotating Museum of Accidental Archaeology.

May is the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of The Stanton Prior Rotating Museum of Accidental Archaeology.

This is a genuine local museum, located at the village allotments.
Many residents of the village have contributed objects of value, most of which were found in the process of digging over vegetable gardens.



Holdings of particular interest include animal teeth, two pen knives, parts of a toy pistol, various pieces of worked metal, and of course shards of 19C and 20C pottery.
In all this time we have consistently maintained free entry. Ours is a collection of inherent delight, full stop, not subject to competition from any other rotating museum of accidental archaeology.



A Village Hall Wing of the museum has been endowed with items collected mainly during the communal 'barn-raising' work of villagers in renovating and extending the Hall.
An exciting plan for exhibiting many of these objects has been in development for several years.

Wayne Hill

WHO ELSE HAS HAD A ‘GOOD TIDY UP’?

I’m not keen on lots of spring cleaning but with more time at home I thought, like many I’m sure, I’ll sort out some bits & pieces.
I started with some paper work & in no time at all found some bits about my late father-in-law [ERYK PIELESZ] who had been an ***ALIEN!!***
What I mean is, he was part of the Alien Order[Act] as he had originated from Poland but at the end of WW2 he decided to stay to work in the mines & he was sent to the Somerset coalfields signing on at Norton Hill Colliery in 1947.
He had to report to the Police frequently with his Certificate of Registration i.e. his *Alien Book,* which was signed & stamped



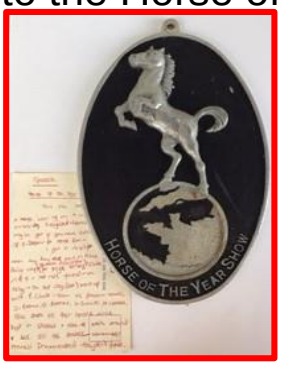
& recorded any change of address or movement to another area e.g. for training.
This continued until December 1959 when he signed the Oath of Allegiance & was granted a certificate of naturalisation & so became a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies.
I knew about it as Antoni [my late husband] had told me but it was something I had forgotten but now I’ve discovered the documents again, when we can go out & about, they’re off to Eryk’s great-grandson also called ERYK PIELESZ.

Like everything once you start it hard to stop so then I found a memory of mine which I hadn’t talked to anyone about for ages as it was something Mum & I shared but not really of interest to the rest of the family.

When I was young I rode a lot as my Dad, who died when I was 8, had been a really keen member of the Wylye Valley Pony Club & so a Palomino pony called 'Soapy Sponge' was bought for me. I remember trying him out at a farm in Kelston, he was too good for me, I couldn't stop him, but luckily some cows were coming in for milking so he stopped!!
Whether Dad & Mum saw he was too strong for me I don't know but he was bought!
I realise now Mum knew how ill Dad was & probably let her heart rule her head as she knew it would fulfil a dream of his although he didn't live to see how good his choice of pony was.

So what did I find?

A plaque to go on your Horsebox given to you if your pony gets to the Horse of the Year Show.



'Soapy Sponge' achieved this in 1963 as part of the Wylyle Valley Prince Philip Cup Team.
I didn't ride him, he was too fast for me, but Dad's friend's son rode him & we went to watch. It was live on TV & with the plaque were my notes I had made for a talk at school which jogged memories for me & I shared with my niece who knew nothing about it until a couple of weeks ago!

Sally Davis

SO WHAT HAVE YOU DONE OR FOUND?
SHARE IT WITH US NEXT MONTH!!!

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the Church.
So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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Please mark these dates in your calendar.
Details to be announced nearer the time.

August 1st Coffee Morning at All Saints', Farmborough

The annual Stanton Prior **Cream Teas** will be held **every Sunday in August, plus August Bank Holiday Monday.**

Special event: **The Stanton Prior Supper and Auction of Promises** will be held at Marksbury Village Hall on Saturday evening, **28 November 2020.**
We held our last Evening of Promises seven years ago, and it was a completely enjoyable occasion with extraordinary lots up for the highest bid.
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Potluck supper Sunday at 5.00pm – prayer and medication to follow.

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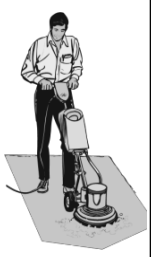
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