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Editorial

With the Spring Equinox and the switch to British Summer Time now behind us, the delights of Spring now beckon us. With the distinct possibility of lockdown restrictions being eased over the next couple of months and the ability to move around more freely and mix socially there is much to look forward to after what seems to have been an endless period of limited activity.

It was a joy to hear the return of playground noise and fun when the full complement of children returned to school on 8 March as we realised how much we had missed this background to daily village life and how the school valued the return to a situation closer to normality. Our countryside and gardens are beginning to burst into life in succession to the early annual starters – the snowdrops, crocuses and especially the daffodils – as the longer daylight hours and warmth prompt new growth. This month will see the spectacular sight of woodlands carpeted with a haze of bluebells as they make the most of the brief period before the canopy above them begins to diminish the level of light reaching the woodland floor.





The mid-April to end of May period should see them at their best and we are lucky to have Bowood on our doorstep so that we can see the spectacle so close to home. Apparently, half of the world's bluebell population is based within this country and it is of course illegal to pick, replant or destroy bluebells growing in the wild.

14 April is the traditional date when the Cuckoo is first heard in this country following its journey from Africa, though in reality this date is likely to vary each year, first being heard in the South West before moving further up the country. Its arrival is timed to match the breeding season of its host species. The adult birds' stay with us is very limited as they leave the care of their chicks to others and most make their return journey to Africa by the end of June. It is a joy to hear the call of the cuckoo but rare these days as their numbers have declined by sixty-five percent since the 1980's. This month will also see regular sightings of bats and hedgehogs following their winter hibernations.

A plant which also enjoys a brief growing season is asparagus, traditionally being harvested (and enjoyed) from St George's Day, 23 April, through to the end of June. Although the advent of polytunnels has probably extended this season, this vegetable is one which really must be enjoyed when really fresh and is harvested daily as a spear can grow 10cm in a single day. 23 April is National Asparagus Day and a festival is

held annually in the Vale of Evesham where much of the crop is grown, though probably virtually this year! The first spears of the year are auctioned off for charity at the Fleece Inn, Bretforton in Worcestershire, a pub which is owned by the National Trust.

In addition to this we have Easter to look forward to with the joys of hot-cross buns, Easter Eggs and Simnel Cake. 21 April is National Tea Day – let's all hope that we will be able to enjoy a cuppa and a scone with someone from another household by that date. Enjoy the month!

Richard Carter

Local History

I'm sure many readers will know the whereabouts of the canal and railway artefacts. Others will have walked the banks of the River Marden admiring the countryside, and no doubt most of us like spotting the birds in our area. Below are links to YouTube videos of local experts talking about these topics in a very informative way.

[Brief history of River Marden](#)

[Calne Railway](#)

[Calne Canal](#)

[Birds of Wiltshire and the Marden Valley](#)

I hope you find them enjoyable and useful.

Ed

Readers may be interested in what is going to happen to the magazine now lockdown is easing and we are crawling our way back to some form of normality. Well, the magazine team are wondering too!

What we have in mind for the future is a mixture of some copies being exclusively digital and others, probably four times a year, being paper and digital.

The feedback so far has been that some people love having it on their digital devices and others can't wait to have something solid in their hands to read. We fully appreciate that not everybody has a digital device to read our digital version on and others, even though they have a device, would prefer a hard copy.

From the production team's point of view, the all-digital version is much easier to produce and we have more time to produce it in, as it doesn't have to spend a week at the printers.

The digital version of course can be quite long and can have lots of colour images and digital links and is inexpensive to produce.

Hence we favour, at the moment, having a good old British compromise as outlined above, paper some months and digital the rest, with occasionally one copy for two months such as July / August, aiming for 10 copies a year.

You are welcome to send feedback to me on your thoughts about how you receive your copy by clicking on [this link](#).

Thanks for your support.

Richard Aylen Editor

Church Services suspended during lockdown period.



*The church will be open 10am to 4pm for private prayer.
No services in church but there will be services online:*

We are offering a short service of Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 5pm and Morning prayer each Sunday at 10am via Zoom. Please contact Rev Linda Carter for details: lindac@mardenvale.org.uk

Extra services over Easter will be:

1st April Maundy Thursday and 2nd April Compline at 7pm via Zoom
2nd April Good Friday Service at 2pm via Zoom
4th April Easter Day 10am Service via Zoom

There will be an Easter scene in the churchyard where folk may visit and pray or reflect.

Decorated pebbles may be left at the foot of the Cross or in the Easter Garden.

Easter Sunday - folk may decorate the Cross with flowers.

Following the Prime Minister's statement on 4th January we find ourselves in another period of lockdown. The government has not so far stated that churches should close for public worship. Statements from the

Church of England at national and diocesan level indicate that local decisions about whether to remain open may be taken at parish level.

Members of the Marden Vale ministry team have met (via Zoom) for prayer and to consider the way forward. The clear message from the government is that, at the moment, everyone should remain at home and leave for only very limited and essential purposes. Given the vulnerability of many who attend our churches the ministry team feels that the right and pastoral thing to do is to suspend public worship across the benefice for the time being. Some of us are a part of households where people who previously have been shielding have been asked to shield again. In order to reduce the risk of transmission of the new and highly transmissible variant of Covid-19 it seems best to operate with maximum caution. The good news is that vaccines are now available and are being rolled-out and, hopefully over the next couple of months our lives will begin to improve and restrictions begin to be reduced. In the meantime, we need to keep people as safe as we can.

Whilst we won't we be opening our churches for public worship over the coming weeks it is our intention to offer times when people can come into our church buildings for private prayer. We will also continue with online worship and do all we can to support people who feel lonely and isolated. The best thing we can all do is to support and keep praying for each other. We do hope you will support us in this decision as to how proceed in the coming weeks. Obviously, we will keep matters under review as the picture changes.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last few months, both in your understanding when we have had to close churches and your patience in following new guidance for booking and attending services when churches have been open. Thank you also for your generosity in terms of financial giving, which is very much appreciated in these difficult times.

“Blessed be the Lord! For he has shown me his steadfast love when I was as a city besieged...Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait in hope for the Lord.” Psalm 31.

Rev. Linda Carter (on behalf of Marden Vale Ministry Team)

Private Prayer at Christ Church Derry Hill

Due to the current government 'Lockdown' restrictions, Christ Church can no longer be open on a Sunday for public worship. However, it can remain open for private prayer and during the winter months this will be:

Thursday – Saturday: 10am - 3pm **Sunday:** 12 noon - 3pm

Please note only one household in church at any one time.

FAQs

Q. Should I wear a face covering in a church building?

A. From 8th August face coverings **must** be worn by all those attending a place of worship.

If you do not feel it is safe or if you feel unwell – please do stay at home and enjoy the online services from the Marden Vale Team.

Please check the [church website](#) for up-to-date details.

Rev. Linda Carter

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Mr Peter Roycroft (Tr) 01249 660550
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If you wish to discuss arrangements for Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals or would like a pastoral visit or meeting arranged then please contact Reverend Linda Carter

Dear Friends,

Have you noticed over the last few months, when people start talking about the future, they begin to say “when things get back to normal” and then check themselves? Some folk put “normal” in inverted commas, or say they mean a “new normal”, or go on to speculate about how things might change for the better.

That first Easter morning is the same in many ways.



Imagine the scene: Mary Magdalene is at the empty tomb and the person she takes for a gardener asks her why she is weeping. Distraught at what has happened to Jesus, Mary implores him: “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Then he speaks her name and Mary responds, “Rabbouni!” – Teacher. “Do not hold on to me,” Jesus tells Mary, “because I have not yet ascended to the Father.”

I wonder, had she reached out to touch him? Or was it something else, the way she called him “Teacher” that signalled that Mary was hoping that things could go back to the way they used to be, before all the horror and pain? Was Jesus telling Mary that things were never going to go back to the way they were?

Yet Easter tells us that this is not what resurrection is about. It is not that Jesus came back to Mary, to the disciples, to us. Rather, Jesus’ direction

of travel was towards God, and he was taking them, and now us, with him. I expect what the disciples wanted most of all in the days immediately after that first Easter morning was to hold on to Jesus. Wouldn't you? And we would end up trying to keep him where we are, because that would make us feel safe. But God has other ideas.

When everything around us has changed, when familiar routines and ways of being have been disrupted, creating distance, uncertainty and fear, what I, and I'm sure many others, crave is normality. And not just a sense of normality but concrete, being together in the same space, with carefree smiles and hugs normality. God knows that, and gradually some things will return to a more familiar pattern. But, please God, some things will change.

This Easter, may we let Jesus take us where he is going, let our direction of travel be towards God, towards compassion, mercy, kindness, generosity, where all of creation is cherished and valued.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Wishing you all a blessed and joyous Easter.

Linda



Ps. The PCC will meet after Easter to consider when to open the church for public worship.

Heartbeat

Heartbeat is taking a well-earned rest this month and hopes to contribute more fully shortly. In the meantime, if you wish to donate to this magnificent village facility the details are:

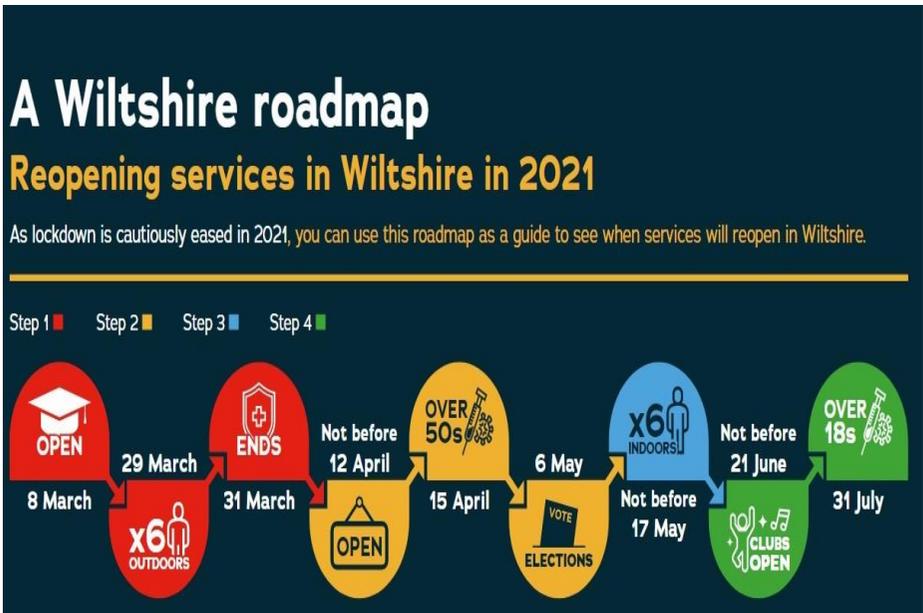


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Julian (Chair) 01249 814145 / julesoliver3@gmail.com



Book Club Review

'The Storyteller's Secret' by Sejal Badani

Jaya is a New York journalist heartbroken after suffering a miscarriage- for the third time!

She is incapable of coping with her loss and Patrick, her husband, seems unable to handle the situation so he leaves her.

Her grandfather in India is dying and wishes to see his estranged daughter, Lena.

So, against her mother's wishes, Jaya leaves England and goes back to the country of her ancestors. There she meets a servant named Ravi who tells her that her grandfather has died and he is now in possession of the gift her grandfather wanted Jaya's mother to receive.

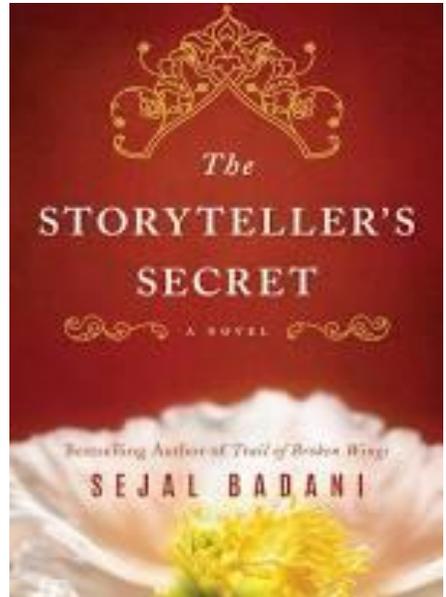
In order for Jaya to receive her mother's gift, Ravi says "...first you must listen to a story."

And it is within this frame that Jaya's grandmother, the storyteller Amisha, comes to life.

'The Storyteller's Secret' is a lavishly told tale of secrets, love and loyalty.

Our next book, chosen by Elizabeth, is 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney.

Chosen by Catherine May



Parish Council News

Grant to Calne Bowls Club

The Parish Council awarded a grant of £262.00 to Calne Bowls club to purchase additional sets of light woods that are used for those new to the sport. The club will be holding open days to encourage new members to try out the game and become part of the club, these will be advertised locally.



Wiltshire Local Plan Consultation

A full response to the consultation has been submitted by the Parish Council, the details are available on the [Parish website](#).

The response includes a request for a reduction in the numbers of houses required in Derry Hill and Studley and a correction of the figures in the report to account for all the new houses completed and now occupied at Studley Gardens.

The report also comments on the development strategy for Calne and Chippenham and the Climate change and biodiversity net gain proposals.

Future Chippenham

A robust objection to the road options and the 7500 houses proposed in the consultation for Future Chippenham has been submitted by the Council. The details of the submission are available to read on the [Council website](#).

Annual Parish Meeting

The Council held a virtual version of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 10th of March 2021, 13 members of the public joined Councillors to talk about issues that are of concern. The following issues were raised:

- a lack of a decision and poor handling of a retrospective planning application in Studley by Wiltshire Council,
- a lack of engagement by the Council in the proposal for a Solar Farm proposal at Forest Gate,
- residents of Pewsham Ward feeling ignored and
- poor behaviour by Councillors and the Council.



May 6th Elections

The whole Parish Council is up for election on 6th May 2021. All 15 seats across Calne Without are available, please check the [Wiltshire Council website](#) for information.

Sarah Glen, Clerk

clerk@calnewwithout-pc.gov.uk

Want the latest Coronavirus data for this area?



[Here's a link to the government website](#)

Easing out of lockdown



Stage two - No earlier than 12th April:

- All shops allowed to open.
- Restaurants and pub gardens will be allowed to serve customers sitting outdoors, including alcohol.
- Gyms and spas can reopen for individuals and households.
- Hairdressers, beauty salons and other "close contact services" can reopen.
- UK "staycations" away from home permitted, with self-contained accommodation able to reopen for use by members of the same household.
- Children allowed to attend indoor play activities, with up to 15 parents or guardians allowed to join them.
- Zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas can reopen.
- Libraries and community centres can reopen.
- Weddings attended by up to 15 people can take place.

Stage three - No earlier than 17th May:

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors.
- Six people or two households can meet indoors.
- Up to 30 people can meet to celebrate weddings or other life events, like christenings.
- Remaining outdoor entertainment, such as outdoor theatres and cinemas can open.



Stage three - No earlier than 17th May (cont'd)

- Indoor entertainment such as museums, cinemas and children's play areas can open.
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen to household groups.
- Performances and large events can resume, with some limits. For indoor events they can be at half capacity or 1,000 people, and outdoors they can be at half capacity or 4,000 people - whichever is lower. For large venues (at least 40,000 capacity) up to 10,000 will be allowed to attend.
- International travel will resume no earlier than 17 May.
- Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can start up again.

Stage four - No earlier than 21st June:

- All legal limits on social contact will be removed.
- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other life events. From April, the government will run pilots for events such as large weddings, festivals and work conferences. This will help to determine how measures such as enhanced testing might allow large groups to attend without social distancing.
- Nightclubs and theatres will be allowed to reopen.

With thanks to the BBC

Rachel's Run for Macmillan Cancer Support

After several weeks of training, through the cold weeks of January and February, and settling on a route for my 8.4k (5.2miles) run, I completed the event on Monday 1st March in 1hr 5 minutes.

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me, enabling me to exceed my fund-raising target of £500. With the generosity of family and friends, this has now reached £745.

I am acutely aware that there are many who have sadly had diagnosis and treatment of cancer



delayed due to the pandemic, and these nurses provide information and encouragement to patients and their families, while they are going through worrying times.

Thank you very much for helping Macmillan Cancer Support.

Rachel Collins



We are delighted to let you know that our garden will be reopening

on

Thursday 29th April 2021.

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Appeal to Dog Owners as the Lambing Season Approaches

We are appealing to dog owners to be responsible when out enjoying the countryside and to keep all dogs on a lead when around any livestock.

As lockdown begins to ease and people start to go out and about again there is an increasing danger that dogs off the lead will worry sheep and other livestock. This is especially worrying as lambing season will soon be in full swing.



Livestock worrying is a criminal offence and the penalty can be six months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £1000.

Sgt Greg Fergusson, Rural Crime Lead at Wiltshire Police, said: "We are asking all dog owners to help us to protect livestock in Wiltshire by putting your dog on a lead.

“It can be traumatic for farmers who have to deal with the aftermath of an incident, not to mention the financial impacts it has.

“Whether your dog is large or small, naughty or well behaved, the message is simple: Your dog, your duty. Keep your dog on a lead when you are near livestock.

“You can't assume your dog's good nature means it won't chase or attack livestock. If your dog's natural instinct to chase livestock kicks in it could be too late before you realise anything is wrong.

“The public need to be aware that sometimes when entering a field, you may only be able to see a small part of it. So, you need to be 100% sure before you go in that there are no livestock out of sight, maybe over the brow of a hill.

“We want people to be able to enjoy the countryside. If people are out using the public rights of way with a dog, use a bit of common sense. Use a lead if there is livestock around and don't deviate from the footpaths as potentially, they could be trespassing.”

Livestock worrying is traditionally thought of as a dog biting/attacking livestock, but it also means:

Chasing livestock in such a way as may be reasonably expected to cause injury or suffering; in the case of ewes, this includes abortion or loss or reduction in the number of offspring she has.

Not having a dog on a lead or under close control when close by, or in a field or enclosure with livestock.

If you see anything suspicious, please call 101 or 999 if you can see a crime is in progress. Or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Shea D'arcy (Police, Communications Officer, Wiltshire)

Rub a Dub

Following the success of our previous textile recycling fundraisers, we're doing it all again on the 22nd April. If you've had a clear out, we'd love your unwanted textiles which can include:

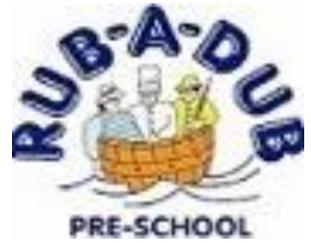
- unwanted clothing (including ties, hats, socks, belts, scarves, and lingerie)
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Please contact rubadubfundraising@gmail.com with any questions or to arrange collection if you are unable to deliver your items to the hall on the 22 April.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support,

Sarah RAD Fundraising Committee



Gardening Steve

Hi to my fellow gardeners.

April is now upon us and spring is here. The trees and shrubs are bursting into life and in the mornings you can hear the birds singing. This is one of my favourite times of the year.

Things to do in the garden now. Roses are starting to grow so look out for any aphids and blackspot, spray at the 1st sign and continue spraying fortnightly to control. Mow lawns on a regular basis, you can start to gradually lower the height of the cut. Apply a lawn feed and a lawn weed killer to produce a healthy lawn. After you have mown the lawn give it a nice edge with sharp edging shears, this always finishes off a nice lawn. Keep hoeing borders weekly to keep the weeds down.

Keep an eye on *box blight* and at the first sign spray with box blight spray.

A good spray to use is Buxes Health spray you can purchase it on Amazon.

If not treated straight away you can lose the hedge or shrubs.

On warmer days start ventilating the greenhouse longer and don't let the plants dry it out.

Do come down to [Bowood House](#) and say hello to all the gardeners, we are opening on 1st April and we are very excited at the prospect of seeing visitors again!



Happy gardening. Take care see you all next month.

Stephen Bowood Gardener.

WI Walking Netball

We have been really pleased to have received the date of March 29th to enable all outside grass root sport to resume.

This has been enthusiastically received by our members, so at last we will be 'Back on Court' on Monday 29th March.

We have decided to start back in a gradual fashion, and focus more on getting back to a fitness level, rather than just game play. We will of course always follow the guide lines from All England Netball.

Looking forward to the 29th March

Tina and Barbara.

Walking guides to Wiltshire



[Wiltshire walks free to download and print](#)

Derry Hill and District W.I.

At last we are having some progress in seeing the end of this lockdown due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The WI, like many other organisations, are looking forward to holding our monthly meetings again, instead of seeing each other in a Zoom session.

That said our WI have continued to hold another meeting on Zoom with two quizzes. The first was to give the names of the 16 birds. Katherine was the again winner, recognising every one!

The second quiz was adverts past and present, guessing which product they were advertising. Sally was the one who guessed the most. We had three breakout sessions and enjoyed chatting to 4 or 5 members in each.

Hazel kept us up to date with all the WI Federation events with a wide variety of subjects to join in; the most popular one coming up is a talk on Fraud Prevention.

The latest competition in time for Easter is a photograph of something with an Easter theme and these are the ones sent in by the closing date. As usual the imagination of our members is amazing.

Members will be asked to vote on a winner and runner up.

If anyone is thinking of joining our WI in the near future, please get in touch with our Secretary Sally with your details. We will always be pleased to welcome you with two visits, Zoom or actual before joining officially.

For any other information please contact our secretary Sally Hole on 01249 817945 or

sallyhole@hotmail.co.uk

Barbara Barnard



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The Night Sky in April

Following on from last month's article, it was pleasing to note that all three missions to Mars (United Arab Emirates, United States and China) which were reported on successfully reached the Red planet and began their missions. Many will have seen the high-quality images which have already been transmitted back to Earth.

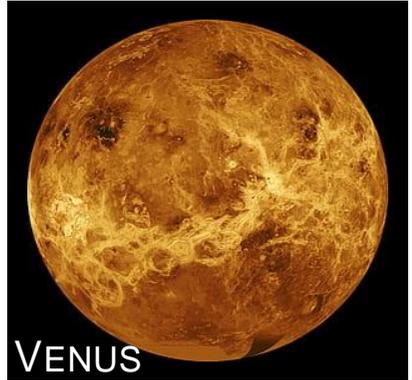


The United States' Perseverance Rover has already begun collecting rock and dust samples and it will cache these during its mission ready for return to Earth via another Mars mission which is not expected before 2031. The Chinese mission, Tianwen-1, also carries a rover vehicle though this will not be deployed to the planet's surface until May or June. Mars itself can still be viewed in our night skies, around half-way from the horizon to the zenith in the western sky. Although much fainter than it was some months ago, its reddish tinge makes it easy to locate. The planet sets at around 01.30h.

At around 21.00h on 17 April, low in the western sky, Mars will be immediately below the crescent moon. On the previous evening, the Moon will be a little way below and to the right of Mars. On 15 April, low in the western sky again at around 21.00h, the Moon will lie between bright Aldebaran to its left and the fuzzy group of planets known as the Pleiades (or Seven Sisters) to its right.

Full Moon occurs on 27th of this month, the same day that it is at perigee, its closest point to Earth in its orbit. This will be the second brightest Full Moon of the year, that for May being slightly brighter due to the Moon being a little closer to us. Again, in the western sky on 19 April at 23.00h, the Moon will have the twin stars of Castor and Pollux, just above it and to its right.

Venus begins the month as a morning object but is too close to the Sun to be visible. However, late in the month the planet reappears in our evening skies, setting at around 21.15h. It will shine brightly in the western sky after sunset. Mercury will be to the right of Venus on 24 April but is harder to see as it is ten times fainter.



Jupiter and Saturn are morning objects rising at around 04.30h but will be easily identified by their proximity to the crescent moon low in the eastern sky at around 05.45 on 6 and 7 April. Jupiter is much the brighter of the two and will have Saturn to its right.

	Sunrise	Sunset
1 April	06.43	19.41
15 April	06.12	20.04
30 April	05.41	20.29

Richard Carter

Village Stores

No further news at the moment. Negotiations are continuing so it is hoped that the shop will reopen in the summer.

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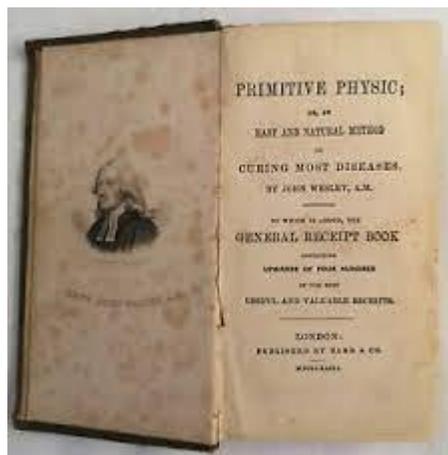
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More extracts from John Wesley's book 'Primitive Physic' Original 1747. Again from a re-print of 1845



Cherry Brandy.

Take six dozen pounds of cherries, half red and half black, mash or squeeze them to pieces with your hands and put to them three gallons of brandy. Let them steep twenty-four hours and put the mashed cherries and liquor, a little at a time, into a canvass bag and press it as long as any juice will run. Sweeten it to your taste, put it into a vessel, let it stand for a month and bottle it off. Put a lump of loaf sugar into every bottle.

British Maderia.

Put one bushel of good pale malt into a tub and pour upon it eleven gallons of boiling water. After stirring them together, cover the vessel over, and let them stand to infuse for three hours and then strain off the liquor through a hair sieve, dissolve in it three pounds and a half of sugar candy and ferment it with yeast in the usual manner. After fermenting three days (during which time the yeast is to be skimmed off three or four times a day) pour the clear liquor into a clean cask and add it to the following articles mixed together:- French brandy two quarts, raisin wine five pints, and red port two bottles. Stir them together and let the cask be well bunged and kept in a cool place for ten months, when it will be fit to bottle. This wine will be found to be equal to the Cape Maderia – Good table beer may be made with the malt after it has been infused for making the wine.

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People with Autism Spectrum Conditions and their relatives and carers asked for their views on services

Healthwatch Wiltshire would like to find out what people with Autism Spectrum Conditions and their relatives and carers think about health, care and support services.



Working in partnership with Wiltshire Service Users Network (WSUN), which runs the National Lottery funded Wiltshire Autism Hub, we want to learn more about the experiences of adults with autism when they attend health and care appointments, and whether they feel they are getting the support and information they need from local services.

We have launched two surveys which can be completed online, by phone, or on paper.

For people with an [Autism Spectrum Condition](#):

For [friends, relatives and carers who support someone with an Autism Spectrum Condition](#):

You can save and return to the online surveys at any time.

If you would like to share your views and would like support to complete the survey or would like a paper copy to be sent to you, please contact Healthwatch Wiltshire on 01225 434218 or info@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk or WSUN on 01380 871800 or info@wsun@btconnect.com and we will arrange this for you.

Julie Brown, Acting Manager of Healthwatch Wiltshire, said: "We want to hear from people with Autism Spectrum Conditions, and their friends, relatives and carers, about their personal experiences of health and care services.

"Everything you share with us will be used to tell those who run services what could be improved or developed in the future. All feedback is confidential and anonymous."

Louise Rendle, CEO of Wiltshire Service Users Network, said: "We would love to hear about how services are working for you, what's going well and where you think things could be better.

"We'd also like to know if you have enough information about any support and other services that are available to you."

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

Has been operating since the beginning of lockdown and is continuing to help those who find it difficult to go out.

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Carol, Ian, Richard A and Richard G

Derry Hill and Studley Community Support

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Wellbeing notes

A time to flower



The cherry blossom around our neighbourhood is beginning to open up like tissue paper, lit through with sunlight. I try not to have favourites among the seasons but it is painfully easy to fall in love with blossom time. The Japanese word for this brief glimpse of heaven on earth is Hanami, or 'flower viewing' and round about now, all over Japan, crowds are flocking to view the delicate beauty that appears and then is gone.

In England we honour spring flowers in more low-key ways but I'm pretty certain that walking among our local blossom acts as a wellbeing tonic like no other. If you are feeling low, or pessimistic, just go and bathe your

senses beneath a cherry, plum or apple tree. As you do so, you may well find yourself fully present in the moment – a form of meditation in itself.

Meditating or simply reflecting on blossom brings valuable insights into the passing of time... and into what the future may bring. When I study a dark branch dotted with fresh, light blooms, I am conscious that this spring moment will pass quickly – and this is surely a truth that applies to people as well as trees. So then I fast-forward my thoughts to the way that a good percentage of the blossoms will become fruit; and then I fast-forward once more to see that a small percentage of the fruit will seed new trees. And I find that thought oddly cheering because it suggests that all the kind, encouraging and inspiring thoughts we have; all the positive thoughts we put into action... some of these will bear fruit in ways we can never possibly imagine.

Suzanne Askham author of *This One is Special*



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Derry Hill under 5's play group

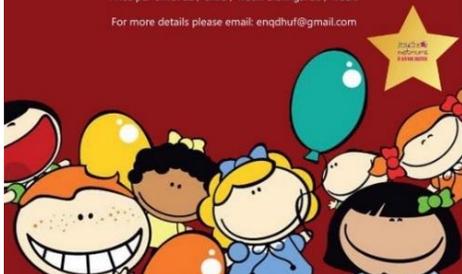
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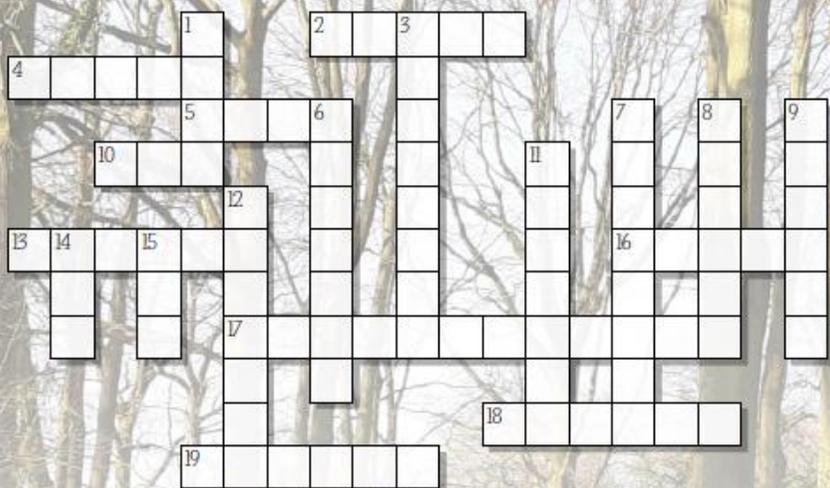


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ACROSS

2 Arm joint
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4 Male
relative (5)

5 Volcanic
rock (4)

10 Dram (3)

13 April rain
type (6)

16 Thin

pancake (5)

17 Talk (12)

18 Pick (6)

19 Church
room (6)

DOWN

1 Animal
hide (4)

3 Spine (8)

6 Illness (7)

7 Idle (8)

8 Inn (6)

9 Flaw (6)

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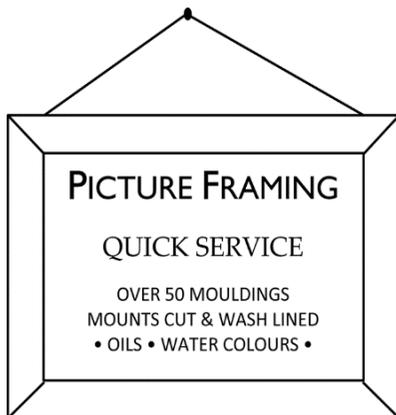
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This is now to be held on **Saturday 11th September 2021**

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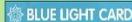
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