

Dear All.

After living with Motor Neurone Disease for over 3 years Bob passed away at home, with me at his side on Friday 10 th July.

Bob's end of life was as he wished.

The funeral is on Monday 27th of July at midday at Yeovil Crematorium.

Due to the requirement to socially distance the funeral is limited to very few, so it's by invitation only.

Because of this, the funeral cortege will drive through the village from Yeovil Road to St Michaels view from 11.30.

No flowers but Bob always supported The Railway Children Charity so you may like to send them a donation.

<https://railwaychildren.org.in/>

Yours sincerely.

Sheila

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Magazine*

*(Trial Online Version 3.0)*



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## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers

I do hope that you are faring well.

It occurred to me that one of the unintended consequences of being in 'lockdown' might be that, among many other more serious matters, the number of TV remotes and/or screens that have had to be repaired after being thrown or hit during the broadcasts.

We are pleased the Magazine is still reaching a good number of our neighbours, but I am not going to mention any numbers — that is a lesson I have learned from those broadcasts. This month, again, there is the online version and then copies are available at our two marvellous 'outlets', the Post Office and the Garage. These copies have already been paid for and are for collection and onward passage.

Good news for the Hall. Roy is now awaiting building permission and then work can commence. What was the film/musical in which happy farmers' families flowed over the horizon, carrying food, tools, wearing dungarees and wearing varieties of red neckerchiefs. Then there was singing. Just a thought, Roy.

The cover photograph is from 1905-10. It may be from the Frith collection. This was a postcard collected by John Glover of Stoke.

*Bernard Bevan-Davies* Ed.

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May I have any entries for the next edition by

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# PARISH COUNCIL

## Message from the Chairman

I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts while I've not been well and your understanding if I have not responded as usual.

*Christine Saint*

## Parish Council Meetings

Following Government legislation, formal procedures and guidelines the parish council can now hold 'virtual Council meetings'.

Montacute Parish Council will be holding their first meeting since lockdown using the Zoom app platform on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7.15pm. The basic package is free to use and can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/>. If you would like to attend our virtual parish council meeting please contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk\\_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerk_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk) for the ID link by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. If you do not have access to the internet but would still like to listen in on the meeting please telephone the Parish Clerk on 01935 822455 for the telephone conferencing number so that you can dial in.

If you would like to participate in the public session, please email/phone through the subject/question you wish to raise with the council when you asked for the ID link/telephone number.

If you are accessing the meeting via the **internet**:

- Click on the link given to you in the email
- Download the Zoom app, if not already done so
- Test your speakers and microphone on your device (you will be prompted to do this)
- You will then be put in a 'Waiting Room' until you are invited to join.
- Once connected, you must click on the video camera icon at the bottom left hand side of the screen to enable the video. This is so that councillors can see who is attending the meeting.

If you are accessing the meeting by **telephone**:

- Dial the number given to you by the Clerk.
- Once connected you will be prompted to type in the meeting ID plus #, then #, then the password plus #. You will be placed in a 'Waiting Room' until invited to join.

All microphones will be automatically muted from the start of the meeting. If you wish to participate in the public session your microphone will be unmuted when you are invited to speak.

Council meetings will continue in this form until such time as we are informed that public meetings/gatherings may take place in person.

### **20/00991/OUT - Outline Planning Application on Land Adjacent to Mason Lane**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this application. The parish council are keeping a close eye on this application and is in correspondence with the planning department and district councillors. There is no news of a decision as of yet as the planning department are waiting for a response from English Heritage. We will keep informed of any progress. However, if you would like to read the comments relating to this application go to:

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/services/planning/search-for-a-planning-application/> and type in the application number 20/00991/OUT under 'Keywords'.

### **Play Area**

The Government have now announced that outdoor play areas can officially reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> July. We expect more official advice/guidance on use of play areas and, if and when received, we will let you know. At the moment the official announcement states that "Anyone using playgrounds should take particular care to wash their hands after use and avoid touching their face. Children should be supervised carefully to maintain good hygiene and should not use playgrounds if they have any signs or symptoms of coronavirus.

However with this in mind, and as we are expecting some of the new equipment to be installed around 7<sup>th</sup> July, the play area will remain **CLOSED** until work has been completed. We are also hoping to get the existing equipment cleaned and re-painted during this time.

Part of the work being undertaken is for the old tyre swing base to be removed and the area laid to grass. The Parish Council will be selling the tile matting, each tile is roughly 1m<sup>2</sup>, to anyone who would like them for stable flooring etc. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Support for our Organisations and Venues**

The Parish Council are subscribing to a grant funding information service to not only aid the parish council but all the organisations in the village. We will be proactively working for you to search for funding opportunities for the village throughout the year as part of our community support.

## VE Day Celebrations

Even though restrictions have been eased, we are still not in the position to meet in great numbers and hold large public events. However, the VE Day celebrations will not be forgotten but we may need to consider that the event may not take place until next year. A lot of work has already gone into organising the different aspects of the celebration weekend so it will be held when regulations permit.



From Monday 8 June, the following materials will be accepted at all 16 sites:

- **NEW:** Plastic pots, tubs and trays (recycled in UK)
- **NEW:** Small household electrical items (recycled in UK)
- **NEW:** Paint (water-based recycled in UK; other paint landfilled in Somerset)
- **NEW:** Man-made wood - chipboard, MDF, etc (recycled in UK)
- **NEW:** Natural wood - untreated timber, tree trunks, etc. (recycled in UK)
- Rubbish – material you would usually put in your black rubbish bin, excess black bags not taken by kerbside collections (landfilled in Somerset)
- Bulky items, such as furniture and mattresses (landfilled in Somerset)
- Garden waste (composted in Somerset)
- Large household electrical items – white goods, TVs etc (recycled in UK)
- Small household electrical items – irons, toasters etc (recycled in UK)
- Hazardous household chemicals, such as solvents, garden chemicals, paint thinners and antifreeze (treated and disposed of in UK)
- Cooking oil, in disposable containers of up to five litres (recycled in UK)
- Engine oil, in disposable containers of up to five litres (recycled in UK)
- Metals (recycled in UK)

## **Opening Times**

Crewkerne: Monday 9am – 6pm; Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm; Tuesday – Friday Closed.

Somerton: Wednesday – Friday 9am – 6pm; Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm; Monday & Tuesday Closed

Yeovil: Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm; Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm

## **Access restrictions**

The odds and even number plate access system has now come to an end. However, we will continue to highlight the likelihood of long waiting times due to social distancing measures, and the remaining restrictions on access include:

- A maximum of two people per household will be permitted
- Gloves must be worn while outside your vehicle
- Strict social distancing must be adhered to
- Trailers and 3.5 tonne vans only between 4pm and 6pm on weekdays. Vans under 3.5 tonnes at all open times. Permits system in operation.

All the sites will continue on their standard summer opening hours. We will keep you updated ahead of further moves back to business as usual, including the point at which commercial waste can be accepted at sites.

## **Collection service update**

Our recycling, rubbish and clinical waste collections have continued more or less undisrupted throughout the COVID-19 crisis, and all suspended services - including garden waste – resumed last month. Everyone involved has been working hard to get performance back to where it should be, but there are some ongoing issues with collections and collection day information. Although affecting a small proportion of people, we appreciate that this is causing frustration for some. Extra staff are being used to address the problems and we expect performance to be where it should be by the middle of the month. A long-planned transfer to a new contractor took place in the early days of the crisis. The current issues are largely down to challenges around integration of IT systems and reviewing of collection routes, coming on top of the disruption and increased levels of waste that COVID-19 has brought. Many more people than usual have been getting in

contact so please bear with us if our response times are longer than they would usually be

### **Key Contact Numbers:**

**Somerset Support Helpline - 0300 790 6275.** Transport to medical appointments, emotional support, advice, and financial hardship.

**SSDC Wellbeing Hub - 01935 462462** between 8am and 4pm seven days a week. Business grants, free food boxes advice and support.

It is so important that all of us continue to obey the social distancing rules and stay alert. It will save lives. Guidelines are changing all the time about what we can and cannot do outside, and so you can find the most up-to-date information at

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>**

Keep looking out for one another. Remember to be kind and we will get through it somehow - together. Keep washing those hands and practicing social distancing!

### **Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour**

**For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.**

The Parish Council's day-to-day business will carry on as usual where possible. If you have any issues/questions, please contact the Parish Clerk on the contact details below.

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## WINDMILL FARM

We have filled up our 'calf village' with different breeds of calves and I have been kept much busier than I was before with only the pigs to care for. We started off with 12 British Blue heifers from a livestock trading company and then we bought many Simmental calves from a neighbouring dairy farmer. I have also been making the most of my trailer license and have started to go out alone, and collected calves from friends in my young farmers club; it's been fun to support them and to do business with each other. My sister's friend from drama college joined me to collect 5 calves as she is starting a career move from BTEC drama to agriculture, which was fun and challenged her when working in the heat.

The Oxford Sandy & Black pigs have seemed happy in all-weather recently, keeping dry in their ark in pouring rain and cool during the heat under their verandas, with a few sprinkles from the hose each day. Our batches of three have got more boisterous recently, they seem to be more cheeky as you can't keep an eye on all of them at once. We have a third batch of three that we are collecting on 28<sup>th</sup> June from a local breeder from whom we have had brilliant pigs before.

We have bought a traditional grindstone mill to make our own flour from wheat stored in our grain barn. Mum now uses our wholemeal bread flour to make all our bread. To make flour, we filter the wheat grains to clean it from straw and other debris, then stones grind the grain in the mill to turn wheat into flour. Finally, the milled wheat is sifted to make it finer. We make wholemeal bread flour and wholemeal plain flour, both available to buy from our website. For bread flour, a hard wheat variety is used as this has a Hagberg falling number (which indicates the elasticity of the dough). This number needs to be over 250 seconds, which is how long it takes for an object to get through a test tube with the dough inside. Soft wheat varieties are used for plain flour, as this flour tends to be softer, so is better for making cakes or biscuits.

For young farmers, we have again done a video but this time it is for 'Lets Shine Together' by the Octagon Theatre, where we danced in front of the silage pit for their virtual flash dance in our maximum group of 6. I'm very excited for when County Young Farmers can finally announce that events can start up again!

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# CARNIVAL

We are in such strange times, being restricted for so long. We have lost all the Village entertainments this year – incredible. We will have lots of different memories instead – the weather and the clapping for the NHS.

The Carnival committee is meeting in Zoom, a new experience for some! Things are changing. Steve Gilham has stepped down after many years of committed service, as have Christine Cobner, after giving several years to support the committee, and Sarah Fox, who brought a fresh approach. All these valuable members will be greatly missed but we hope to gather them back for Carnival Night next year!

You will remember the ‘Literary Competition’, held for the local Primary and Secondary schools. It had been promoted before the lockdown and stories have been written. They will be judged in due course and the Committee is considering how we will report the results.

The Carnival Silver Cups are being held by last year’s Princess and Carnival Winners until it is possible for us to collect them.

To you all, keep safe and well.

Jackie Fox 822845



## GARDENING CLUB

Hello everyone. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Bertie and I'm writing the Gardening Club article this month because I thought I'd give my valet (who usually writes it) a rest. He thinks he's my owner but I know better.

This lockdown business has been really great for me because, on most days we go for longer walks than we used to and we've been able to explore some different places. My favourite place, locally has to be up on Ham Hill, especially since there are lots of areas where there are no sheep or cattle, so I am able to run about a bit. Just recently some orchids have flowered up there and my valet says he thinks they are pretty special. The other place I just love is Mill Copse on the far side of Montacute Park. I love the stream and waterfall; they are just great for playing with a ball and I can get really muddy without even trying. Until recently I could also get pretty smelly if I ran through the wild garlic but that's just about over now.

We quite often walk back home from the park, via the orchard and then through the village. That takes us past many front gardens. I'm a bit low down so don't get a great view most of the time but some of the houses have plants growing up their walls which I can see OK and, if I'm lucky, I may be able to poke my nose into the odd gateway and see a bit more. There are some lovely things to see and the valet often stops to admire them (I think he's sometimes a bit jealous if the truth be told!) One of the first gardens at the Recreation Ground end of Bishopston has a brilliant display of different white flowers – I think that's quite clever and clearly took some planning. The rose climbing up Lavender Cottage has been really fantastic this year and now that's finished flowering, they've got two lovely hanging baskets instead. Earlier in the year that wisteria by the entrance to Montacute House was spectacular.

I can get quite a good view of the foxgloves just peeping over the wall by the allotment in Wash Lane and there are some really

colourful flower beds in the Borough which cheer us up no end. I like it when my friend Wolfie is on guard duty outside his valet's house but the wall round his garden is a bit on the high side for me. My valet assures me that it is always really beautiful. Also, there was that very pretty clematis on the other side of the Borough on the corner with South Street. It's gone over now but they've still got a yellow rose growing up their wall so it's still nice and colourful. There are some really amazing hanging baskets and containers scattered around the village. I like some of the ones I can just see if we walk up the road to get a paper from the garage and the ones outside the Phelps are really bright and cheery. Although they aren't actually in the gardens, lots of windows have rainbows on display - you wouldn't think there could be so many different designs but they certainly brighten up the village.

Well I've got to go now as I'm meant to be helping my valet in the back garden. I keep digging little holes in the lawn for him so I can drop in one of my tennis balls and it doesn't roll away but he keeps filling them in for some reason. He clearly needs more training. He says he wants to write a few words himself about a monthly tip, so I'll pass over to him for the last bit.

While it might be tempting just to sit and look at our gardens if the weather is hot, there are still things we could be doing, to make them even better to look at. First of all, carry on dead heading roses and other repeat flowering plants. If you cut the spent stems of delphiniums right off at the base after they have finished flowering, there is a good chance they will re-flower later in the season. Give them a feed at the time you do this. If there is rain forecast then "weed and feed" on the lawn would probably be a good idea unless you are making a wild flower lawn. Finally remember to cut courgettes before they become marrows!

Bertie, with a little help from Richard Talley

# Ben Smith

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## A WORD FROM THE VICAR

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The Christian faith is predicated on resurrection, and whilst the church family has continued to serve Montacute village, and we have seen much evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in recent weeks, we can now look forward to a more visible presence.

At St Catherine's we were delighted to hear from the Prime Minister that churches could be reopened for private prayer, and in the near future for public worship, funerals and weddings.

We await government restrictions on public worship, but we have already started work on ensuring the church building can be covid secure for visitors. Please understand that the risk assessment requirements are very stringent and challenging for historic buildings.

Margaret, Gordon, Caroline and the PCC are working hard to comply and source all requirements, and we hope to have the doors open for private prayers – initially on a Sunday only – very soon. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard and websites for updates.

The public services will resume – hopefully in the next few weeks – as soon as we can safely do so. With seven churches to prepare and a more limited team of ministers [those over 70 should not be involved at present] you will understand there will be a more limited schedule, initially.

Again, please watch noticeboard and website for announcements.

Since many people may not feel able to attend in person, and because an increased number of people find the flexibility attractive, we will continue our online worship services, every Sunday, for the foreseeable future.

I will also continue to film school assemblies each week, as of course no visitors are permitted currently.

Weddings will be possible from next month, although couples will be advised that numbers are limited [by the government] to 30; large receptions are not permitted, no singing or bells or organist/verger are allowed either.

Funerals continue to be offered – both at graveside and from next month in church with limited numbers and soon ashes burials can be arranged. Crematorium services continue to be supported by the local clergy and some Readers. We are inviting anyone who has had a restricted funeral at the crem or graveside in these weeks, to have a Thanksgiving or Memorial service for their loved one in the church – hopefully this Autumn and there will be special All Souls services for the benefice in October for everyone who has suffered a bereavement.

Meanwhile, this comes with my continuing prayers for you all. Do be in touch if you know of any pastoral needs in the village or have any concerns yourselves, questions about faith or to schedule a special service. I look forward to the time I can see you all more often in person.

Every Blessing

Annie

Revd Annie Gurner, Ham Hill Villages Benefice) 01935 824167 or [revgurner@btinternet.com](mailto:revgurner@btinternet.com)



# **Montacute TV Radio Toy Museum**

**'Teens through the Time warp' – A new exhibition** about growing up in Weston-Super-Mare from the 1950's onwards.

Developed by North Somerset Museum and North Somerset Youth Service put together by young people who conducted over 50 interviews exploring individuals' experiences of being a teenager. It covers various areas of life including entertainment & technology that is enhanced by the nostalgic collection of Montacute Museum. Walk back in time from the birth of TV and radio to the modern day, the museum is like a Tardis, opening up inside to reveal an unexpectedly immense number of displays, probably the largest collection of toys, books, annuals, jigsaws and games related to TV and radio programmes. Large Sci-fi & Super-Hero sections.

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## **NOTES FROM St CATHERINE'S**

I looked in the Service Register and realised that the last service we held in the church was on 15<sup>th</sup> February, that's 13 weeks ago, can you believe it? We are slowly working our way towards opening for restricted periods to keep in line as much as possible with other churches, but we have a problem, certain areas in the building have to be "Sanitised", and this can only be done by volunteers less than 70 years of age and we have very few on the church electoral roll that fit that requirement. So I'm hoping that we might find one or two parishioners who would like to help on a "one off" clean. If there are, would they kindly get in touch with Gordon 822329, or Margaret 822292 to offer their services? As soon as we can get this done, we shall be able to recommence services, that have been sadly lacking.

As previously, to give a bit of church orientated padding to the magazine, I offer another of my odes.

Gordon Rendell

## False Alarm

*One dark and dirty winter's night at nigh on closing time,  
Two men were seen to go in Church, as if intent on crime.  
With thoughts of theft and sabotage, vandalism, arson;  
The witness runs into the King's, but couldn't find the Parson.*

*With knobbly stick and flashlight too, six trusty men rush out;  
For they intend to apprehend and sort the felons out.  
The Landlord's wife stands by the door a waiting for some sign  
That she should ring emergency and dial nine, nine, nine.*

*Meanwhile, aloft, aforesaid men, the cause of all the fuss,  
Both wonder "What's going on below; is it because of us?  
Suppose we'd better go downstairs and see who we shall meet.  
Strewth! Vicar's brand new carpet. I hope they wiped their feet."*

*They reach the bottom of the stairs without the need for light.  
It's then "The Felons' " monstrous dog gives posse such a fright.  
Boris, a German Shepherd Dog who's standing six foot four,  
Made them decide it would be wise to head out for the door.*

*A door that's made for one by one, can't cope with six by six,  
And several of the posse found that they were in a fix.  
And Boris thinks "Good game, good game" to chase the man with torch,  
And doesn't give up 'til he's driven them all outside the porch.*

*The King's Arms troops are waiting there, but how their spirits sag,  
To find Churchwarden and his mate who'd been to lower flag.  
With much embarrassment all round, and faces rather pink;  
Churchwarden says, "Let's cross the road, I'll buy you all a drink."*

*Although on this occasion it had been a false alarm,  
Our thanks are due to those who prove our church won't come to harm.  
The moral of this story shows, no matter what you do,  
That someone here in Montacute, has got their eye on you.*

*Gordon Rendell © 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015,*

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## POST OFFICE

Hasn't June zoomed by with everyone doing absolutely.... nothing!! No fete, No carnival, the village not adorned with bunting. All very odd. I think I've summed it up, we are living life with the fun sucked out !!! I have missed a lot of things I wouldn't have normally done, Andy is working very hard, doing many hours as an arctic lorry driver delivering & collecting chilled & frozen food ... very rude when he goes to Cornwall to the clotted cream factory & comes home empty handed !!! Viv & I have continued to do our one ,only if possible, shifts in the Office & we will continue to keep the 2 metre rule at present & only 2 people in the shop for everyone's safety as the shop is so small. No doubt at some point this will change but not yet for us I'm afraid. We have tried to keep the shop well stocked with goodies, flour, eggs, milk drinks, sugar, biscuits etc & boxes, poly bags, brown paper, bubble wrap, envelopes blah blah blah ! The gift shop is still open & we have some lovely things & people still have birthdays & need presents.

As for the zoo, some very exciting news ( about the only bit I can conjure up for the whole of June), is I sat on my pony, Fruit Loop for the first time!! It was the first time in a VERY LONG TIME, before my hysterectomy, that I have sat on a horse so it was very exciting/odd, but she was a very good girl & was not phased by it one bit so all my hard work I have done on the ground with her has obviously paid off. Long may it last & hopefully I will be riding her out soon !!

Everything else is just blobbing along... hiding indoors in the rain... hiding indoors in the sun... mugging me constantly for treats when I go up to see them & that's everyone!!! ( the ponies would eat their body weight in carrots if you let them !!) The chucks are laying well as are the ducks, I have some new baby quail who should be laying soon so we SHOULD have more quail eggs than we did, Rosie is loving the sun, funny how oldies like sunbathing!!! Let's hope we can all stay safe & July is slightly better than June but people don't go mad !! Stay safe !!!!! Louise xxx

## CCS AGENTS NEWS

Many people have missed going to their local Talking Café run by CCS Agents – there were 21 venues at the last count before lockdown! We are delighted to be back with our Talking Cafes – virtually anyway – streaming live weekdays at 11am on our Facebook channel – [www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset/live](http://www.facebook.com/talkingcafesomerset/live). You can catch up on previous sessions or join in on the lives each day, asking any questions you have in the comments and interacting with us agents again! We'd love to 'see' you there online and help in any way we can – don't forget the question you ask and have answered during the live session may help many other people in the same boat who are watching!

**Loneliness:** We all feel lonely from time to time. Feelings of loneliness are personal, so everyone's experience of loneliness will be different. One common description of loneliness is the feeling we get when our need for rewarding social contact and relationships is not met. But loneliness is not always the same as being alone. You may choose to be alone and live happily without much contact with other people, while others may find this a lonely experience. Or you may have lots of social contact, or be in a relationship or part of a family, and still feel lonely – especially if you don't feel understood or cared for by the people around you (see our information on the causes of loneliness <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/loneliness/about-loneliness/#WhatCausesLoneliness>). Lockdown has amplified this for many people, as groups and regular social activities have ceased, but there is always support and help at hand. We can arrange regular Talk & Support calls for you for free, just to have someone to chat to, arrange befriending services and link you to Good Neighbours schemes where they are set up – our Agents are very skilled in helping people overcome loneliness and reduce isolation.

**Care during Hot Weather** Warm weather is something many people look forward to every year, but it's worth remembering that sunny spells can pose health risks for some people. Before the hot weather arrives, it is a really good time to think about what you can do to protect

yourself and your family and friends<sub>25</sub> from heat. For some people, such

as older people, those with underlying health conditions and those with young children, the summer heat can bring real health risks. That's why we're urging everyone to keep an eye on those you know who may be at risk this summer. If you're able, ask if your friends, family or neighbours need any support.

The top ways for staying safe when the heat arrives are to:

- Hydration is crucial: Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol. Make sure you keep water with you at all times, especially if you are out and about
- Close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler and remember it may be cooler outdoors than indoors
- Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm
- Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat
- Wear light, loose fitting cotton clothes
- If you feel unwell, seek medical help by calling 111.

**Out on Bikes:** During lockdown, many people have taken the opportunity to get their family out on the bikes to enjoy the quiet sunny lanes. It's a timely reminder not just for cyclists to be car aware, but for drivers to 'Think Bike' and really slow down on country lanes. This time of year navigating windy, narrow lanes, your view may be obstructed by overgrown hedgerows. Avon and Somerset Police have excellent advice for cyclists here, from being safe on the road, to keeping your bike safe : <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/staying-safe-on-the-road/staying-safe-on-your-bike/>. RoSPA provides further advice for motorcyclists on their website here: <http://orlo.uk/TQLKZ>



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It's a long journey through this COVID-19 crisis, and we hold in our prayers all who grieve and all who are anxious and alone. And all working so hard for the good of wider society...

If we feel stifled by the restrictions, or depressed by the economic consequences of the lockdown, we need perhaps glimpses of hope.

So look out as you pass through the village, as we at the Baptist church seek in this season to offer our outside space, our little front garden as a Garden of Hope. Hopefully you will soon see there some bright butterflies, with words of hope on the back. A place to pause, a place to pray if you wish, and if you would like to, to take away a bright butterfly to remind you that Christianity is above all a message of HOPE. A message of hope in Jesus' name, as you seek or reclaim a relationship of healing, compassion, forgiveness and new beginnings. Faith offers a way to renewal and transformation-as a caterpillar transforms through its caterpillar and chrysalis phases, into a beautiful creature of freedom.

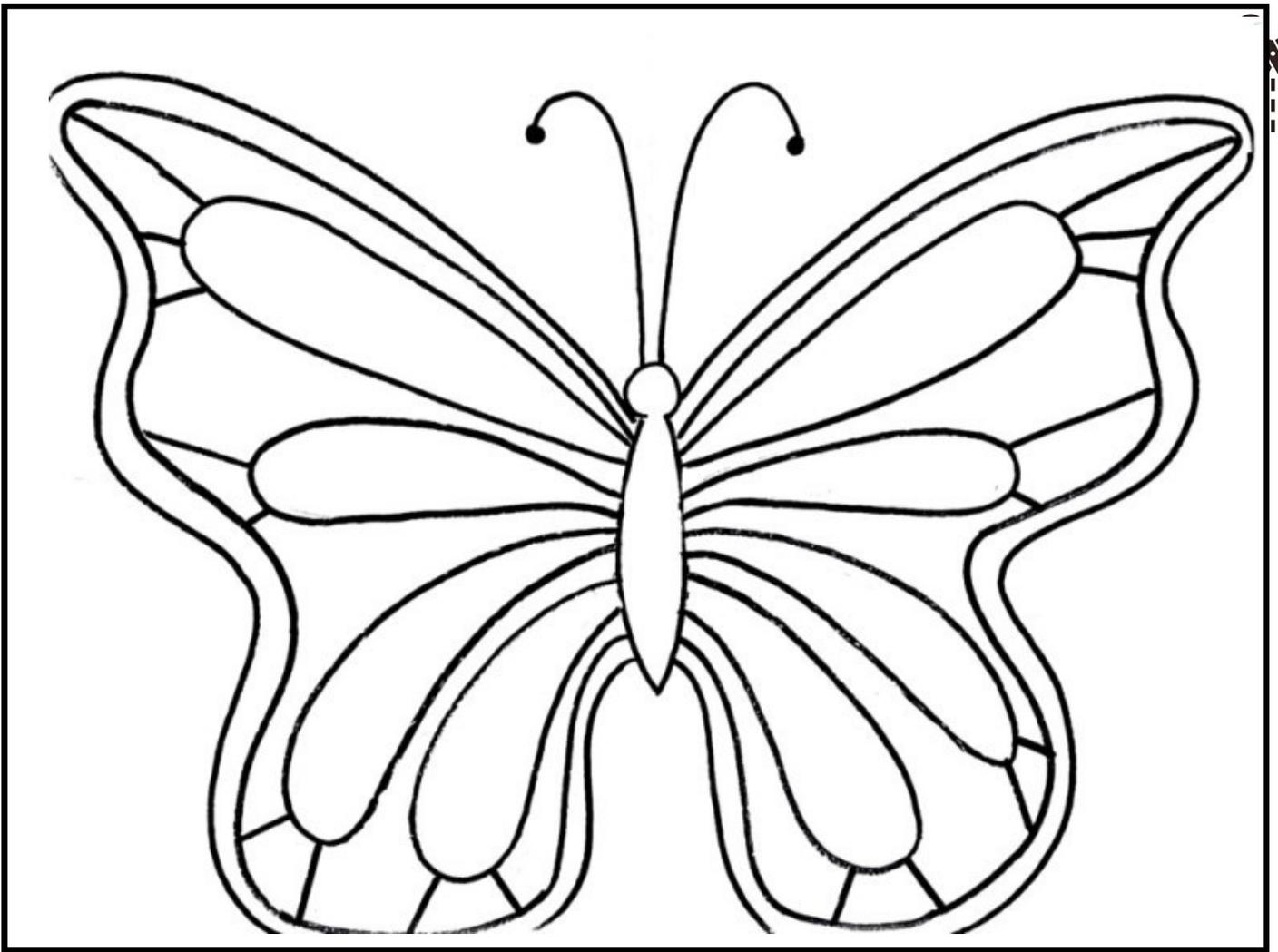
So please, pause at our garden, rest a few moments as you drop children off at the preschool, or as you walk to the post office, or pass on the way to Montacute House, or to walk up St Michael's Hill. Choose a word of hope, and take a butterfly home to brighten your day. With our love.

And if you want, print off this butterfly, colour it in, and post in our letterbox so we can laminate it and offer it to others.

*(See over. Ed)*

God bless, Heather Andrews Pastor.  
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## MONTACUTE HOUSE

Its official, after what seems an eternity on the 29<sup>th</sup> June we will be reopening - at last!!



Due to certain restrictions on numbers because of social distancing it will be only the gardens open to start with and all visitors (including those with village passes ( see section “community pass” ) , members and ticket purchasers will need to book on line for a slot. Time slots will be available from between 10am and 3.30pm but once you arrive you can stay as long as you like until closing time at 4pm.

I’m sure as soon as it is safe to do so the café and shop will follow suit shortly and then finally the main House. Montacute is on a national plan of reopening and Barrington Court and Lytes Cary have already opened their gardens again through a booking system. The order we open, and the rate of opening is being decided by our central office teams.

Personally, the thing I’m most looking forward to is seeing families and individuals enjoying our gardens again, however, some areas of the lawns and orchards are looking very meadow like at the moment. To quote that old song ‘one man went to mow, went to mow a meadow’ – but failed!

Sadly, our one gardener not furloughed can only do so much.



Family picnic area...

In the mean time the lambs have grown considerably, and some think they are mountain goats by the way they can jump on to our garden wall and then into the gardens!



So, until we reopen we are all keeping busy as bees getting ready.

Best wishes to you all and hope to see you very soon.

Grahame Meaden – senior visitor experience officer,

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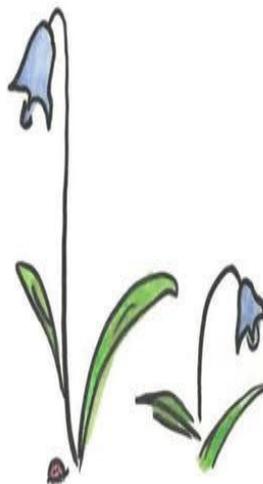
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We are still delivering any of our Farm Shop (and nursery) stock and will happily put together a hamper style box for you, a friend or a loved one for delivery on Tuesdays or for collection any day.

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# MONTACUTE CHARITY QUIZ

More brain teasers to help relieve lock-down monotony.

## General knowledge

1. What grows down from cave roofs as a result of calcite deposits?
2. Which board game based on horse racing was brought out in 1938?
3. Into which sea does the river Volga flow?
4. How many arms does a starfish normally have?
5. Chablis is a white wine from which wine-growing region of France?

## Anagrams

All of the following are anagrams of National Trust properties in Somerset.  
Can you identify the properties?

6. Try lace masonry
7. Shout cameo tune
8. Nil Dental Hurting
9. Urban glory tots
10. Nestle Custard

We very much hope to be able to start running quizzes again in the not too distant future. Until such time – keep safe & keep well.

Andy & Fizz and Steve & Jane  
aka The Quizmasters

Answers (no peeking)

1) Stalactite ) 2) Topopoly 3) Caspian Sea 4) Five 5) Burgundy 6) Lytes Cary Manor 7) Montacute House  
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Dear Villagers

I hope you are all keeping well and are looking forward to getting back to an almost normal life. I have some very good news in these moments of despair, because of the corona virus and lack of income, the village hall has been awarded a grant of £10,000 which has been most welcome. The village hall has always been in need of extra storage space but never had the capital to afford it. Many years ago planning permission was granted for a side extension to the hall but was never built, I presume due to lack of funds, and the planning permission has long expired. I intend to look into the possibility of re-submitting a planning application to develop the side of the hall for additional storage.

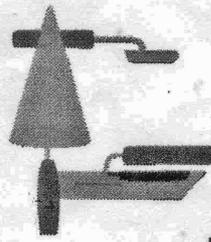
Unfortunately the grant would not be adequate to cover the cost, but I think if we pulled together, like we did for the internal insulation last year, we could possibly be able to achieve this ourselves. Due to the location of the hall and its access, many hands would be required at certain times for transfer of materials to the hall car park from the Bishopston end of Wash lane, together with skilled and unskilled labour for the construction. I will be looking into the material costs, planning, and compliance with the building regulations, when I have completed the drawings to ascertain if it is a viable proposition.

As we have never had an amount of money of this magnitude to spend, it would be good to put it to a good use. When my findings are complete and if costs are permitted, I would call upon people to help,

In the mean time if you feel you are willing, or could be of a help, in any way, large or small, please let me know so I can pre-plan.

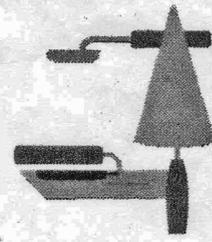
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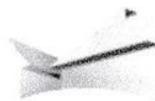
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## SNIPPETS FROM THE PHELIPS DIARIES - July 1789

- 3 July. *“Left off my flannel waistcoat the first time”*
- 6 July. *“To Ivelchester gaol with others to view and report the condition and necessity for a new building”*
- 8 July. *“My wife carried the two children to Mrs Young’s at Brympton to drink syllabub, and came home at 9 for supper”*
- 20 July. *“Lord Powlett, Mr Bryant and twelve others at the Crewkerne School meeting. Soon over being all of one mind.”*
- 28 July. *“Tax appeal day at Yeovil. A strange afternoon”*

There were many reports during July of haymaking, interrupted by showers and thunderstorms. In all, 42 loads were carried in from: Culverhay, Odcombe Field, South Middle, Little Mead, Farther and Middle Leases. – presumably fields on the estate.

While trying to research their location I came across a detailed history of Montacute at “British History Online” and I offer the following link <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/som/vol3/pp210-224#fnn361>

Robert Fisher

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## SPEED WATCH UPDATE

Whilst Covid lockdown has been relaxed, the Police have yet to confirm Speedwatch monitoring can start within any social distancing rules.

Everyone will have noticed the significant increase in traffic through the village in recent weeks, and that without Montacute House reopening!

Noticeable is the amount of fast-moving traffic at weekends and when they can get away with it, in evening rush hours. Looking on the positive side, however, there has also been a perceptible increase in cyclists who, although not required to observe speed limits, do usually hold up traffic as they pass through the village.

Quite when Driving Schools will restart is another issue. Usually they prefer to use 'safe routes' for driver training, and Montacute used to be frequently used for this, but for how much longer?

Some new Speedwatchers have come forward which will make the demands on the team members' time less onerous being, at most, approximately one hour per session, and never at night and never in the rain. And always at convenient times when operations will be most productive!

Please contact me if you can contribute in a small but effective way to make living in Montacute more enjoyable, and much safer.

Contact [1georgestephens@gmail.com](mailto:1georgestephens@gmail.com) .

George Stephens

# VILLAGE DIARY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19 ALL DATES ARE PROVISIONAL**

## **July**

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Juliet`s meeting 6.45pm, King Arms, Vi 826687 or Margaret 824377

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting 7.15pm Village Hall

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Charity Quiz at Village Hall – start 8pm sharp

## **August**

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Women`s Institute 7.30pm Village Hall

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Gardening club, Garden Party

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Juliet`s meeting 6.45pm, King Arms, Vi 826687 or Margaret 824377

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Charity Quiz at Village Hall – start 8pm sharp

## **September**

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Women`s Institute 7.30pm Village Hall

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Village Hall AGM 7.30pm

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club 7.30pm Village Hall

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Juliet`s meeting 6.45pm, King Arms, Vi 826687 or Margaret 824377

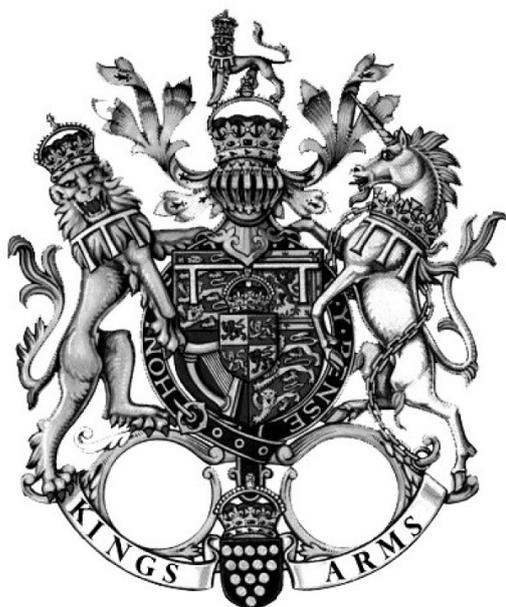
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Please contact Kaye Harper at 17 Hyde Road, Montacute, tel:- 824537 or email [hak71@btinternet.com](mailto:hak71@btinternet.com) with details of your events. Hopefully this will stop major events in the Village clashing over dates.

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