

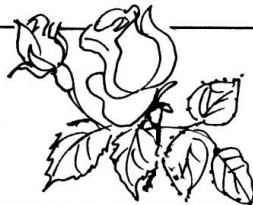
Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon

TOGETHER

Church & Village News



July / August



2023

Useful Numbers

Doctors.... Avon Valley

Upavon 630221 Durrington 653378
Cross Plains 652221

Salisbury Hospital 01722 336262
NHS Help Line 111 Police 101

Gas 0800 111999 Electricity 0800 0727282

Environmental Agency 0800 807060
Flood Line 0345 9881188

Plainwatch 01980 674700.
PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk

Upavon Link 07501004349
Durrington Link 01980 594857

Schools

Rushall C of E Primary 01980 630360
Avon Valley College 01980 652467
Pewsey Vale Secondary School
01672 565000

Upavon Village Store & Post Office
01980 630268

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	Mr Bill Bracher	01980 630173

Rushall	Mr Richard Wohanka	07920 067563
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Charlton St Peter	Mrs Rosie Cunningham	01980 630321
	Mrs Ali Lacey	01980 630385

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Mr Bill Bracher 01980 630173; Mrs Anne Prince 01980 630008

Hospital visits - If you need a visit in hospital, or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

Home Communion If you know someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Communion, please contact Bill Bracher on 01980 630173 and he will make arrangements for this to happen.

Please contact a member of the clergy to discuss Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation, the Blessing of your home, Service of Prayer and Dedication, Renewal of Wedding Vows. To visit in hospital, and the dying at home or in hospital. The clergy are here to help and serve, with our Lay Pastoral Assistants

Catholic Parish Priest: Father Saji Mathew 01980 622177
Services at Christ the King, Lords Croft, Amesbury SP4 7EP
Weekday mass 10.00 am; Vigil Mass 6.00 pm Saturdays; Mass 11.00am
Sundays

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rev.stephen.skinner3@gmail.com Pewsey Methodist Church, Sunday services
10.30am

Upavon Baptist Chapel Contact: Mary Jarvis 07876193640
Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

UPAVON RUSHALL & CHARLTON LINK 07501 004349

TOGETHER MAGAZINE ADVERTISING AND REVENUE and items of news or notices for the next issue, contact the Together team, Tel: 01980 630023 or email: togethertmag@btinternet.com by the 15th of the month, please.

The Clergy Letter

When I opened the newspaper the other day, my eye caught a picture of a large inflatable duck, with the caption, "Why was 'Quackers' like a duck out of water? See page 25". There, the report explained how three men had inflated the duck and then got on it at Westward Ho! beach in North Devon. This was a favourite beach for family picnics with my family when I was growing up. I have many happy memories of sunny Sunday afternoons with grandparents, uncles, aunties and cousins eating sandy sandwiches by the pebble ridge and playing on the beach and in the sea. The guys on the duck will have memories of drifting out to sea and having to be rescued when Quackers was 200 metres offshore. A paddleboarder was able to tow the duck towards the shore until they were close enough for the men to swim ashore. They were safe, but Quackers blew back out into the Bristol Channel and had to be rescued by the Appledore RNLI Lifeboat!

As I write, it is sunny and 24^oC and I am imagining how lovely it would be to be swimming in the sea right now! I look forward to being on holiday by the sea, or a river or lake later in the summer and swimming, hopefully, in the sunshine. Being by, in or on water is a wonderful way to relax, rest and restore the batteries. I love the image

of the Lord as my shepherd, who gives me everything which I need and *“makes me lie down in green pastures (and who) leads me beside quiet waters, (who) refreshes my soul”*, (Psalm 23:1-3). A summer break is a chance to draw close to God and let him restore and refresh our souls after the busyness of our everyday lives.

However, the water must be respected, especially by the coast, with the sea’s tides and currents. It is easy to drift out to sea or by pulled along by a rip tide. Equally, it is easy to drift away from God and our relationship with our Lord Jesus. A holiday is a good opportunity to come back to him and drink of the living water. Jesus once said to a woman at a well, *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life’.”* (John 4:13-14).

This summer, whether you are by water or not, may you know God’s love surrounding you, giving you peace, rest and refreshment. May you drink in God’s love and know his Spirit within you like a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

May God bless you richly this summer and always,

Stephen (Methodist Minister)

From the Registers

Funerals

May they Rest in Peace

Lindsay Mason Funeral at St John the Baptist, Pewsey on 22nd May

Wendy Hart Funeral at St Andrew’s, Wootton Rivers on 12th June

Robin Schneider Funeral at All Saints, Stanton St Bernard on 8th June

Clare Meriol Street Memorial Service at All Saints, Stanton St Bernard on 28th June

Baptisms

Maggie Stagg

Baptised at Holy Trinity, Oare on 11th June

Erik William Mitchell

Baptised at St Mary’s, Upavon on 11th June

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

2 July

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

9 July

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Holy Communion BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6pm Evensong

16 July

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion

23 July

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6pm Parish Communion

30 July

Team Service 10.30am St Nicholas, Huish

6 August

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

13 August

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Holy Communion

20 August

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion

27 August

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6pm Parish Communion

Holiday Club




1st - 4th August
10_{am} - 12.30_{pm}

**Come and find your
superpower!**

**Plus Crafts, Drama, Bible Stories,
Games, Team Challenges & Jokes**

For Primary-school children
St John's Church Pewsey

£2*/day each *Discount for siblings

 **Book online:**

valeofpewsey.org/holiday-club-2023



CAFÉ CHURCH

30th July 4pm

Café church is back!

*An informal & relaxed community event
for all ages with a cuppa & cakes!*

*Lego challenge • drama • craft
modern music • prayer*

We'd love to see you - a warm welcome awaits at

ST. JOHN'S PEWSEY
WWW.VALEOFPEWSEY.ORG



St Mary's Church, Upavon

Gilbert and Sullivan came to Upavon on Saturday 3rd June as the wonderful White Horse Opera Company performed the comic opera Ruddigore to an appreciative audience in St Mary's Church on a pleasant summer evening.

A complex plot about love, deceit of identity, ancestors and ghosts was brought to life by the excellent singing and acting of the company – and all ended well when the confusion of who was who was resolved and love triumphed.

An interval with wine and canapés gave the audience the opportunity to enjoy meeting friend and neighbours and discuss 'how will it end?!'

The White Horse Opera Company entertained us so well as always, and we hope they will return with another production in the not too distant future.

Jan Coker, St Mary's Social Committee Member

St Mary's Food Bank

There are two Food Bank Boxes in the porch of St Mary's Church. One box contains food items and one basic toiletries. If anyone is in need of these items please take them. We ask all in our community who are able to do so to make donations of non-perishable food items and basic toiletries to the Food Bank. Items can be deposited in the boxes during the time that the church is left open, between 0900 hrs-1600hrs daily. All items, however few, are useful and a single item or items given regularly are much appreciated.

We thank all who are already giving and it is good to know that our village is concerned to help those finding these times particularly difficult. Items especially needed are: tea, coffee, long-life milk, sugar, tinned soups, tinned vegetables, pasta and pasta sauces, tinned meat and tinned fish e.g. tuna, sardines etc. Useful toiletry items include: soap, hand wash solution, shower gel, toothpaste and deodorant. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation this can be done via the St Mary's Food Bank Account. Our church treasurer, Donal Connon at dconnon@btopenworld or 01980 630951 will deal with any such donation. This appeal is to all village residents of any faith or of no faith, to help our fellow villagers in need.

Donations of non-perishable, dry and tinned foods and toiletries are welcomed. Suggestions for commonly needed items would be useful. There is a note book and pen with the boxes for suggestions.

Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church

Saturday 29 July 10am to 12noon

Everyone is very welcome

Come and enjoy coffee or tea, with cakes and biscuits



THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks for our events. It has been a busy time! Plant Sales continued at the late Bank Holiday Tea Room opening and were well supported. There are still a few plants if anyone is still looking!

The Afternoon Tea went very well – it was a glorious summer day and the thunderstorm that was forecast for the middle of the afternoon went elsewhere without stopping! Thank you to all of you who bought tickets, sent donations and helped on the day. Particular thanks go to the Pewsey Players led by Barbara Dalton who gave so generously of their time and talent to make the occasion very special.

Our last event, before we take an August break, is the **Tennis Tournament** being organised by Mary Connorton. Please do look at the details on our website and look out for posters across the Pewsey Team. If you would like to enquire to Mary directly then please do get in touch with her on mary_connorton@yahoo.co.uk

Last of all I just want to let you know that Falkner's Cottage, North Newnton is being opened as part of the National Garden Scheme on 2 September from 1.30pm – 5.30pm. Tickets can be booked in advance via NGS or bought on the day and are £6 per adult and children are free. The St Timothy Foundation will be providing the Refreshments throughout the afternoon. Do come along and enjoy the garden. Refreshments, including Cream Teas, will be served under the cover of a marquee.

News from South Sudan..... I am pleased to say that James, a young man from Nzara who we have been sponsoring at Kampala University, has passed all of his exams and graduated in June this year. He will return to Nzara to teach in the St Timothy pre-primary and primary school. We are delighted that he is swelling the number of qualified Sudanese teachers at the school. The school has relied so much on qualified teachers from Uganda.

For information on the events we are organising, the projects we support and how you can help please visit our website. We would love to hear from you.

With thanks and every good wish for a happy and leisurely summer.

Ann

The St Timothy Foundation 01980 630256

reverendannmassey@outlook.com

www.sttimothy.org.uk

Upavon Village Hall

Large, well maintained hall available for hire
Competitive hourly rates: village residents £8.00 per hour
(non-residents £9.00)

Suitable for large gatherings for up to 60 people with ample plates, cups
and saucers etc.

Free Wi-Fi

A well equipped kitchen

For enquiries or to book please email

upavonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or call Lesley 01980 630191

Upavon Church Fete Volunteers Needed!

Upavon Summer Fete is looking for volunteers both
new and experienced to help with this year's fete
on Saturday 2nd September. Roles include:

Raffle ticket sellers

Cake bakers

Stallholders

Gazebo constructors

Administrators

and much more!

Can you volunteer some time to help? If so, please
contact Sarah on sarahconnon@hotmail.co.uk or
07791 198852. We would love to hear from you!



**UPAVON SUMMER FETE
AND FUN DOG SHOW**

**12.30–3.30 PM
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**SUMMER
FETE**



Barbeque & bar, tea, coffee and cakes, children's games, raffle, tombola, photographic competition and craft stalls

Rubber duck race on the river at approx. 3.00pm



Upavon Church Fete

Photographic Competition

2nd September 2023

Don't be shy, do enter. Help us to make a really exciting show and raise money for our church

There are 3 categories for entries:

Nature: covers such subjects as plants, animals and landscapes.

Art and Architecture: includes buildings, sculpture, machines, anything man-made.

People: includes portraits, groups and street scenes.

6 simple rules:

1. Please enter up to 3 photographs in each category.
2. The photographs have to have been taken by you and not entered in our competition before.
3. The maximum size for any photograph is A5 (150x210mm).
4. The photographs should not be in frames as we will be pinning or sticking them onto display boards. Please don't write your details on the back either
5. The entry cost per photograph is £1.
6. Please return all photographs with an entry form (below) and your payment to Joanna Goulson at 7 Devizes Rd, Upavon (joanna@goulson.net tel. 01980 630622) by midday on Wednesday 30th August.

Please leave your photographs on display until the fete finishes at 3pm and then collect them. Thank you.

**Upavon Church Fete
Photographic Competition 2nd September 2023**

Entry Form

Name	
Address	
Phone No./Email	
Number of photographs entered	Nature Art & Architecture People
Signed	
Paid	£



**ALL
welcome**
**ANY AGE, ANY SIZE,
SHAPE OR COLOUR**

Sunday 23rd July 4pm

We'll *probably* meet at St. John's churchyard for July, – but check the website the week before to confirm – as we wander, we'll wonder about our world and its creator.

Graphic sheets help us think and chat about the theme each time. We've done Bees, Sheep & Psalm 23 among others. Just something to ponder on as we walk, all ages together. 0–101! Ending with a hot choc or tea and often a short craft activity.



🚶 The whole route is about a mile, but there's a shorter version if that's too far – whatever you can manage there's a way to be involved in Muddy Church. Dogs on a lead are welcome too. **🐕**



www.valeofpewsey.org/muddy-church

The Pewsey Vale Arts Society

Lectures are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 2.30 pm. Doors open at 2.00 pm at The Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, with coffee and tea served. The Society takes its summer break in July and August so there are no further lectures until the Society starts again on **September 5th** with a talk by Pamela Campbell-Johnson about **Marion Dorn** - the textile designer:

From Claridges Hotel to the London Underground

This lecture will consider the artistic output of one of the leading textile designers of the 20th Century, Marion Dorn. Dorothy Todd, the influential journalist and editor of British Vogue first brought Dorn to public attention in 1925 and christened Dorn "The Architect of Floors". Renowned for her sculpted rugs, her various commissions from the 1920s to 1960s will be revealed, including designs for the Savoy Hotel Group in London, Eltham Place (a former Tudor Palace transformed by Stephen and Virginia Courtauld), the London Underground and the White House, Washington DC. Her extraordinary career as a designer will place her as one of the great exponents of British 20th Century Art Deco.

tas.pewseyvale@gmail.com

The Society also offers fascinating occasional Study Days and Visits. New members are welcome and for further information please email

tas.pewseyvale@gmail.com

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

(Licensed by Wiltshire Council for the Vale of Pewsey Team of Churches)

Our May 100 Club Draw took place after our service on Sunday 28th May. Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£100	J. Bottomley (Leics.) No.84
£50	M. Cook (Pewsey) No.79
£50	L. Digby-Bell (Charlton) No.25
£25	T. Callingham (Charlton) No.33
£25	R. Giles (Charlton) No.60

Our June 100 Club Draw winners will be drawn after our service on Sunday 25th June at 6pm and published in the next edition of the magazine.

We still have a few numbers available, so if you are interested in purchasing number for £5 a month, please contact Ali Lacey 630385.



North Wiltshire

Can you Help Families in your area?

Home-Start helps families with children under five who are experiencing tough times. We are recruiting volunteers to offer weekly support which is tailored to the family's need. Often, just listening makes all the difference.

We're looking for volunteers with:

- ✓ A friendly, positive nature
- ✓ Great listening skills and empathy
- ✓ Parenting skills/relevant life experience
- ✓ Time to visit families weekly, for 2-3 hours



We offer professional training & personal development. Expenses paid. Volunteer group, fundraiser, trustee roles also available.

Next Volunteer training starting soon. T:01672 569457

E: hello@homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk

W: www.homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk

Home Start North Wiltshire is committed to equality, diversity, and safe recruitment.
This volunteering post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. Charity number: 1106736

Home-Start North Wiltshire is celebrating 35 years supporting local families. Home-Start UK is celebrating 50 years! Last year your local Home-Start supported 107 families across North Wiltshire. We are committed to promoting the welfare of families who have at least one child under the age of five.

We are an independent charity affiliated to Home-Start UK, the country's leading family support charity. Our volunteers are parents or grandparents with an interest in and experience of young children and family life. They are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK standards.

Our aim is to provide early support to families who are facing the challenges and stresses of family life, including a wide range of difficulties such as isolation, low self-esteem, physical and mental health issues.

We work alongside parents in their homes to help raise their self-confidence and their ability to cope in an increasingly pressured society. Our emphasis is on parents helping parents. We are desperately in need of volunteers to work with families in the Tidworth and Swindon areas although we do cover much of North Wiltshire. We also provide support via our Toddler Brunch Cafes for mums with toddlers or babies. Could you help a few hours a week? Volunteering is a great way back into work and looks good on your CV. We also have other opportunities supporting our fundraising and community events.

Please call or text 07864652349 or hello@homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk

A date for your diary:

Thursday July 13th, 2023

FUN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

for both MEN & WOMEN to be played on private courts in Fyfield, Milton Lilbourne and Easton Royal

9:30am – 1pm followed by

LUNCH at Milton Lilbourne Village Hall **£25 ENTRY –**

all proceeds to **The St Timothy Foundation**

36 places – first come first served.

Please contact Mary Connorton (mary_connorton@yahoo.co.uk) or visit

<https://sttimothy.org.uk/st-timothy-foundation-fun-tennis-tournament/>

to enter

Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a modern bright hall with under floor heating, a large, fitted kitchen and off-street parking

We also now have Wi-Fi

There are a few afternoon and evening sessions available to book for your children's party or special occasion in the next month, so please get in touch – contact details below.

Dates for your dairy:

Saturday 1st July & 5th Aug – Coffee morning 10 -12

Thursday 20th July – Bingo 7.30pm

Saturday 18th Aug – Burgers & Brew evening – TBC so watch for further details

For all enquiries and bookings regarding the hall please contact us on:

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com or **07407 216763**

We are always looking for committee members so if you are interested, please contact us by email or phone

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Dates and times of all mobile library stops are available online via the website <https://libraries.wiltshire.gov.uk> and from printed timetables available from the mobile library. We look forward to seeing all of our customers when we next visit you.

Upavon 10.00 – 10.20am Watson Close: 3 and 31 July; 28 Aug; 25 Sept.

Rushall 10.10 - 10.30am outside the school: 17 July; 14 Aug; 11 Sept.

Upavon Parish Council

For Information and how to contact the Council please see the Parish Council website: www.upavonpc.co.uk

Instagram: @upavonparishcouncil

Nurture Nature

Readers of this column over the years will recall evidence of a steep decline in many of the fauna and flora species of the British Isles. This is of special significance to many of our birds. A current BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) article provides evidence of this decline:

“Using data from generations of volunteer observers as the backdrop to our strategy launch, we revealed staggering losses of some of our most familiar birds since 1970. The results were sobering indeed; almost 30 million house sparrows, 20 million starlings, four million skylarks and two million blackbirds have vanished from our skies since 1970.” To see what that means for your patch, please visit data.bto.org/doorstep-birds. All you need to do is enter a postcode to see the local gains and losses. For many of you it is likely to be a sad story.

With ever more habitat loss we should do all we can to provide protection and leave areas of our gardens and green spaces wild enabling birds to flourish, plant hedges and small trees (which will also help support the declining bat population. It was encouraging to hear feedback from visitors to Open Gardens, Gardening Clubs and other gatherings that more and more people are doing this and joining in conservation tasks. These efforts will also help the declining insect populations (world-wide). There is currently a You Tube discussion on the world’s insects with some interesting statistics – e.g. there are four billion hover flies present in the British Isles – why not join in the discussion? Hover insects of all species are fascinating to watch. Changing climate patterns, habitat loss and pollution are negatively affecting pollinators world-wide resulting in an accelerating loss of insects, which is having a knock-on effect on the food chain. All of us should be encouraging our children to contribute to stopping the decline of flora and fauna locally, nationally and world-wide. Some ideas are how to encourage hedgehogs in the garden (hedgehogs are on the danger list); count and identify bats in your garden – at dusk bats follow tree lines and hedges where insects can be found; encourage children to write a regular wildlife article for submission to a local paper for consideration for publication – if successful, it could become a regular feature. Readers - please forward your ideas to Nurture Nature.

There are still fledglings about, so please be careful when strimming, mowing and clearing foliage. To encourage birds to your gardens, put out live meal worms in containers on bird tables – all birds love this treat and finding it in your garden will boost bird populations. Meal worms are available from most pet shops.

Otis Tarda

Remember your loved ones with Prospect Hospice's 'Remember Me' roses



Prospect Hospice is pleased to announce the launch of its 'Remember Me' roses to celebrate the lives and honour the memory of loved ones who have died.

The campaign invites supporters to purchase a beautiful rose, made from recycled metal and available in four colours; red, pink, white and yellow. Each rose will be tagged with the name of the person being remembered and will be displayed in the hospice's gardens, forming an art installation to be revealed at the hospice's annual garden fete on 9 September. After the display draws to a close at the end of September, you will have the opportunity to collect your very own rose as a keepsake to cherish at home.

The Remember Me Roses are a perfect way to hold dear the memory of someone special and help support the work of Prospect Hospice at the same time. All funds raised through this campaign will go towards providing specialist end of life care for those who need it most.

Lara Hill www.prospect-hospice.net

Prospect Hospice, Wroughton, SN4 9BY 01793 813355