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FROM THE EDITOR

CAN I START BY SAYING that the deadline for the July/August issue of 5Alive is Friday, June 12th. That's a week earlier than usual but Sara and I will be away on holiday later in the month and I want to make sure that it's all sorted in plenty of time. If that's a problem, let me know and I'll see what I can do. Sorry about this!

And it's possible that someone has offered to take on the admin side of the magazine. I'll be going through things with that volunteer (no names yet!!) once this issue is with the printer to see if they are happy to look after the non-editorial role involved in producing the magazine each month – fingers crossed!!

Peter

AND SOME MORE GOOD NEWS!

HARDINGTON VALE BENEFICE APPOINTS NEW RECTOR

FOLLOWING THE RECENT INTERVIEWS and the recommendation of the Parish Representatives, we are pleased to announce that the Bishop of Bath and Wells has appointed the Reverend Jessica Nyander to the post of Rector of the Benefice of Hardington Vale. This appointment is subject to a satisfactory completion of the usual statutory checks made on all clergy taking up a new post.

Details of a Service of Welcome will be announced in due course.

Please hold Jessica and her husband in your prayers as she prepares to begin a new ministry among us and pray too for Jessica's current congregation, All Saints with Christchurch, Snodland in the Diocese of Rochester who will also hear this news today.

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Whatley Mrs K Gay 836175	Andrew Bramston 01373 836513 Rachel Nash clerk.whatleyparishcouncil @gmail.com

Roman Catholic Services

Mells: Sundays at 11.30am Frome: Saturdays 5.30pm.
Wednesdays 11.30am Sundays 10.00am

Quaker Services

Quakers (The Society of Friends) hold a Meeting for Worship every Sunday. 10.30 - 11.30 Christchurch Hall, Park Road, Frome, BA11 1EU
Children's meeting 10.10

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Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Anne have asked us to thank everyone involved in the process of bringing this new appointment to fruition.

ROUND AND ABOUT

LEIGH ON MENDIP OPEN GARDENS

Open Gardens and Heritage Trail in Leigh on Mendip, Sunday June 14th. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Visit our village on the Mendip hills and follow the trail to see gardens of all varieties and sizes and discover our fascinating heritage buildings. Hot and cold drinks, cakes and light lunches available all day. Programmes £7 from the Memorial Hall BA3 5QH. Proceeds to Friends of Leigh Church.

HOSPICE HOSTS TWO NOBLE GARDENS

Celebrating half a century of care, south-west Hospice Dorothy House is hosting not one, but two noble gardens this year.

The first, kindly hosted by Dorothy House Patron, Her Grace Miranda, Duchess of Beaufort at her private residence, Well Cottage on the Badminton Estate, offers a rare chance to explore a peaceful retreat, usually hidden from public view. Between



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The Hospice is also delighted to be partnering with award winning garden designer Charlotte Sanderson on her successful 'Pocket Garden' entry into the Royal Horticultural Society's inaugural show at the Badminton Estate, Gloucestershire. Running from July 8th to 12th, the garden entitled 'Shared Breath' highlights the collective reliance of all human beings on a finite, shared resource: oxygen. Its aim is to encourage meaningful conversations around death and end-of-life care and to raise awareness of the vital work carried out by the hospice charity, Dorothy House.

THE HEALTH KITCHEN

We're excited to introduce our new cooking classes at Mendip Country Practice where you'll learn how to prepare simple nutritious meals without over-spending. This friendly and practical session is designed to help you make healthier food choices, plan affordable meals and gain confidence in the kitchen. Whether you're cooking for yourself or your family, you'll pick up easy tips and recipes that fit into everyday life. Come along to meet others, learn new skills and discover how eating well can both be enjoyable and cost effective. Coleford food store will kindly support us by donating the food.

Call us today on 01373 812244 to book your space and take your first steps towards healthier, more affordable eating - we look forward to welcoming you on Monday June 15th at 2.00pm and on Monday July 27th, again at 2.00pm.

REPAIRS TO EGFORD BROOK FOOTPATH TO START

Repairs to the footpath that runs adjacent to Egford Brook (also known as Nunney Brook) is planned to start on June 1st and expected to take around six weeks to complete.

This work was delayed last autumn as the relevant licenses were not granted in time to ensure repairs could be completed outside of the fish spawning cycle.

This is now the earliest opportunity for Heidelberg Materials to get the work underway and ensure fish remain protected.

The repairs will be taking place on the path along the riverbank between Egford (close to Vallis Veg and Vallis Farm, at grid reference NGR ST 75709 48614) and the metal footbridge, (near to where the brook meets the Mells River, at grid reference NGR ST 75529 49076). Work includes repairs to the eroded riverbank, which has been subject to large scale bank erosion due to increased footfall and high winter river flows, as well as the installation of flow features that will help

to shore up the banks and provide enhanced and more varied fish habitats. The creation of specific 'dog-dipping' areas will also help reduce further erosion of the riverbank, without preventing four-legged users of the path from accessing the water.

The scope of work has been guided by input from both the Environment Agency, Natural England and The Wild Trout Trust. Necessary consents for the project have been secured from the EA and NE, plus we also have approval from Somerset Council's Public Rights of Way team to temporarily close the affected section of the footpath which includes parts of the Mendip Way.

Please note:

- Part of the car park on the access road to Vallis Farm will be used as a contractor's compound during the project. This means that parking facilities will be restricted and you are strongly advised that alternative parking locations are used until the work is finished.
- To ensure the safety of both path users and the specialist contractors the footpath FR14/60 will be closed while the work is being carried out. Please stick to the signage that will be in place and use alternative routes until the footpath is reopened.

Once the work is complete, Heidelberg Materials plan to install information boards about the riverbank and the wildlife that call it home.



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	7 th June	14 th June	21 st June	28 th June	5 th July
Chantry	10.00am Group Holy Communion Barry Davies	11.00am Morning prayer Val Rawlins	11.00am Holy Communion David Gatliffe	11.00am Morning prayer Val Rawlins	
Great Elm			9.30am Holy Communion Robin Isherwood	9.30am Morning Prayer Richard King	10.00am Group Holy Communion Service Catherine Llewelyn-Evans
Mells		9.30am Holy Communion Martin Weymont			
Whatley				09.30am Holy Communion Anthony Davies	

Mells Every Wednesday at 09.30, Matins/Morning Prayer, in St. Andrew's, Mells

Great Elm At 7.30am on Wednesdays Richard King leads a prayer session in church

Hardington Vale Church Services June 2026

Tuesday 2 June	9.00 am 11.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Ecumenical Holy Communion
Wednesday 3 June	8.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer Tellisford , Evening Prayer
Thursday 4 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer
Sunday 7 June	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Informal Breakfast Rode , Holy Communion Laverton , Holy Communion Rode Chapel , Meeting Place
Tuesday 9 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10 June	8.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer Tellisford , Evening Prayer
Thursday 11 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer
Sunday 14 June	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Rode , Informal Breakfast Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins Buckland Dinham , Iona/Taizé Service
Tuesday 16 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer
Wednesday 17 June	8.30 am 5.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer
Thursday 18 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer
Sunday 21 June	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford , Holy Communion Norton St Philip , informal worship Rode , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins Buckland Dinham , Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer
Wednesday 24 June	8.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington , Morning Prayer Rode Chapel , Informal Prayer Tellisford , Evening Prayer
Thursday 25 June	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip , Silent Prayer
Sunday 28 June	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Rode , Coffee & Contemplation Norton St Philip , Holy Communion Tellisford , Holy Communion Laverton , Matins Buckland Dinham , Iona/Taizé Service
Tuesday 30 June	9.00 am	Norton St Philip , Morning Prayer

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If you have any questions about this, or any other aspect of the operations at Whatley quarry and/or across Heidelberg Materials' local landholding, please do get in touch. You can reach them either by calling the free phone number, 0800 644 4234 or emailing them at whatley.quarry@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com

BUCKLAND DINHAM

CHURCH NEWS

The services for June are as per rota but do check our webpage or notice board for additional information.

COFFEE MORNING

The next meeting will be on June 20th when hopefully we will have good news about the lynch gate. While we did obtain a grant for the scaffolding, it has been a long time waiting for approval for the work to be done and many years since starting these coffee mornings to raise funds. We are very grateful for all your support, and I hope you agree they are indeed very happy social gatherings.

VILLAGE NEWS

YOGA, Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall. All details of WhatsApp.

BUCKLAND BUDDIES, Tuesday June 2nd, 7.15 for 7.30 in the Village Hall. At the May meeting Alex Carter entertained us with tales of his working career, and it was really nice that so many new people came to the meeting. We hope you will come again.

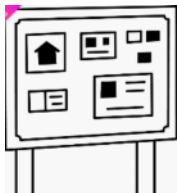
CRAFT DAYS, The next Craft Day will be on Saturday June 28th, 10.00am to 2.00 in the Village Hall. No meetings in July and August. *Jill Wright*

BUCKLAND DINHAM'S ANNUAL VILLAGE GATHERING (AKA APM) ON APRIL 27TH

Our intent this year was to create a more inclusive feel with informed and engaged discussions. Happily, we indeed had a highly informative and engaged Annual Village Gathering on April 27th- thanks to the new format, the teams who created/contributed displays and the more than 50 wonderful people who participated in discussions!

Part 1

The evening started with 10 information boards for us all to read and chat about *before* the discussions began. The topics came from the Parish Plan survey findings:



- * Communications
- * Traffic

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- * Amenities – Village Hall
- * Amenities – The Pub
- * Amenities – The Church



Part 2

Then the boards were swiftly cleared away and we formed a very large *oval* of chairs for our discussion in the round. Various topics were raised...

Local Environment: do we need more dog-waste bins? if so, how many? Where? Who'd install? Somerset Council. Who'd pay? Parish Council £200+ per bin. Who'd dispose of this public-health waste? SC. Who'd pay? BDPC £338 per year per bin. It impacts BDPC budget/precept and perhaps our council tax, but it may reduce dog fouling. Please come to our next **Parish Council Meeting, Thursday June 11th 7.00pm**, where this will be debated and decided – *see website for further information.*

Traffic and Speeding: Took three years work to get the 20mph speed limit, further three years to install the Speed Indicator Devices, with work by Parish Council and Community Speed Watch ongoing regarding enforcement. Sara



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Gallagher for Traffic, Travel and Transport Group has two projects: (a) install 'village gateway signage', research suggests these reduce traffic speed, (b) Autumn 'scarecrow trail' as a speed awareness project combined with fundraising for 'gateway' and fun for children.

Communications: John Stauber (website and comms team co-ordinator) asked us to complete a survey on the website and which communications we use, as guide for updates/improvements – *see website for findings*.

The Pub: Marlene asked us for events/activities we'd like the pub to put on – all ideas welcome!

Children: There are far more children in our village than we realise! We don't have a village school, so they don't all meet. More children-oriented events would be welcomed

Playing Field: Chris Durlacher (co-ordinator of Buckland Amenities Group) said they were organising a fun 'campout' night for children in the Playing Field, probably June 13th, *see website for details*. This would be part of the Fundraiser just launched for the new Playing Field Mower.

Open Gardens: Marlene asked if there would be Open Gardens this year. Joanne offered to organise this for next year – thank you Joanne! *See her Facebook post May 3rd*.



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Part 3 J

ust before we all celebrated with refreshments of wine and nibbles, Jill Wright presented Susie Hicks with a heartfelt thank you present from the whole village for all the work Susie has done and continues to do behind scenes for our community. Thank you

Susie!

Thank you to everyone who came and made the evening such a success!

Did you know...

We have this village gathering because every parish in England is required by law to hold one each year. They are for reviewing the past year's activities, discussing village affairs and voicing opinions on issues that matter to the community. The outcomes provide community guidance for the Parish Council. Sarah Barnett

OUR VILLAGE NEEDS NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

"What has the Parish Council ever done for us?" (with apologies to Monty Python's Life of Brian)!

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Diane Sleigh — Parish Clerk - clerk@bucklanddinham-pc.gov.uk

Or speak to any current councillor.

Events in June	
Mondays – Pilates for Cyclists - 6pm	Tuesdays – Chair Yoga - 10am
Wednesdays - Pilates - 9.30am	Wednesdays – Short-mat Bowls - 2.30pm
2 nd – Buckland Buddies - 7.30pm	9 th – Lunch Club – 12noon
14 th – Iona/Taize Service – 11am	20 th – Coffee Morning - 10am
21 st – Holy Communion - 11am	24 th – Byte Club - 6pm
26 th – Iona/Taize Service – 6pm	28 th – Strawberry Fayre 12noon
See www.Bucklanddinham.org for details	

CHANTRY

CHURCH NEWS

RIP ROBERT LEWIS

A service was held at Shepton Mallet Crematorium on Thursday April 23rd and followed by a service in Chantry Church on Thursday April 30th. The service was led by Rev Barry Davis and was very well attended.

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There were three hymns, a lesson and a lovely poem. Barry gave a very touching eulogy and invited members of the congregation to give their memories of Robert. Quite a few took advantage and spoke of how Robert had touched their lives. His ashes were interred near his brother John and his mother near the main gate of the church. The service was followed by a reception held in the church community area, with most people staying to talk of Robert and enjoy a selection of cakes and sandwiches, tea and coffee. We will miss you, Robert.

The June Group service will be held in Chantry Church on Sunday June 7th and will be led by Barry Davis, we look forward to seeing you.

Volunteers are requested to help with the flower arrangements in church. If anyone has the time and likes arranging flowers, we would be very glad of your help as we are missing Hazel, and it all falls on Valerie and Lauren. Please let Valerie know if you are willing to help, thank you.

FRIENDS OF CHANTRY NEWS

Thanks to all who came along to the Night River event - such a lovely evening enjoying brilliant singer/songwriters. Watch this space for details of the next intimate concert which will be taking place in September.

Also, a huge success was the Railford Mill walk along the wild garlic lined valley - thanks to the Williamsons for sharing their home and their knowledge.

June's Thirsty Third Thursday will be taking place on 18th June. Our fabulous pop-up pub is open from 6pm at Holy Trinity Church. Grab a drink, a sausage roll, and enjoy the chatter.

GREAT ELM

GREAT ELM CHURCH NEWS

The APCM was held on Tuesday 12th May at the Village Hall with three attendees plus the PCC.

Great Elm will be hosting the Benefice Communion on Sunday 5th July at 10am. Catherine Llewellyn Evans will be taking the service.

Future events planned: Sunday 26th July in the garden at Glebe House

At the moment the approximate outline for Mary Magdalene celebration plans is for a 'bring your own picnic lunch' with a barbecue on hand to do some cooking and have an afternoon of shared food and conversation with the backdrop of croquet and the swimming pool being open. Other activities may be added.

Open to all ages.

GREAT ELM VILLAGE HALL

After a long Covid-induced hiatus, the Annual General Meeting of the Great Elm Village Hall Management Committee was held on May 7th. The GEVHMC is a

registered charity, and its trustees are responsible for administering the village hall, which is leased from the church for the benefit of Great Elmers.

As elected chairman, I reported on the past two years activities highlighting various improvements completed during the period. These included the installation of a defibrillator and the repair of the southwest corner of the hall, badly damaged by a vehicle. In addition, the electrical circuits have been upgraded, and four new double-glazed windows have been installed. All these improvements add to the safety and comfort of all those who use it. These enhancements could not have been carried out without the generosity of Heidelberg Materials which supplemented insurance proceeds with donations totalling £16,300.

The hall generates income through hirings to local groups but is also reliant on donations from the community. These funds are raised through a range of community activities, including coffee mornings, harvest festival dinners, and most recently, a well-attended quiz night. These events not only support the hall financially but also help to strengthen bonds within the village.

I am grateful for the support of villagers who have contributed in various ways to the repairs, enhancements and activities of the hall and I extend my thanks to my fellow trustees for their unwavering commitment and hard work

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KAYLEIGH HOLDER AND TOBY COLLINS

Many congratulations to Kayleigh Holder and Toby Collins, who were married at St Andrew's on Saturday May 2nd. Kayleigh and Toby met at school aged 14 and married 14 years later. They welcomed their families, friends and dog Reggie to be part of the wonderful service, taken by the Rev Catherine Llewelyn-Evans. The bells rang out, the rain stayed away until after the photos

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We are also launching our Members Evenings, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the gardens after hours, when we both feel it to be at its most glorious.

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We thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon for what promises to be 'springtime's peak'

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Mells Parish Council held on Tuesday May 12th 2026
(full minutes can be found at mells-pc.gov.uk).

SOMERSET COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Somerset Council SEND Services: A recent report by Somerset Council had highlighted significant delays in the delivery of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), with between 0–5% of assessments being completed within the statutory 20-week timeframe. Without additional resource delays could reach a year.

Somerset Local Housing Needs Assessment: Somerset Council has published its latest Local Housing Needs Assessment, setting out the level and type of housing needed across the county from 2025 to 2045. The report highlights pressures around affordability, future housing demand and the need for accessible and specialist housing. full assessment can be viewed here: somerset.gov.uk/planning-



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Somerset Council Gritter Fleet Investment: Somerset Council has approved plans to invest up to £2.3 million in new gritter lorries over the next four years, replacing ageing vehicles within its fleet of 23.

Somerset Leisure Centres to See Limited Investment: Somerset Council has confirmed that no major investment will be delivered to its five leisure centres over the next two years, following the collapse of operator Fusion Lifestyle. The council has provided £370,000 of interim funding to keep sites in Frome, Glastonbury, Shepton Mallet, Street and Wells open while a new operator is procured.

Public Space Protection Order: Cllr Seewooruttun has submitted evidence of dog fouling and is waiting for a response.

Tree partially blocking stile on footpath FR10/56: This was removed very promptly by the quarry.

Overgrown vegetation on junctions: The PC is trying to find a contractor

PLANNING MATTERS

2026/0660/HSE & 2026/0661/LBC: Proposed raising of chimney stack for fire safety reasons – Honeysuckle Cottage, No objections

2026/0720/HSE: Erection of single storey extension – 25 Longfield. No objections

2026/0846/HSE: Change of material of windows and doors from timber to aluminium – Ems Cottage, Top Lane. No objections.

Appeal ref: 6003837 – Hillcrest: The appeal has been dismissed.

ITEMS TO REPORT / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Quarry liaison meeting: Cllr Henderson had just come from the meeting and reported that the quarry is actively investigating ways to reduce noise levels ie. the use of electric vehicles and acoustic cameras to identify noise spots. Drivers are also being asked to drive considerately. Cllr Henderson also reported that Westdown is likely to open at the end of 2027 which will halve the number of vehicles coming from Whatley quarry.

Tree removal at Pennys: Several residents had approached Cllr Brady about this. It is unknown what their intention is at this moment in time.

Vegetation on Vobster bridges: Clerk to report to Highways.

Finger post in Vobster: This is turning and therefore giving incorrect directions. A contractor is being sought to fix it.

Defibrillator training: PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 9th 2026 at 7.15pm in the Barn.
Joy Book, Clerk Email: clerk@mells-pc.gov.uk, tel: 07704 584953

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June 6th. TBC 7th Sue Pollock. 20th Mary Scott. 27th Marion Ransome

CHURCH NEWS. The collection from the May group service came to £81.25 (including gift aid) and is given to Fair Frome.

The PCC thank Marion Ransome for making a beautiful long divider curtain for St. George's chapel. It enhances the look of the church while ensuring that the chapel remains warm for the services in the colder weather.

VILLAGE NEWS.

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs. Hetty Williams who died at the end of April. Judy Uhrmacher, an old friend and neighbour of the Williams, has written this tribute for her.

Mrs. Hetty Williams.

Hetty, as she was fondly known, passed away at home in the Coachhouse, Whatley Courtyard, after a period of ill health, aged 92.

Her funeral took place at Shepton Mallet Crematorium on Thursday May 7th, and was attended by many family members and friends who travelled considerable distances, as well as local family and friends.

Hetty was a much-loved matriarch of her family; she was an amazing cook, marmalade maker, knitter, flower arranger and home maker, who will be much missed, especially by her loving family.

We extend love and sympathy to them at this sad time. Rest in peace, Hattie.

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*FRIENDS OF WHATLEY monthly meeting. ALL WELCOME.

Tuesday June 9th 6.15pm -7.45 pm

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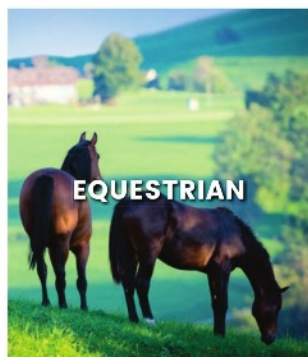
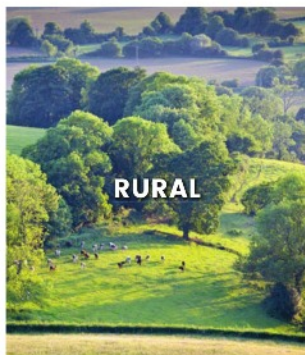
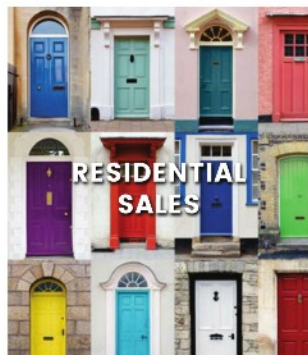
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