

Please send articles to:
Frances Dalton
Applecroft, Chapel Lane
Hankerton SN16 9LG
Phone: 01666577671
Email bgcdalton@aol.com
with "Grapevine" in the
heading



MRS HAZEL RUSSELL

Mrs Hazel Russell sadly died suddenly just before Christmas. Hazel taught for many years at Crudwell School up to her early retirement. So many children from Hankerton, now grown up many with children of their own, passed through her classroom. She will be remembered with great affection for her care and guidance.

Chris Betts

Hankerton Church Services February - April 2013

Feb	3 rd	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		4 pm	Young Church (activities)
	13 th		Ash Wednesday
		7:30 pm	Group Service Minety
	19 th	11 am	Morning Prayer
March	3 rd	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		4 pm	Young Church
	9 th	12-1:30	Lent lunch
	10 th	4 pm	Mothers Day Service – everyone welcome
	17 th	11 am	Morning Prayer
	28 th		Maundy Thursday
			Service followed by an meal
		6:30 pm	Hankerton
	29 th		Good Friday service of Devotion
		2 pm	Oaksey
	31 st		Easter Sunday
		9:30 am	Holy Communion
April	7 th	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		4 pm	Young Church
	18 th	7:30	Holy Cross ACPM
	21 st	11 am	Morning Prayer

Lent Courses will be advertised in the porch, we will be having them at each church. My thanks goes to all of you who came and decorated the church.
Sarah Wyman

Thank you to all those who supported the various services in December. There were good attendances for the Carol Service (well done to Ollie Moulder on the clarinet). The Christmas Day Service (thank you to Penny Hall for playing the organ) and the Group service, when we were joined by other nearby villagers. As in previous years, Nick Durnford kindly donated a large Christmas tree, which looked splendid in the North Aisle and was decorated by many of the Hankerton children.

Philip Carter, Churchwarden

Prayer draws us more closely into relationship with God, has an impact on the world and energises our Christian lives. Yet many of us find it a challenge. Bishop Lee encourages us to join together in this life giving discipline.

How would you describe your prayer life at the moment? Is it deep, intense and vital or perhaps superficial, cool and perfunctory? Put this way it sounds a rather intimate and private question!

We know that prayer is fundamental to Christian discipleship yet many of us recognise that our personal prayer lives are frequently not what they might be. This is especially true of our corporate prayer life.

Generally speaking prayer gatherings in our churches are thinly attended unless a particular event or tragedy has galvanised people.

At the heart of prayer is a living engagement with God and his purposes for the whole of life, sharing with the Father what matters to us and looking for what matters to him. Articulating our own hopes, desires and frustrations as well as being made conscious of God's.

Prayer draws us into a dynamic relationship with the Son and the Father through the work of the Holy Spirit. We may not know what we ought to pray for, as the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, but God's Spirit comes alongside and prays with us (Romans 8: 26-7). In this relationship of prayer, what we want and value counts and indeed influences how God acts and what is accomplished.

Yet through prayer our wills and values are also realigned with God, as Jesus illustrated in his openness to the Father's purposes in Gethsemane (Matthew 26: 39).

Prayer is not given to us as a burdensome task of discerning what God wants to happen and then praying accordingly.

Prayer is a gift before it is a task or discipline. As we give ourselves in prayer for the sake of others, God's own response is to give himself afresh to us.

In the summer of this year, Bishop Mike and I will be visiting deaneries to lead afternoons and evenings of prayer as an aspect of our Diocesan aims of growing in partnership, influence, commitment and numbers.

These days will be opportunities to gather before God with one another, to give thanks for the signs of God's presence and actions in the world and, most significantly, to encounter afresh the One who is able to accomplish immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3: 20-21).

Sam Cavender

THE OPENING

Are you willing to follow Our Lord?

His example you'll find in His Word

Clothe yourself in His humility, spread His Love around

Through your thoughts and actions in your heart, He is found

You have to learn to serve in the way He did with Love

To those who find their days are hard, just living they find tough

They need a helping hand, encouragement, relief

Spread the Word so they can find new life-blood through belief

Jesus loves us, knows us, through and through

He understands our struggles with sin, He faced temptation too

And still He loves us, He accepts us as we are

Don't hold back, knock at His door, you'll find it stands ajar

If you offer your belief then the door will open wide

His Love frees us to really live, why not step inside?`

Try to live as He, treat others gently too

And realise just how much it is that He loves you

Love one another, feel Our Lord's caress

Believe and Peace, through Faith, will follow with an end to bitterness

© Copyright Shelagh Dalton

24/7 Prayer

Over the last decade, the idea of 24/7 prayer – churches organising continual prayer for a period of time for the sake of God's Kingdom – has been spreading amongst churches in the UK.

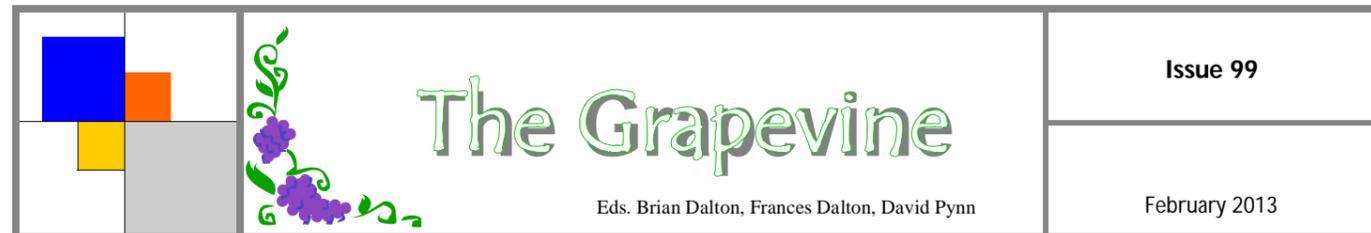
A parish in north Bristol, Bishopston & St Andrews, organised three 24/7 Prayer Weeks over the autumn period in 2012.

The parish has three churches and set aside a room with aids to prayer in one of the churches. Church members signed up for an hour (or more!) through the day and night.

"It has been really encouraging to hear stories of how people have encountered God in new ways for the first time through being part of 24/7 Prayer," says Bev Charles, a Licensed Lay Minister who oversees the parish's commitment to prayer.

"These prayer weeks have given great confidence and energy to our churches. They've also given church members the opportunity to hear from God and, in sharing that, contribute to the parish's vision."

If you would like to organise a 24/7 Prayer Week in your church, for example during Holy Week, visit: uk.24-7prayer.com



Issue 99

February 2013

Editorial

As we are still surviving, it seems the people who believe in the Mayan calendar were wrong yet again! The world did not come to an end, but it was one of the wettest years on record. With the fields still waterlogged and ditches full, we were fortunate in Hankerton not to have had any more flooding when the recent snows melted.

There is very little "fall" between Hankerton and the Swill Brook at Eastcourt, which is where most of our water drains too, so the best way to help prevent flooding in Hankerton is to ensure all water courses are as clear as possible. As the water levels drop, (ever hopeful) could we encourage any villagers with watercourses on their property to check that they are clear of silt and any other debris and are running as freely as possible.

Finally welcome back home to Joan and Sydney Roxam, who had to leave their house after it flooded towards the end of last year, we hope the refurbishing of your house will be completed soon.

North Aisle Community Area

Coffee Mornings 2013

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on Saturday mornings in 2012.

Over the past few years many people have enjoyed the company and coffee/tea in the North Aisle on a Saturday morning and we hope many more will come along to experience the friendly atmosphere in 2013.

The mornings, which have been run cheerfully for many years by Pat Manning, now have a number of volunteers who provide the same service.

Can you spare a couple of hours once in a while?

We are looking for volunteers for 2013 –

either sign up on the list in the church porch, or ring Anne Brown 577160

You will be asked to provide milk and biscuits (if you would like to be remunerated for this,

please contact Pat Manning) on 'your' day as well as be the host.

This is a pleasant way to do something that is much appreciated by all who come along and a good way to get to know people in the village.

If you have any ideas about uses for the North Aisle Community Area please contact a member of the committee – this is a village resource for village use.

The North Aisle Committee:-

Christine Betts, Anne Brown, Philip Carter, Valerie Durnford, Susan Mockler, Claudine Pynn

Carol Singing

On 20 December the usual stalwarts, somewhat reduced in number due to ill-health and trips away, gathered for our annual perambulation round the village. Fortunately the weather was fine and reasonably mild. It took us rather longer than usual as we didn't have the volume of previous years but we did recruit two very welcome new members along the way. Let's hope they'll come again from the start in future.

Due to everyone's generosity we raised the incredible sum of £280 which has been shared equally between:-

The Motor Neurone Disease Association and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions to a very successful evening whether it was in the form of cash, refreshments, voice or bonhomie.

Christine Betts & Claudine Pynn



Lane's Cleaner Windows
Pure Water Window Cleaning Technology
Conservatory, Cladding
Guttering and Facia Cleaning.

Tel: 01666 825920
Mobile: 07709 363325
Info@Lanescleanerwindows.co.uk
Call Ian for a free quotation

Ian Lane
7 Rodbourne Road, Corston
Malmesbury, Wiltshire
SN16 0HA

THE GEORGE VETERINARY GROUP



- ◆ Full 24 hour hospital centre for pets.
- ◆ Equine clinic with in-patient examination and exercise facilities

TETBURY 23 Church Street
01666 503531

MALMESBURY High Street
Surgery 01666 823165
Equine 01666 826456
Farm 01666 823035

www.georgevetgroup.co.uk





So at the end of 2012 it's time to review the season for Hankerton Golf Club. In the wettest season ever for the sport it is amazing that none of our players have suffered from trench foot. Only one Friday has been cancelled all year but on Friday 14th of December three (fool) hardy souls did venture to play at Bassett Down in the pouring rain. It is at these times that one wishes that a "Hat Cam" was available to record for posterity the sight of Brian, who very proudly said that "I always carry a spare pair of socks " hopping around the car park on one leg in the pouring rain and on gravel through the puddles trying to put on his "dry" socks. It was an unforgettable image. He did say that Frances promised him some new leak proof golf shoes for Christmas (probably now for his birthday). David was fully watertight in his "Callaway" high tech gear which he calmly stepped out of with his trousers as always with immaculate creases completely bone dry. David was hoping for a new 5 wood for Christmas we think that he had slippers instead, much more practical after all David remains the most consistent golfer in our Club.

John Edwards is the most improved player, it would appear that yet again he has played the season with the same ball, from Peru, apparently. (Did you find it on your travels before your golfing days John and thought it would come in handy one day?) We also wonder if Edna has found her clothes pegs that John has used to put up the Christmas lights along the guttering, really classy that one!!

Mike Goodwin is on a sabbatical at the moment and it is a joy to have him play with us, his huge drives are really something to behold, he is also full of ideas on how to get our club into the 21st century, like a Club diary, Club calendar, a match schedule and more challenging venues so we all can improve our golf, Mike took the writer to Tracy Park recently to expand on his ideas. There has been in the professional game a deal of discussion on Belly Putters, I will not expand on our members bellies, anyway in the Tracy Park Pro Shop they also had on sale Foot Wedges and Hand Wedges. Examples were purchased, initial results show a marvellous improvement in escaping from behind trees, against walls and in ditches by using this equipment (providing of course no one is looking) taking many shots off the score card.

Philip Selwood suggested several months ago that he would support a Hankerton Golf Club tour of Wales, a mass of information has been collected , from North, Mid, South and Southwest Wales. An executive decision has been made that the tour is to take place in the spring. David has "volunteered" to be tour manager so watch this space for final details. While mentioning Philip, we have it on good authority that Pam has already prepared a check list for the 7th Annual Barbeque. Pam no worries everything will work out just fine on the day. Several players this year have been injured, it happens to the super fit as most Hankerton Players are, amongst the injuries is one caused by tripping over a brussel sprout in a well known supermarket, another due to construction work. Both players returned from injury on the last game of the season at South Cerney, both played superbly, enough said!

We do miss the humour of Craig during the winter months and of course George who keeps us on our toes and within the strict rules of golf, all of us admire Georges lovely easy swing. Please both of you come back soon.

So to 2013, our 7th year of fun and laughter, back to the elation of a good shot that keeps us all coming back for more with this wonderful game, as a famous golfer once said "My favourite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered, but always swing hard in case you hit it." Happy Golfing and a Happy New Year.

Peter Jefferis

Every cloud has a silver lining

In this village we suffered flooding because the Swillbrook could not take away the surplus water as a result of the intense rain. As a result part of the field which is adjacent to Old Church Farm and which many folk will know as 'Cuff's Lane' became inundated from the brook. As the water gradually receded it became evident that two fish were isolated in a large puddle. Sarah Wyman and I managed to catch them and return to the brook.

I have been here for forty odd years and have never before seen or heard anyone say that there were fish in the stream. We think they were perch as they had broad strips around a round body and an up turned nose. The largest was a good 12 inches long and the smallest probably 6 to 8 inches. Their presence must indicate that the stream is clean and healthy. Perhaps confirming what we had hoped, but whatever good news.

Bunny Lees Smith

Foot Health Care

www.foot-health-care.co.uk

*Corns - Nail Trimming - Verruca - Hard Skin
Athlete's Foot - Ingrown Toenails - Nail Infections
Cracked Heals (Fissures)*

Sina Ohms MCFHP MAFHP

Foot Health Practitioner

Home Visits Tel: 01666 838683 Mob: 07593 324 128

Clinics available at:

Corsham Chiropractic Clinic The Chippenham Natural Therapy Centre
(87 Pickwick Road) (Above The Lodge Surgery)
Tel: 01249 716 683 Tel: 01249 443 390

The Oxford Street Practice Malmesbury
(5 Oxford Street) Tel: 01666 824 560

LIFESTYLE HEALTH & BEAUTY SALON

Established 20 years in Hankerton village
Clarins, Guinot, OPI Nails and Spray Tanning

Microdermabrasion, Footcare

Luxury Sellas Sunbed / ample parking

Vouchers as presents / order by telephone

10% off first visit with this advertisement

Tel: 01666 577636 for price list or appointment

Web lifestylehealthandbeauty.co.uk



Visit to Cloatley Manor in November 2012.

An interesting evening was kindly hosted by Julia Hart and attended by Rosey and Janet, nieces of the Hislops, and whose family lived in the manor for over 100 years. They brought photographs of the manor and family, maps (not seen before) and many memories of their visits, which made for lively discussions and reminiscing.

The material is now in the History Group archives and will be placed on display in the future.

Future events:

February 6th and 9th **A review of Church records.**

There will be an initial overview, in the morning, on Wednesday February 6th.

If anyone would like to come along, to organise information and record the contents, they would be most welcome.

Please contact Susan on 577526 for further information.

It is planned to have a small exhibition of these records on Saturday February 9th between 9 am and 12 noon.

With thanks to the Church wardens for access to the records.

March 14th Tues 7.30 pm The Battle of Gettysburg – another well-researched and interesting battle presentation from Craig McCallum.

April – dates to be advised.

Visit to the History Centre in Chippenham to follow up matters arising from the church records and Cloatley Manor.

May 21st. 7.30 pm AGM – a short AGM will be followed by an informal evening,

'Living Memories of Hankerton'.

We plan to have a small exhibition of photographs and informal chats about people's memories of living in Hankerton over the last 80 years. We will be including some written material and voice recordings from past residents.

Would you like to know about the farms and farming, schooling, village events, flooding, Hankerton without electricity and what winters were like etc.? Then come along and find out. Details of the group from Susan 577526.

Neighbourhood Watch

Many burglaries are opportunistic, not planned, and therefore fairly easy to prevent with a few simple precautions.

Make sure that your doors and windows have accredited locks and do use them especially when you leave the house, even for a short time. It is prudent to keep the doors locked when in the house especially if you are using noisy appliances or are upstairs. Don't forget when you are out in the garden too.

Keep keys out of view and not within reach from doors and windows.

Keep jewellery and valuables out of sight. Recent burglaries have targeted jewellery in particular so it is a good idea to photograph your good pieces so that if they are recovered you are more likely to get them back.

Never keep large sums of money in the house.

Never leave packaging from new acquisitions, like computers or televisions, outside with your general rubbish.

Don't forget the garden is a route into your property. Secure the garden gates, maintain your fence, plant a thorny hedge, secure outbuildings and lock ladders away so they can't be used for access.

KEEP SAFE

Claudine Pynn, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Wiltshire Good Neighbours has grown!

The scheme has proved to be very successful over the last 2 years and from January 2013 everyone living in rural Wiltshire will have a Good Neighbour Co-ordinator to call on. This has meant a few changes and the Co-ordinators are now based around the Wiltshire Council Area Board areas. I now cover the whole of the Malmesbury Area – hence the change of contact details – see below.

For the magazines, I try to do a topical theme and in Spring was foolish enough to talk of how to keep cool in the summer – did I jinx the weather? In the hope of a similar effect now, I am thinking of winter weather with snow and ice etc. You never know, it may not happen, but if it does....are **you** prepared? It's good to keep a list of emergency contacts close, e.g. friends and family, local tradesmen, electricity, oil and gas suppliers etc. Also a good idea to have a "kit" handy including some long life food, a torch, matches, candles. But most important is keeping warm. Make sure that you have easy access to blankets etc. If you are concerned about your safety in extreme weather conditions, call me for more information or to be part of the "Winters Journey" scheme. My number is **07557 922020** or email me at malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk.

Ellen Blacker

Hankerton Wives

The AGM will be held in The North Aisle Community Area, Hankerton Church on Wednesday 20 March 2013.

I shall be standing down as Leader, as I have served the standard term of Office. Since it has been quite difficult to organise events recently we need to discuss whether to continue in the current format, change the format or discontinue the group which was formed in 1959.

I would be grateful if as many members, as is possible, can attend so that we can come to a decision reflecting the views of the majority.

Claudine Pynn

Goldborough Garden Machinery



Broad Town, Wootton Bassett and Dauntsey

Tel: 01793 848027 (office)

Winter service for:

Cylinder, rotary and ride on mowers
Hedge cutters : Chain saws : Strimmers
Rotovators : Leaf blowers : Petrol disc cutters
Tool repairs: Handle replacement, blade sharpening etc.

Prompt efficient service
Collection and Delivery service available

07766 735685 (Maurice Nash)

07946 895104 (Roderick Hazell)

Be ready for next season

MALMESBURY FLOOD INFO



Helping communities help themselves

The Malmesbury Flood Information website and Facebook group began as a response to the flooding of 2012 with the aim of collecting together a lot of information in one place so that it is readily available to those living in Malmesbury and the villages. Building on the initial success of this site we have expanded it to also include information about other types of civil emergency.

The website connects you to local news media and social networking resources, information and advice, live river level data from the Environment Agency and sources of supplies and equipment such as sandbags and pumps.

www.malmesburyfloodinginfo.weebly.com

