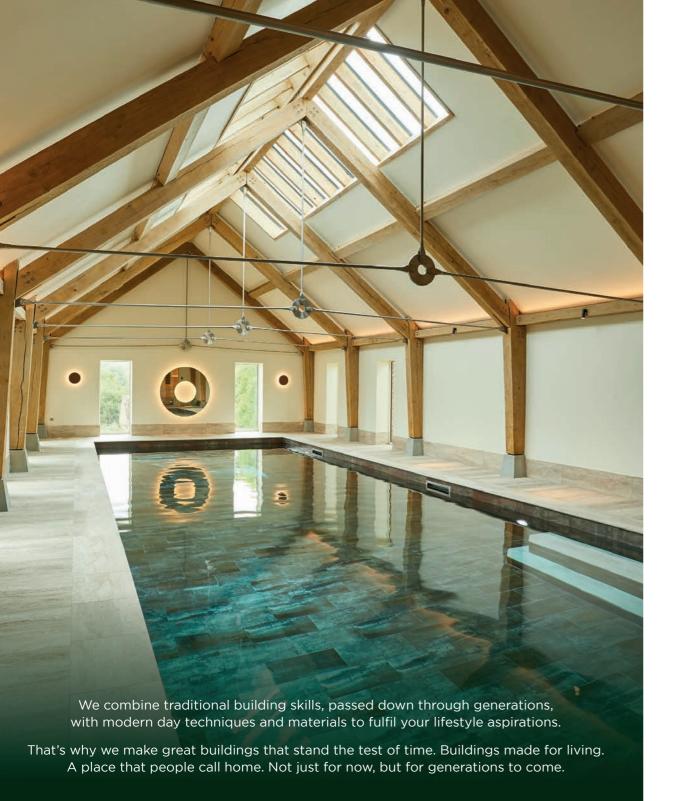


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Species of the month Bracken Peter Thompson, Barford St. Martin

If someone asked you what is the most common plant in the world, what would you reply? Some botanists believe that, among the vascular plants, this title should be awarded to none other than our native *Pteridium aquilinum*, more commonly known as bracken.

Bracken is found on every continent – except Antarctica – and can survive at sea level and as high as 3,000m above it.

Bracken, (the word originates from Old Norse and is related to the Swedish word 'braken' meaning fern), has also been around for some considerable time, with fossil records dating back more than fifty-five million years.

In spring, the new bracken growth pushes up through the ground like mysterious green shepherd's crooks (called fronds), which on fertile soils can eventually reach over 2 metres (6 feet) in height. Once a frond reaches about 3 or 4 years old it produces unbelievable numbers of spores on the underside of the leaves, numbering several million on each frond. Despite the vast number of spores released, conditions are only suitable for plant development within woodland and therefore it is not spores that are

responsible for the hugely successful spread of this plant, it is the plant's rhizomes.

Rhizomes are creeping underground roots that can spread the plant a metre or more in a year. Although any particular rhizome only has a lifespan of a few years, individual clones of bracken have been dated back to the Iron Age. For example, researchers wanted to know how big each bracken plant could grow, so they injected a chemical into the plant and then tested the bracken across a hillside. Imagine their surprise when they found the chemical reappearing up to 400 metres (1,300 feet) away, meaning that an individual plant could cover an area of 11/4 hectares (three acres), making it one of the world's largest plants when measured in total biomass.

Bracken has historically been used for several purposes such as animal bedding, covering potato clamps, mulch around garden plants and as a rich source of potash. Indeed, there is a company in Cumbria that harvests bracken in July every year when the nutritive value is at its peak and then composts it for 4 months, before selling it as bagged compost, rich in potash.

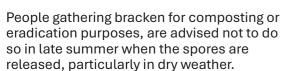
Witches were said to hate bracken because the Greek letter X – a symbol of Christ – was revealed when the stem was





cut. In Ireland, it was known as the fern of God because it was said that when the stem is cut at three points, each point displays a letter which together spell GOD.

Although a fascinating plant, bracken does however cause a few problems. The plant is carcinogenic if eaten by animals, but they will normally avoid it unless forced to eat it because nothing else is available. When the young fronds are damaged by a browsing animal, bracken produces hydrogen cyanide which quickly poisons the perpetrator. There are some species that have adapted so that they can eat the plant. One such species is the bracken sawfly, (right) which only feeds on this plants!



Once established, bracken can also dominate an area, blocking out light and building up a thick layer of litter, which limits the number of other plant species that can survive. This not only restricts the amount of grass available for sheep to eat, but the leaf litter layer is also an ideal habitat for sheep ticks to inhabit. It can also cause problems on heather moorland, smothering out the much smaller flowering plant.

Land managers used to use a chemical called Asulox to help keep the plant under control, which very specifically killed only bracken. However, this product was banned in December 2011, leaving them struggling to keep on top of the plant. As a result, the 'bracken control group' was formed,

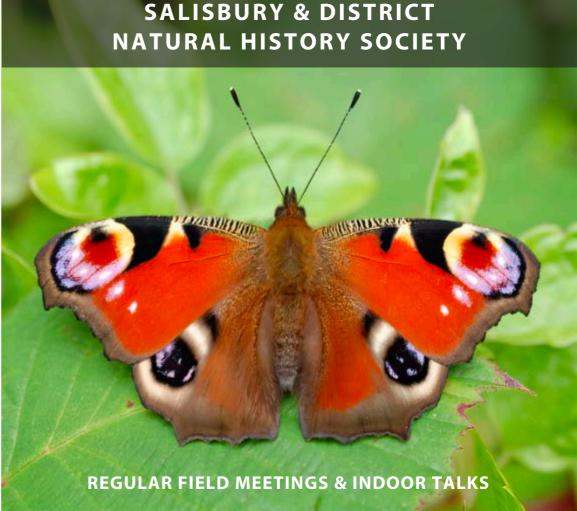


consisting of a wide range of people with expertise, to consider all control issues and techniques. These consist of the timeconsuming efforts of cutting, rolling and hand-pulling – all of which are only partially effective.

So, bracken has obviously experienced many changes in its 55 million years of inhabiting the earth, but does not look to be in any particular hurry to halt its march across the landscape any time soon.—PT

Peter Thompson lives in Barford St. Martin and has worked in conservation and farming all his life. He is Chair of the Salisbury & District Natural History Society and would be delighted if readers joined either the society's Facebook page or the society itself - or indeed both! If you are interested, please see details on the right.





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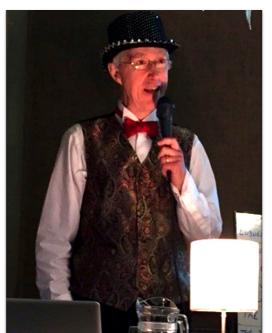


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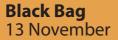
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A thought to ponder...

How long into the future do we commemorate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday?

Jan Kalinowski – Compton Chamberlayne

Each year, as autumn turns to winter, Britain pauses to remember the sacrifices of its war dead—those who served in the armed forces, as well as the civilians who suffered and died in the two world wars and in the many smaller conflicts that followed. Yet an inevitable question arises: how long should these acts of remembrance continue? As the generations whose fathers and grandfathers fought in those wars pass away, the living connection to these events grows ever fainter. What remains is increasingly an historical inheritance rather than a personal memory, a tradition sustained more by ceremony than by experience. For the young people of today, the world wars may already seem as remote as the Napoleonic, Crimean, or Boer wars once appeared to the baby boomer generation—a past worthy of respect, yet distant and abstract.

After the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815, Britain did not develop a lasting tradition of commemorating its fallen soldiers in the way we understand war remembrance today. The immediate response to the wars was one of triumph rather than mourning. Public monuments, ceremonies and publications celebrated the nation's victories and glorified its military leaders, but they rarely acknowledged the sacrifices of the ordinary soldiers.

In the years following Waterloo, commemoration took the form of grand monuments dedicated to celebrated commanders and victories. Admiral Nelson, who had died at Trafalgar a decade earlier, became the era's great martial icon, immortalised by Nelson's Column in London's Trafalgar Square, completed in 1843. The Duke of Wellington, victor at Waterloo, was similarly honoured with monuments such as the Wellington Arch at Hyde Park Corner, erected in the 1820s, and the monumental equestrian statue known as the Wellington Monument in Somerset, begun in 1817. These works expressed national pride and gratitude to leaders rather than grief for the dead.

Other memorials of the time reinforced this heroic rather than mournful tone. The Royal Hospital Chelsea houses a chapel memorial to officers who fought in the wars, while St Paul's Cathedral contains tablets and statues dedicated to naval figures such as Admiral Collingwood and









How long into the future do we commemorate **Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday?** continued

Captain Mosse. Even Waterloo Bridge in London, opened in 1817 and named to celebrate victory, served as a kind of living memorial to triumph rather than loss.

Across Britain, obelisks, arches and plagues appeared, but they invariably honoured commanders, regiments, or the abstract concept of victory, not the thousands of rankand-file soldiers who had perished.

Throughout the nineteenth century, public remembrance of the Napoleonic Wars remained cele-

bratory and patriotic. Annual commemorations of battles or widespread mourning for the fallen were unknown. The idea that a nation might honour all its war dead, regardless of rank, simply did not exist in British culture at that time. Occasional centenaries—such as those of Trafalgar in

1905 and Waterloo in 1915—revived public interest, but these events were treated as moments of pride in **British military** achievement, not as occasions of solemn remembrance.

Only after the First World War did Britain develop a culture of

national mourning, epitomised by the Cenotaph in Whitehall and the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. These memorials signalled a profound shift

in public senti-ment: the focus moved from glorifying victory to honouring loss. For the first time, remembrance was democratic—every soldier, regardless of class or rank, was to be remembered.

This transformation raises an important question for our own time: how long should we continue to commemorate the

fallen soldiers of the two world wars? The answer lies not only in gratitude but in responsibility. The wars of the early twentieth century shaped the modern world. They redefined freedom, democracy and the very idea of human rights. To forget them would be to risk repeating the

> mistakes that led to such devastation. Commemoration should therefore endure as long as these values matter indeed, as long as there are future generations capable of understanding their cost.

That, at least, is what we would hope. Yet in reality, the passage of time has already begun to erode the immediacy of those events. For the young generation of today, the two world wars are as far removed in history as the Napoleonic Wars were for the baby boomer generation—or even for their parents. What were once living memories are now distant stories. mediated through textbooks, films, and ceremonies that can feel increasingly abstract. The emotional connection that once linked families to the fallen has faded with the last veterans.

This does not mean remembrance has lost its meaning but it does suggest that its form must change if it is to endure. To keep the memory alive, commemoration must speak to the living, not merely honour the dead. It should continue not as an act of nostalgia, but as a reminder of what is at stake when peace is taken for granted. The soldiers of the world wars deserve not only wreaths and silence once a year, but a lasting place in national education and culture. Only then can remembrance remain more than ritual by becoming an active and enduring recognition of the human cost of war.— JK



Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood (1748-1810) was a British naval hero known for being second-in-command to Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar and for taking command after Nelson's death to secure a decisive British victory. A close friend and colleague of Nelson, he had a long naval career serving in various conflicts, including the American Revolutionary War and the Napoleonic Wars. He was created Baron Collingwood after the battle and later became Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.



Captain James Robert Mosse was a British Royal Navy officer (1745-1801) who served during the Napoleonic Wars and was killed in command at the Battle of Copenhagen. He came from a naval family, served in various campaigns including the Americas and the West Indies, and was promoted to Captain in 1790.







Wilfred Owen (1893–1918) was an English poet best known for his powerful and tragic war poetry from World War I. Born in Oswestry, Shropshire, he grew up in a modest family and showed an early love for poetry and literature.

In 1915, Owen enlisted in the British Army and was sent to the Western Front in 1916. There, he experienced the horrors of trench warfare—mud, gas attacks, and immense human suffering—which deeply influenced his writing.

While recovering from shell shock at Craiglockhart War Hospital in 1917, he met fellow poet Siegfried Sassoon, who encouraged him to write more realistically about the war. This period produced some of Owen's most famous poems, including "Dulce et Decorum Est," "Anthem for Doomed Youth," and "Exposure."

Owen returned to the front in 1918 and was killed in action just one week before the Armistice. He was 25 years old.

After his death, his poetry was published posthumously and came to define the voice of the disillusioned soldier, exposing the brutal realities of war and challenging patriotic propaganda.

One of the most admired poets of World War I, Wilfred Edward Salter Owen is best known for his poems "Anthem for Doomed Youth" and "Dulce et Decorum Est." He was killed in France on November 4, 1918.

Strange Meeting WILFRED OWEN

It seemed that out of battle I escaped
Down some profound dull tunnel, long since scooped
Through granites which titanic wars had groined.

Yet also there encumbered sleepers groaned,
Too fast in thought or death to be bestirred.
Then, as I probed them, one sprang up, and stared
With piteous recognition in fixed eyes,
Lifting distressful hands, as if to bless.
And by his smile, I knew that sullen hall,—
By his dead smile I knew we stood in Hell.



With a thousand fears that vision's face was grained; Yet no blood reached there from the upper ground, And no guns thumped, or down the flues made moan. "Strange friend," I said, "here is no cause to mourn." "None," said that other, "save the undone years, The hopelessness. Whatever hope is yours, Was my life also; I went hunting wild After the wildest beauty in the world, Which lies not calm in eyes, or braided hair, But mocks the steady running of the hour, And if it grieves, grieves richlier than here. For by my glee might many men have laughed, And of my weeping something had been left, Which must die now. I mean the truth untold, The pity of war, the pity war distilled. Now men will go content with what we spoiled. Or, discontent, boil bloody, and be spilled. They will be swift with swiftness of the tigress. None will break ranks, though nations trek from progress. Courage was mine, and I had mystery; Wisdom was mine, and I had mastery: To miss the march of this retreating world Into vain citadels that are not walled. Then, when much blood had clogged their chariot-wheels, I would go up and wash them from sweet wells, Even with truths that lie too deep for taint. I would have poured my spirit without stint But not through wounds; not on the cess of war. Foreheads of men have bled where no wounds were.

"I am the enemy you killed, my friend.

I knew you in this dark: for so you frowned
Yesterday through me as you jabbed and killed.

I parried; but my hands were loath and cold.

Let us sleep now. . . ."













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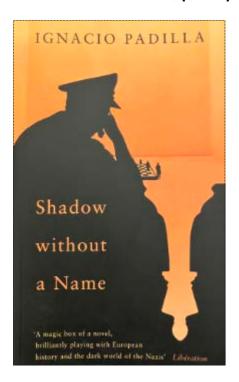


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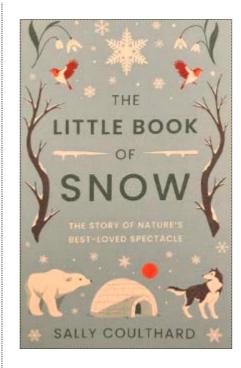
Welcome to Bookworm Corner!

Hallowe'en is now behind us for another year and pumpkin soup fills every freezer. The clocks have changed and Bonfire night is almost upon us with magical fireworks, jacket potatoes and, of course, sparklers to wave about in the air. So, once you have exhausted your enthusiasm for commemorating the Gunpowder Plot and continuing the historical theme, see how you get on with two of November's reading suggestions. The third is a lighter, but nonetheless fascinating, book on the theme of snow, perhaps to be read with a mug of mulled wine to keep you warm.



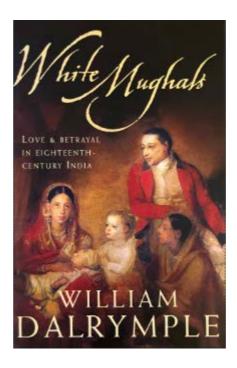
Shadow without a Name by Ignacio Padilla ISBN 0-7432-0731-9

In 1916 two men face each other over a chess board on a train going to the Austro-Hungarian Empire's disastrous Eastern Front. The winner takes the loser's identity as a signalman and lives out the war in safety. The loser faces certain death. In 1960 Adolf Eichmann, a master chess player, is arrested in Buenos Aires living under an assumed name, extradited to Israel and hanged. Years later, an old Polish count seems to know the truth of his identity... Who are these men?



Little Book of Snow by Sally Coulthard ISBN 9-781803-289915

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A hearty thank you to all the helpers!

60 guests gathered at the Mercure White Hart Hotel in Salisbury for the Rotary Club of Wilton's monthly Guest Night on Monday.

The evening was a thank you for helpers at the club's Mammoth Car Boot Sale and a celebration of a summer of extraordinary generosity by the public and volunteers.

Following a delightful two-course dinner, the Stars Appeal's Head of Fundraising, Dave Cates and three Stars Appeal Ambassadors (Mr Roger Humphry, Mr Sridhar Sampalli and

Dr Rowena Staples) shared inspiring stories of how the club's incredible fundraising over the years has changed lives — providing lifesaving equipment, care for premature babies and vital programs for seriously ill children. In a moving moment Dave shared the thank you

received by Gill Wade, who had used a new "by your side chair" funded by last year's donation to keep her promise and stay with her husband throughout his last days. Her husband was a former Wilton Rotarian, Colin Wade.

Responding to the presentation, club President Peter Edge told the audience that last year's summer events which included the Wilton Wake Ups enabled the club to donate £11,200 to the Stars Appeal; but added that this year, the club had broken all records! and unveiled a cheque for a staggering £15,000.

In addition to this and from the summer events the Club have also paid for a defibrillator for the Veteran Centre on Wilton Hill and will be providing the Wilton Community Nurses with a new Doppler machine.

Lord Pembroke, responded on behalf of the Stars Appeal, of which he is president, with heartfelt thanks, praising the Rotary Club's tireless dedication to volunteering and supporting the community.

Paediatric Consultant and Stars Appeal Ambassador Dr Rowena Staples said: "It is a privilege to receive this wonderful donation on behalf of our hospital charity the Stars Appeal.

> I thank everyone at Wilton Rotary Club and their many friends and supporters for their committed ongoing support. I also record my thanks to our president

Lord Pembroke whose support has been instrumental in making this donation possible. This marvellous gift will enable us to continue to make a difference to local children and adults being treated at Salisbury Hospital."

In summing up club secretary Andy Rhind-Tutt explained that when the Wilton Rotary Club was founded, it's very first fundraiser was for an incubator for premature babies at the hospital and tonight 47 years later we are still providing help and demonstrating a legacy of care and compassion.

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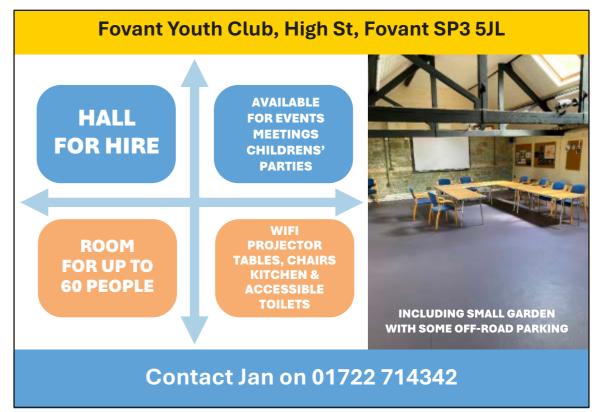
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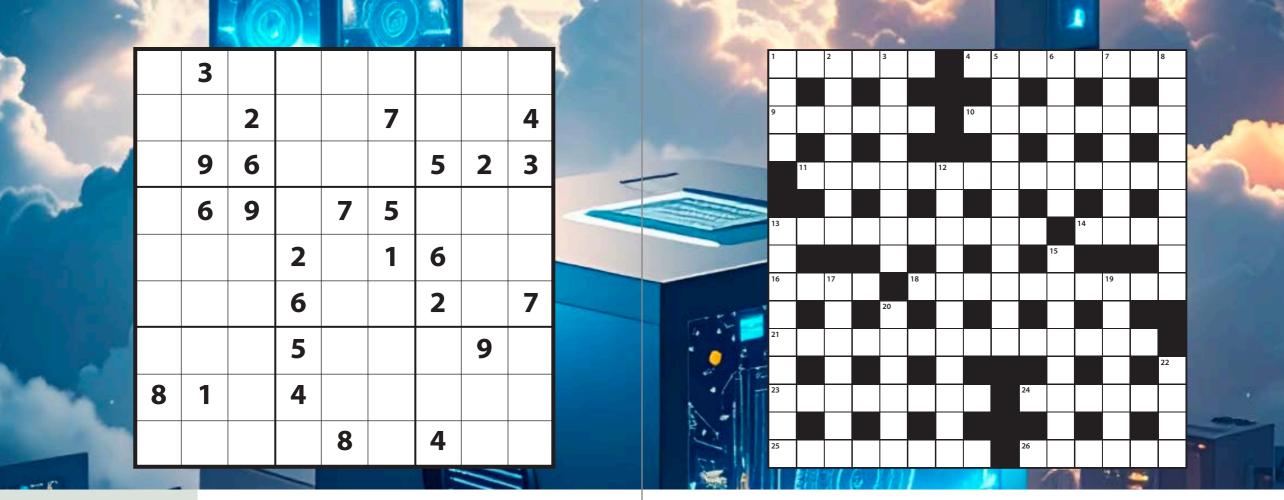
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November's Brain Gym

SOLUTIONS ON SPREAD 21

Across

- 1 American folk songstress and activist who wrote the 1987 autobiography And a Voice to Sing with (4,4)
- 5 Large silvery game fish, related to the herring, which inhabits warm Atlantic coastal waters especially off Florida (6)
- 10 Indian city formerly called Madras (7)
- 11 ____ Peninsula, the area in Central America which separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean Sea (7)
- 12 The last or perfect stage of an insect's development (5)
- 13 Latin term meaning "with stronger reason" (1,8)
- 14 A series of chalk cliffs overlooking the English Channel, between the Sussex towns of Seaford and Eastbourne (5,7)
- 18 A lady in the service of a queen or princess (4,2,6)
- 21 A Mexican dish consisting of a rolled stuffed tortilla cooked with a chilli-flavoured sauce (9)
- 23 A tree of the betel nut genus of palms, native to southeast Asia and the Indian subcontinent (5)
- 24 Nationality of Dana International, winner of the 1998 Eurovision Song Contest (7)
- 25 A native or resident of the American state of Indiana (7)
- 26 Another name for the prairie-wolf of North America (6)
- 27 A semiprecious mineral mined in Derbyshire, a form of fluorite with purple-blue or yellowish bands (4,4)

Down

- A weekly British magazine for girls, founded in January 1964, whose first female editor was Nina Myskow (6)
- 2 Single recorded by the Kinks which reached number five in 1970 (6)
- 3 A highwayman or outlaw, especially in Spain or Mexico (9)
- 4 Pioneering cookery writer who said "Every day holds the possibility of a miracle" (9,5)
- 6 A type of necktie with broad ends that are tied to lie one across the other (5)
- An organism or substance that causes disease (8)
- A Japanese martial art, teaching stealth and camouflage (8)
- 1952 mystery-romance film starring Olivia de Havilland, based on the novel of the same name by Daphne du Maurier (2,6,6)
- 15 Richard ____, the Executive Chairman of football's Premier League since 2014 (9)
- 16 Someone who suffers from loss of memory (8)
- 17 Nickname of the cowboy Harvey Logan, one of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid's infamous Wild Bunch gang (3,5)
- 19 White sheep originating in southwest Spain which produces a fine fleece of exceptional quality (6)



Church Services November 2025

DATE

2 November

All Saints/All Souls 4th before Advent

9 November

Remembrance Sunday

3rd before Advent

Remembrance Day

16 November

2nd before Advent

23 November

Christ the King Next before Advent 30 November Advent 1

Lower Nadder Benefice Services

11 November

Barford St Martin
Baverstock
Compton Chamberlayne
Dinton
Fovant
Sutton Mandeville
Teffont Evias
Teffont Magna

11.15	AAC Patronal	ЕВ
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09.30	AAC	EB
08.00	HC _{O2T}	EB
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10.50	Remembrance	МН
10.50	To Barford	-
10.55	Remembrance	EB
10.50	To Barford	-
10.50 12.00	Remembrance (at Village Hall)	MG
10.50	To Fovant	-
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10.50	Remembrance	DW

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09.30	HC _{BCP}	AP
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09.30	AAC	EB
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16.00	AAS	EB
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-	-	-

09.30	AAC	MG	10.00
-	-	-	-
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09.30	Mcw	EB	-
09.30	PC	ВН	-
-	To Fovant	-	-
11.15	AAC	EB	-
-	-	-	-

10.00	PC	+RC
-	To Barford	-

Upper Nadder Benefice Services

Ansty
Chicklade
Hindon
Chilmark
Fonthill Bishop
Fonthill Gifford
Swallowcliffe
Tisbury

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9.30	PC _{BCP} Patronal	JN
15.00	All Souls	JA/JN
11.15	AAC	JN
17.00	E _{BCP}	JA
08.00	HC _{BCP}	JN
11.15	PCT	МН
09.30	AAS	JA

	To Swallowcliffe	
18.00	Evensong	JN
10.50	SoR	JN
10.50	SoR	+RC
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10.55	SoR	JD
10.50	SoR	JA
09.30 14.45	PC SoR at War Memorial	MC TCC

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10.50	AoR	JN
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10.50	AoR at War Memorial	RBL

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18.00	E _{BCP}	JA
11.15	AAC	ВВ
09.30	Мвср	JA
-	-	-
08.00	HC _{BCP}	МН
09.30 18.00	PC E _{BCP} Choral	MG MH

11.15	AAC	JN
-	-	-
09.30	PC	МН
11.15	MP	LAY
-	-	-
11.15	Мвср	МН
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08.00 09.30	HC _{BCP} PC	TH JN

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	10.00	PC _{BCP} Benefice Service	JN/JA
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SERVICES

HC

AAC All Age Communion All Age Service AAS BCP Book of Common Prayer CbE Communion by Extension CE Choral Evensong (BCP) CW Common Worship Ε Evensong or Evening Prayer FC All Age Family Communion

Holy Communion (said) HCO2T/C Order 2 Communion, traditional/contemporary

Mattins or Morning Prayer MPr Morning Praise

PC Order 1 Communion (with hymns) PCT Order 1 Communion,

traditional language (with hymns) Order 2 Communion, PC₀₂T traditional language

(with hymns) PC_{02T/C} Order 2 Communion,

traditional/contemporary

Reflective Servic RS SoP Songs of Praise

SoW

All Age Service of the Word

CLERGY

Canon Judy Anderson Elaine Brightwell Michael Camp Bishop Richard Chartres Bruce Duncan JD Julie Dunstan MG Michael Goater BB Barry Blackford

> BH Barney Hopkinson Mark Hayter TH Tim Hillier

AP Andrew Poppe JN Jo Naish TM Tony Monds Joanna Percival AT Anthony Thomas

David Wood DW

Healing & Wholeness An opportunity to share and to pray in stillness for all those

for whom we care. Whether you wish to pray for someone you know who needs prayers, or for a situation near to your heart.



St Andrew's Chapel St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury

"Do not be anxious about your life" says the Lord "fear not for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"



A Thin Time

This time of year is what the ancient Celtic people might have called a "thin time" – when the veil between the visible and invisible seems a little more transparent.

In the western hemisphere, things are both fading and fruiting, dying and blazing with colour. The nights draw in, and we're drawn inward too. I find myself becoming quieter, more reflective.

Our churches will mark All Hallows, now known as All Saints day (November 1st), All Souls (November 2nd) and Remembrance Sunday. Yet even if you never set foot in a church, consider: these are days that hold meaning for us all.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... so begins one of the most beautiful lines in the New Testament, from the Letter to the Hebrews. The 'witnesses' are the illustrious departed whose lives still offer abundant inspiration and encouragement. The writer of the Letter goes on to encourage us to lay aside our burdens: the 'baggage', as we say, that slows our steps on the journey of life. When we lift our gaze for a moment from daily preoccupations – bills, news, the endless to-do lists – and remember those who have gone before us, something shifts within us.

Whether they are people we have loved, or those who have inspired us, or those who gave their lives in war, remembering them widens our sense of belonging. We can be steadied by remembrance. It reminds us we are not the first to face uncertainty or loss, and we are not alone in seeking courage and meaning.

Who among us isn't anxious about the state of the world? And who wouldn't welcome a little more wisdom or bravery for these complicated times? Perhaps that strength might come from placing ourselves gently in the company of those who walked before us—the ones whose kindness, faith, humour, or persistence still ripple through time.

So, as the leaves fall and the evenings draw in, I wonder what this season stirs in you. Whose presence do you feel in your own "cloud of witnesses"? Who, in your life, has been a quiet saint — someone whose example still steadies your heart?

May their memory be a soft lamp in the darkening days, guiding us all with quiet courage and grace.

Julie Dunstan











TEA and CHATS

We are having a tea and chat afternoon all about beekeeping by Adam Wilson and Frances Lamb, two local beekeepers.

THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER

2-4pm in the church.

There is no charge.
Donations for the church please?
Thank you. Jenny Barrett
jennybarford@gmail.com

"The annual collection for the Children's Society house collection boxes will take place as usual after Remembrance Sunday.

The Children's Society

I will be calling to collect all donations during the week commencing 10th November 2025.

Children's needs cannot wait for change, as at the moment far too many children and young people are being made to wait for the help they desperately need and thanks to you for your kind donations they will not have to."

Sue Haddock





A Doctor Explains.....

Dr Lindsay Kinlin has expanded her successful and very well received talks on various medical issues. Dinton has also now agreed to host these informative and often amusing discursive talks which take place at Fovant Village Hall on the 4th Thursday of the month at 4pm, and on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Dinton Village Hall. It's an open invitation to ALL who may be interested (patients and others alike, wherever you live). **www.fovantvillage.com/health-well-being**



Dr Kinlin's Focus Sessions

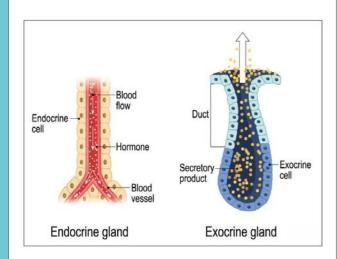
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Dinton Village Hall 4 - 5pm

Thur 27 Nov

Fovant Village Hall 4 - 5pm

'Hormones'



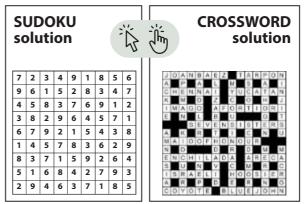


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USEFUL INFORMATION

SALISBURY HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

SUMMER (1 April - 31 October) 9.00am - 4.00pm CLOSED ON THURSDAYS

WINTER (1 November to 31 March)
10.00am - 4.00pm

CLOSED ON THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS

Stephenson Road,

Churchfields Industrial Estate SP2 7NP Tel: 01722 322309

MEDICAL

SPRING ORCHARD SURGERY

Telephone: 01722 714789 Spring Orchard Surgery, High Street, Fovant, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5JL

OLD ORCHARD SURGERY

Telephone: 01722 744775 Old Orchard Surgery, South Street, Wilton, Salisbury, SP2 0JU

SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Odstock Rd, Salisbury SP2 8BJ

NICHOLSON AND BOUGH CHARITY FOR BARFORD ST MARTIN RESIDENTS

Telephone: 01722 744546

or write in strict confidence to: Clerk to the Trustees, 2 The Poplars, Barford St Martin, SP3 4AR

THEATRES/ART

Salisbury Playhouse

Malthouse Lane, Salisbury SP2 7RA Tel: 01722 320333

Salisbury City Hall

Malthouse Lane, Salisbury SP2 7TU Tel: 01722 434434

Salisbury Arts Centre

Bedwin St, Salisbury SP1 3UT Tel: 01722 321744

Odeon Cinema Salisbury

New Canal, Salisbury SP1 2AA Tel: 0333 014 4501

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

HEAD OFFICE

Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN

BOURNE HILL

Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 3UZ Council offices are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am until 5.30pm

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL SERVICES

Worried about a child?

If you believe a child or young person is at risk of significant harm, neglect or injury, report your concerns to the Multi-Agency Safequarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 4560108.

Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 4560108 **Adult Care**Tel: 0300 456 0111

adviceandcontact@wiltshire.gov.uk

Benefits
Tel: 0300 456 0110
benefits@wiltshire.gov.uk

Blue Badges

Tel: 01225 713002 bluebadge@wiltshire.gov.uk

Building Control

Tel: 0300 456 0113 buildingcontrol@wiltshire.gov.uk

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Early Help

Tel: 01225 718230

Children's Services

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Tel: 01225 757985

Children's Services Social Care

Tel: 01722 438165

COMMUNICATIONS

(press and media related enquiries) Tel: 01225 713115 or 01225 713370 communications@wiltshire.gov.uk

Corporate Investigation Team

01249 706456

investigations@wiltshire.gov.uk

Council Tax

Tel: 0300 456 0109 counciltax@wiltshire.gov.uk

Elections

Tel: 0300 456 0112 elections@wiltshire.gov.uk

Early Years and Childcare

Tel: 0300 003 4561 earlyyears@wiltshire.gov.uk

Fraud Hotline (24 hours)

Tel: 01249 706456

Highways

Tel: 0300 456 0105 or to report non-urgent highway defects.

Homes4Wiltshire (housing register)

Tel: 0300 456 0104 homes4wiltshire@wiltshire.gov.uk Housing Options/Homelessness homeless@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01722 434233

Parking

Tel: 01249 706131 parking@wiltshire.gov.uk

Pest Control, Noise and Pollution, Environmental Health

Tel: 0300 456 0107 customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Tel: 0300 456 0114 developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Tel: 0300 456 0102

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