

# MOMSS MAGAZINE



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Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell,  
Sutton Mallet and Greinton

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## ***FROM THE EDITOR***

At last rain! Our gardens and fields so desperately need soft gentle rain. Our trickling streams, babbling brooks, controlled and channelled canals, rushing rivers and gasping reservoirs need replenishment. Unrepaired, broken water mains and hosepipe bans are not nice for people to experience visually or physically.

We do not want tremendous downpours which only cascade across the concrete-hard surfaces created by the severe hot weather during June and July. Yes soft, gentle, rain please!

In this month's edition we give you reports of happy events, sad events, mystifying information and revealing facts. Whatever sparks your interest stroll through our pages, enjoy the contents, relax and remember the events you attended or plan to attend. Take heart that the magazine is here again thanks to generous grants and donations and strives to serve and deliver items of interest and importance.

Enjoy August, and holidays, and relax, as you sit indoors looking out at the rain we so badly need. We may even get some more hot, sunny days again.

We will be with you again in September with more reports, pictures and facts.

Sincerely, Anita.

Anita Winslade, Editor



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**SOMERSET FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## Ashley Fox, MP for Middlezoy and Othery

I stood to be your MP because I wanted to make a difference. To help people with real problems, speak up on the issues that matter to our area, and make sure Middlezoy, Othery and surrounding areas aren't forgotten in Westminster. One year in, I hope I've made that difference. Over the past twelve months, my team and I have helped with more than 5,000 cases. I've held regular advice surgeries around the constituency and even set up pop-up stalls in supermarkets so people can speak with me directly.

In Westminster, I've spoken in the Commons 124 times and submitted 197 written questions to ministers. I secured a debate on the proposed salt marsh at Pawlett Hams and used it to raise local environmental and flood concerns. I hope I played a small part in seeing off EDF's absurd plan. I've pressed for better broadband connections, challenged tax thresholds that unfairly hit pensioners on modest incomes, and opposed the Sentencing Council's now-abandoned guidance that risked creating a two-tier justice system.

I've kept up the pressure on Somerset Council to get a grip on the Celebration Mile roadworks and to sort out the wider roadworks chaos in and around Bridgwater. I've raised concerns in Parliament about the lack of bus services. I've supported local parents pushing for a rebuild of Haygrove School and urged ministers to improve access to NHS services right across the Constituency. I've also spoken out against the "family farm tax", which threatens the future of farming in our part of Somerset.

It's been a busy year, and I've learned a lot. Thank you for the trust you've placed in me, it's a real privilege to serve as your MP. There's still plenty more to do and I'll keep working hard every day on your behalf.

If you need assistance or would like to raise any concerns, please feel free to get in touch at [ashley.fox.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:ashley.fox.mp@parliament.uk) [www.ashleyfox.org.uk](http://www.ashleyfox.org.uk) Facebook: Ashley7Fox



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## Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet and Greinton



I've loved meeting lots of you and this summer, I'll have more village 'surgeries', so please come along, say hello and tell me what matters to you.

After hearing from local residents about road safety, I've raised speeding traffic in Parliament. I know this affects many of you and it's so frustrating that often the law is there, ready to be used, but there are not enough Police to take action when laws are broken. I'm concerned about speeding and will continue to press for stronger action. Thank you if you've contacted me about this.

Over the last month, I've spoken about:

- \* water safety and the need for everyone to learn to swim
- \* the fifth anniversary of the Covid-19 outbreak
- \* management of the contract for electronic tagging of prisoners
- \* the few who've been excluded from the Government's Infected Blood Compensation Scheme
- \* use by the NHS of different computer software systems – even in departments in the same hospital - which can't 'talk' to each other, thereby compromising patient safety and care

My next regular 'surgeries' are:

Friday 1 August from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm at The Red Cow, Brent Knoll

Friday 1 August from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Ashcott Village Pub Night

Saturday 9 August from 7.00pm to 10.00pm at The Bluebird Café, Wedmore

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

I'll also be running two surgeries exclusively for young people aged 12 - 18. Please call my office for information.

Thank you.

Tessa

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## **SOMERSET SIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Somerset Sight is a local charity that has been supporting sight impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 we proudly won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

One of the services we offer is the Volunteer Visiting Service, whereby volunteers are matched locally with a sight impaired person for regular visits for company and support and to alleviate their loneliness and isolation.

Volunteer visitors help with a variety of tasks such as reading, correspondence, or making appointments, going out for a drive or just a cup of tea and a chat. Many volunteers get great satisfaction and enjoyment from their voluntary work, many friendships are formed and the people they support very much look forward to their visits, some telling us that it is the highlight of their week. Full training is provided and we cover all reasonable expenses. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like further information, please phone 01823 333818 or email [admin@somersetsight.org.uk](mailto:admin@somersetsight.org.uk).

*Alex Finlayson, Administrator, Somerset Sight*

## **SKY AT NIGHT**

### **Sky at Night**

#### **August**

#### **Sunrise Sunset**

Beginning of August 5.38-8.58pm

End of August 6.24am-7.59pm

#### **Moon Phases**

First Quarter 1st / Full Moon 9th / Last Quarter 16th / New Moon 23rd

Setting around 10.30pm during August by the end of the month Mars disappears into the Sun's glow, not to be seen again until next year. Earlier at around 9.30pm Saturn appears in the east, then in the early morning Venus and Jupiter shine brightly and if you look east on the 12th you will see these two planets very close together,

#### **Constellation**

Cygnus the Swan is another constellation which actually looks like its namesake.

Deneb, one of the bright stars of the Summer Triangle asterism, marks the swan's tail, with other stars forming its outstretched wings and with a fainter star marking its head. This faint star is Albireo and is in fact a double star and is one of the most beautiful in the sky. The smallest of telescopes will show Albireo as two jewels, one golden and one blue. Cygnus seems to fly through the Milky Way galaxy which is split here by a dark cloud of dust noticeable in binoculars. This is known as the Great Cygnus Rift.

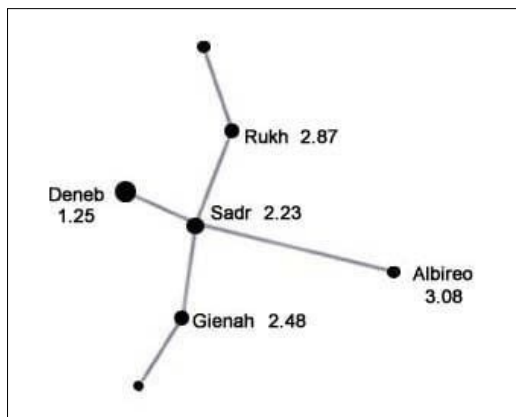
#### **Phenomena**

The famous Perseid meteor shower peaks on the night of 12th/13th but unfortunately moonlight will wash out some of the fainter meteors, although some brighter ones may be seen.

*Paul Adamson 01823698156*

## **SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS**

At our August meeting club committee member Brian Fraser will present the John Martin Memorial talk which this year is on the Robotic Exploration of Mars.





We also have a night sky guide for the month ahead and astronomy news.

Admission is £3 with membership available.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 August in Othery Village Hall, Fore Street, Othery, TA7 0QU.

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[somersetlevelstargazers@hotmail.com](mailto:somersetlevelstargazers@hotmail.com)

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## FARM DIARY

This is written for non-farmers who live surrounded by farmland.

**In the Field.** Drought continues and this was one cause for last month's negative tone.

Maize which is spring sown is a disaster in this area of central Somerset. Prices of alternatives have gone through the roof. The farmer himself pays for or funds all this and also takes the risk in the first place. This writer sells the straw behind the combine on an area basis. The buyer bales and hauls the straw at his own cost. Prices for this are more than double last year's prices. Likewise dairy farmers have been feeding next winter's silage to cows as there is no grass growth in the current drought conditions. The price of wheat has not moved in the same way, as it is set internationally. At this point in time that means that wheat prices, for example, are just below last year's figure. It helps that fuel is marginally cheaper than this time last year. The combine runs at a high and constant r.p.m. as the internal threshing mechanism needs to run at constant speed. With a semi-automatic gearbox the forward speed can then be altered to suit crop conditions by

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simply moving a lever forward or backwards for higher or lower speed. As regards the cereal harvest this is two to three weeks early which is very unusual. Normally starting at the end of July it started at the beginning.

Yields are correspondingly lower.

**Red Tape.** It used to be the case that every party trying to become elected to form the next government promised to reduce red tape. Farmers are surrounded by it and we have seen no reduction over the years. For example, we have to apply to the Environment Agency for exemptions to handle our own waste and not use a licensed waste contractor. One cannot argue against such obvious prudence. Except that in the detail this is burdensome. For example, when cleaning out our own ditches we have to apply for this exemption to put the ditching, the waste, on our own ditch banks. Also, an exemption is required to put mulch or our own fleeces around newly planted trees. An exemption is required to burn non-treated timber. This writer assumes that an exemption for burning treated timber would not be given. Of course, at the root of all this is that farmers cannot be relied on to manage the environment themselves. These exemptions have to be applied for annually.

*Richard Graham*



## **WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION**

The Somerset branch does not meet in August however on Wednesday 13 August at 11 am we are going to meet in Mells where there will be a brief talk on the church, memorials and graveyard.

If you would like to join us please let me know so I can give you the final arrangements.

*Pat Adamson*

*Secretary, Somerset branch, WFA 01823 698156*

## **PARTY IN THE POST HOUSE GARDEN, MOORLINCH SUNDAY 10 AUGUST FROM 2.30 PM ONWARDS ...**

It's back for 2025 ... the party with music in Audrey's Garden at the Post House in Moorlinch.

In addition to other performers, the Mendip Swing Band will be entertaining us and encouraging a bit of happy dancing on the lawn.

There will also be a Raffle and Auction of Promises in aid of the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance and other charities.

Bring a drink and a picnic and enjoy the afternoon/evening.

Entrance £5 – Children £3

Let's Go Party ...

*Audrey Warner*



## **FROM REV KELVIN AND PAT**

### **Retirement Tea Party on 5 July**

Thank you for a splendid Tea Party to celebrate my Final retirement. It was good to see so many of you who kindly came to wish Pat and me a happy retirement.

We came to the village in 2002 having retired from serving in Puriton and Pawlett. One of



the main reasons was that I knew Canon Mike Peters, the other being the view of Glastonbury Tor from my study window in Highlands. During my time here my time has been spent helping in the benefice by



taking services; at St Mary's and other churches in Bridgwater; a spell as priest-in-charge at Westonzoyland and Chedzoy; and conducting funerals at Sedgemoor Crematorium. It has been a full retirement so far.

But now the phone doesn't ring that often and we can concentrate on doing ordinary things – the garden, shopping, etc as our medical conditions allow. The main task seems to be a drive to Langport Surgery.

Our thanks are due to Ian and Jean and the other churchwardens for organising Saturday. To the ladies who baked, gave, and served the drinks and refreshments. To Coryn for Pat's beautiful flowers. But most of all to all who came. WE are not going anywhere so I hope to see at least some of you Sunday by Sunday at the various churches I have grown to know and love.

Finally thanks to all who kindly made voluntary donations to the charity that we suggested. The result so far is over £300. It will be given to Research into Cancer of Children via the Bristol Children's Hospital, where I was a patient 88 years ago.

May God bless you all,  
*Kelvin and Pat.*

## **BENEFICE REORGANISATION**

As you may be aware, the MOMSS benefice has been without a vicar since Rev Andrea Harwood retired from the half-time post as Priest-in-Charge in July 2024. Due to a financial decision by Bath & Wells diocese to dispense with 1.5 parish priest posts

  
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from our Deanery, a proposal is currently being considered that the position will not be filled, the MOMSS benefice will cease to exist and the various church parishes in the MOMSS benefice will be incorporated into neighbouring benefices.

There has been a lot of consultation between various interested parties and further meetings are being planned. The current situation is that nothing has been definitely agreed or settled upon yet, but it is important that the people of our villages are aware of what is happening before any proposed changes take place.

Middlezoy and Othry may possibly join the Athelney benefice of Burrowbridge, Lyng, North Curry and Stoke St Gregory. At the same time Moorlinch and Stawell may join the Polden Wheel benefice, at present serving the villages of Ashcott, Burtle, Catcott, Chilton Polden, Edington and Shapwick.

Nothing yet has been agreed or settled upon, but changes may take place in the fairly near future. *MOMSS Magazine Team*

## GRANTS FOR MOMSS MAGAZINE

The magazine team is eager to continue to publish the magazine to keep everyone informed of the happenings throughout the benefice. We have been very grateful to our sponsors for covering printing costs through 2024 and into 2025. With the help of other donations and receipts from our advertisers we should be able to complete 2025 in the black.

After that we are likely to run out of funds, but in light of the proposed benefice reorganisation, the editorial team are even more keen to keep the magazine available for as long as the benefice remains together. We applied for a Polden Post Award and they gave us a grant of £325 towards production costs.

Next we applied to the National Lottery Community Fund and they have awarded us £2,000 towards printing costs. We are very grateful to both these funds for their generous grants to enable us to provide communication and information through the MOMSS magazine for as long as it is needed. If we cease to be a benefice before we use the grant moneys they will be returned to the award bodies, as the magazine will also cease.

*Isobel Davis, for MOMSS Magazine Editorial Committee*



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In 1981 Middlezoy and Othery joined with Moorlinch, Stawell and Sutton Mallet and became the MOMSS Benefice.

### **Middlezoy**

Church established mid-13th Century, Grade I Listed.

Chapelry of Sowey Parish (ie sub-division of a Parish). In 1515 Sowey Parish divided and Middlezoy became a separate parish. Sometimes held with Othery, united with Othery 1952.

### **Othery**

Church established early 13th Century, Grade I Listed.

Chapelry of Sowey Parish. In 1515 Sowey Parish divided and Othery became a separate parish. Sometimes held with Middlezoy, united with Middlezoy 1952.

### **Moorlinch**

Charters of King Ine 725 and King Edgar 971 - neither considered authentic.

Church established 13th Century, Grade I Listed.

Mother Church of parishes of Catcott, Chilton Polden, Edington, Stawell and Sutton Mallet.

Vicar of Moorlinch ceased to be responsible for Catcott in 1815 and Chilton Polden in 1828.

1968-1980 also held Greinton Chapelry.

### **Stawell**

Church established late 13th Century, Grade 2\* Listed.

Chapelry of Moorlinch Parish.

### **Sutton Mallet**

Church established late 13th Century, Grade 2 Listed.

Chapelry of Moorlinch Parish. In 1987 taken over by the Churches Conservation Trust.

## **NEW BENEFICE**

In 2009 Greinton was added and the Benefice became MOMSS&G.

### **Greinton**

Church established by 12th Century, Grade I Listed.

Chapelry held by Glastonbury Abbey until the Dissolution of the Monasteries around 1540.

After the Dissolution held by the Lords of the Manor. Sometimes held with Walton and Street Churches.

*Ian Wells, MOMSS&G Thrive Group*

## **MIDDLEZOY AND OOTHERY SCHOOLS**

As another academic year comes to an end, it is wonderful to be able to reflect on our many successes. I am so proud of all that we have achieved at Middlezoy and Oothery Schools again this year.

Our amazing children continue to work hard daily and strive to be, "The best they can be!"

Our team of dedicated staff work relentlessly to support every aspect of the children's well-being and education.

Following our successful Ofsted Reports last January, we have seen increased interest in

our schools. We are delighted to have welcomed so many new families this year, often coming to visit us due to "word of mouth" recommendations from parents of children already in our care. Thank you all for your recommendations and continuing support. For the next academic year, we will be remaining on one site at Othery which has worked so well for us all over the past two years. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our environment for the children and are currently fundraising to support with the installation of a new trim trail. Please visit our Just Giving page via the PTA Facebook page if you can support us, every donation really does help.

Finally, it is with a hint of sadness that we wish our wonderful Year 6 children farewell but we know they will continue to shine. A special mention to them all for their excellent achievements this year, topped off with all of them achieving at the expected standard in their KS2 Sats for Reading, Writing and Maths! 100% success - a truly remarkable achievement.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer.

*Mrs Lindsay Hayward, Headteacher,*

*Middlezoy and Othery Primary School 01823 698465/4*

## ***STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS***

*Information is available on the website [www.stawellvillage.info](http://www.stawellvillage.info)*

### **STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET PARISH COUNCIL**

Contact details for the Clerk to the Parish Council are:

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### **ST. FRANCIS CHURCH**

#### **Church Flowers**

Our church flower rota has sadly depleted and we need to recruit some new people to help.

It is not too arduous, just twice a year and no super creative skills required, just some vases and some flowers, from the garden, if available, some greenery etc.

If you are willing, contact Ruth on 01278 722914.

Thank you.

*Ruth Peberdy, Stawell Church Committee*



### **VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

#### **Saturday 30 August**

The monthly Coffee Morning is at Steve and Michelle Heap's home, 1 Walnut Tree Cottage from 10am 'til 12 noon. All welcome and please leave a donation for the coffee to help with keeping the church building in good repair. It has been here in the village for about 700 years or so.

*Richard Graham, Churchwarden*

## **STAWELL AND SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE HALL**

All that's happening at Stawell & Sutton Mallet Village Hall in August

### **Groups**

Monday Keep Fit with Liza 7pm - 8pm

Tuesday Yoga with Clare 7pm - 8.15pm

Wednesday Dog training with Sophie 5pm - 7pm

Wednesday Short Mat Bowls 7pm - 9pm

Thursday Zumba with Carole-Anne 9.30am-10.30am

Thursday Art Group 7pm - 9pm

Friday Yoga with Clare 10am - 11.15am

### **Events**

Saturday 9th Hub Cafe 10.30am - 1pm

Saturday 16th Music Evening with Eddie Dean plus Phat 'n' Tall Burgers in attendance.

7.30pm

Monday 18th Whist 2pm - 4pm

*Maxine Hughes, Chairperson*



## **GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS**

### **VILLAGE MEETING**

An initial meeting between all those who expressed an interest in helping to run the Village Meeting was held on 3 July. The precise constitution of what is likely to be a small committee has yet to be decided but a lot of progress was made. The new committee reflects the diverse range of backgrounds and expertise within the parish. To be clear, the intention is NOT to create a full-blown Parish Council but to spread the workload previously undertaken by just one person, whilst benefiting from a broader range of skills and interests. More details will follow in due course but thanks to all those who are volunteering their services.

### **VILLAGE HALL**

The date for the Harvest Barn Dance has been brought forward by one day to avoid a calendar clash. It will now take place on Friday 5 September, with doors opening at 6.30pm. Live music will once again be provided by the excellent Hobson's Choice. There will be the usual cash bar (no card reader – sorry!) and, in a break with tradition, a fish and chip van will replace the usual hog roast. Admission has been held at the same price as last year: £10 for adults, £6 for under 18s and free for children of primary school age or younger. This event is always great fun – if you haven't come before, please give it a try and bring a friend or two.



### **OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

The Aller Fun Ride takes place on Sunday 24 August. Greinton traditionally provides marshals so, if you are not a horse rider but would like to offer your services, please let Denzil Hayes know if you are willing to help out.

There will be a Harvest Celebration in the church on Sunday 5 October, starting at 5pm.



This is not a regular church service but a chance for all of us, whatever our faith, to get together to give thanks for the harvest and to reflect on the changing seasons. If you have a favourite song, poem or other short reading that you associate with the season and would like to be included, please let Toby Crispin know (he is always looking for volunteers to read too). There will be an evening of Mouse Racing in support of Greinton Village Hall on Saturday 11 October. Once again, due to the popularity of the evening, it will take place at the Bere Cider Barn (a.k.a. Jimmy's).

*Toby Crispin, greintonvillage@gmail.com*



## **MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS**

### **HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

A Prayer Tree was available for the Week of Prayer for Children, Young People and Young Adults to add prayers to in Holy Cross Church, which coincided with Jaxen Ring's Baptism on Sunday 13 July. It was a time of joy and celebration as Jaxen was welcomed into the church family. A prayer of thanksgiving was also said for those who lead ministry to children, young people, young adults and families across the diocese.

### **Bell Restoration Project Fund Raising**

As many of you will know our application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund for a grant towards the costs involved in restoring the church bells was unsuccessful, so support for continuing fund raising events is even more vital. We look forward to welcoming as many as possible to the next event which is a Wine and Cheese evening in the church on Saturday 9 August. See posters and Middlezoy Facebook page for full details.

*Middlezoy PCC*

### **CIRCLE OF LIFE**

#### **Jaxen's Christening**

Last Sunday was a very interactive, family occasion with approximately 50 adults and 20 children integrated into the family service celebrating Jaxen Robert Wilson Ring's Christening at Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy. Thank you to Rev Keith Powell for conducting this service again for our family – always appreciated. What a thought-provoking talk and prayers led by both Keith and Rebekah which also concluded the Diocese's week of prayer for children and young people.

#### **Peter Welch's Funeral**

Peter Welch sadly died on 2 July. Peter was the bellringing captain in Holy Cross Church for many years teaching lots to ring and took great pride in this role. His funeral will be held on Wednesday 13 August at 2pm in Holy Cross Church.



## **MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE HALL**

### **Middlezoy Community Project**

We held our AGM at the village hall on 7 July and a number of members of the general public attended. A very useful discussion with the public as to which direction they would like to see the village hall go and for 2026. Many useful ideas were put forward which we will be taking on board.

We now have a new bookings secretary, Louise Hudson, who will also be looking after the volunteer rota for the Friday night bar. We also have joining us Domanie Hutchinson who will be looking at coordinating future events. This is great news for the village hall.

Our next big event will be on 6 September. This will be a horse racing evening to raise money to go towards the replacement of the decking in front of the hall.

In October we will be holding the Oktoberfest which will be on the 25th, look out for further details. Then on 22 November we will be having a music quiz again which last year was a big success. All these events we're hoping will raise money for the replacement of the decking.

Please follow us on Middlezoy News Facebook page and the Village Hall Facebook page for information of forthcoming events and what food wagons will be attending on Friday night.

Do you need somewhere to hold a weekly class? Yoga, pilates, dance or other?

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We are still looking for more volunteers to help run and organise events for the future. If you would like to come along to one of our meetings, we hold them on the first Monday of every month starting at 7pm, usually aiming to finish no later than 8.30pm.

If you can help, please contact me on 07760 887907.

*Paul Baker, MCP Chair*

## **MIDDLEZOY WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB**

If you are aged 65 and over and a village resident and you want to travel with us to Sidmouth on the annual outing this year you should by now have returned your slip. The coach will leave the bus shelter on the main road at 9am on Tues 12 August and we expect to be back in the village around 6.30-7pm.

If you have not received an invite but do want to come, it may not be too late. Let me know asap.

*Jill Darby, Chairman, 01823 698000 [Jilldrb@gmail.com](mailto:Jilldrb@gmail.com)*



## **WEEKLY MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

On Monday 7 July we said farewell and good luck for the future to a great friend of the village and to the coffee morning, Ildiko Maria Haraszti (known to us as Ilde) who has been a Minister in Training for the Methodist church for the last 2 years. She leaves to take up her permanent position covering 4 rural Methodist churches in Wolverhampton. We presented her with a print of a lovely painting from a local artist Sam Roulson. It was of the chapel and the village shop, a great memento. We also gave her an M&S voucher to enable her to buy another stunning outfit to add to her collection.

We hope Ilde will keep in touch so that we can provide updates of how she is getting on in pastures new.

The Coffee Morning runs every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) 10am-11.45am. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jill Darby (Co-ordinator)*

## **MIDDLEZOY METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Salads and Sweets**

The next Salads and Sweets will be on Tuesday 19 August from 1pm!!

An opportunity to get together with friends and have a meal over conversation. Thank you to all our supporters who come from the village and from Circuit to contribute or to enjoy. £7 per person.

### **Pop-up Café**

We and the shop hope to run the pop-up cafe when we are available on sunny Saturdays - look for the poster on the fence, or the notice on Facebook to let you know when the



next one will be. The purpose is for the shop and ourselves simply to provide a space for people using the shop to sit for a few moments and chat together over a cup of coffee and piece of cake. A little funding from the Methodist District enabled us to buy some bistro tables and chairs for this venture.

### **Update from Ildi: The Peekaboo Gang Toddler Group**

We've Taken Over the Chapel (and the garden too!)

Watch out, world - the Peekaboo Gang is on the move!

We've cheerfully occupied the chapel and, yes, claimed the garden as our second kingdom (don't worry, no treaties were broken in the process). These days, our little adventurers can be found enjoying the fresh air, tumbling through toyland, and patrolling the legendary Cucumber Land - a magical place where cucumbers grow and imagination runs wild.

With muddy knees and curious eyes, the children have planted flowers and are marvelling at the miracle of tiny seeds turning into beautiful blooms - and honestly, we think they're just trying to out-garden the adults. And let's not forget: while we're watching the soil, God is watching the soil of their hearts - and there, too, seeds are being sown.

As we approach September, most of our current crew will be graduating from Peekaboo



### **EMZ Pilates & Yoga (FB/Insta/Youtube)**

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(yes, time flies when you're having fun and snack time). So we're eagerly awaiting a fresh crop of little ones to join the adventure. And of course, we're also hoping for new volunteers from the Circuit - because every good gardener needs helpers, and this is holy ground we're tending.

After all, we're not just growing flowers - we're growing future joy, one giggle at a time. We will return after the start of the September term on Friday 5 September.

### **August Services:**

Sunday 10th, 10.30am - United Service in the Chapel with Reverend Stuart Innalls

Sunday 31st will be our Chapel Anniversary with favourite hymns and a cream tea. Come along at 5.30pm for a cream tea, and we shall have our Hymns of Praise at 6.30pm. Do come!!



### **Booking the Methodist Church for your events:**

Don't forget that the Chapel space and back room are available to hire - phone Jill Darby on 01823 698000.

*Reverend Deborah Kirk*

*Superintendent Minister, Taunton Deane and South Sedgemoor Methodist Circuit*

*Deputy Chair, SW Peninsula Methodist District 01823 334854*

*Ildiko Haraszti Minister-in-Training, ildikotutor@gmail.com*

## ***OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS***

### **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

#### **Open**

The church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and for services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

### **33RD ANNUAL OTHERY STREET FAYRE**

On Saturday 21 June Sir Ashley Fox MP opened the annual Othery Street Fayre on a perfect summer's day.

Stalls were visited, refreshments consumed, pets trotted out their best behaviour at the Fun Dog Show, events many and varied took place on the playing field and lots of ice cream was enjoyed in the sunshine.

In the evening a pig roast was served and the bar did a roaring trade while the people listened to live music from Two Tone and our own local talent.

We raised roughly £5,000 for St Michael's Church. Our very grateful thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success, for the stall holders, the school children who danced for us and wrote their poems for the display in church and for all who attended and contributed to this excellent result. Lastly thanks go to the committee who worked so hard throughout the year planning and organising to make the event go smoothly.

*Anthony Betty, OSF Committee Chairman, 07801 233676*



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## **WILL THERE BE A STREET FAYRE IN 2026?**

Next year's event is due to take place on the third Saturday in June as usual, Saturday 20 June 2026. BUT in order to make it happen we need more volunteers to help over the days before and after the fayre as well as on the day itself. Could you give a bit of time to help, for example, with collecting bric-a-brac in the week leading up to the fayre, setting up marquees and stalls on the Friday evening or the morning of the fayre, manning a stall for a couple of hours, or helping to clear away afterwards, either when the fayre ends at 4pm or on the Sunday? In addition there are some admin jobs that we would like help with, for example stall bookings and the selling of adverts for the Programme booklet. We would also welcome a few more people on the planning committee to think through ideas and make them happen.

If you can help please be in touch as soon as possible with me or any one of the planning team (details in the Street Fayre Program) to ensure that next year's Street Fayre takes place.

Anthony Betty, OSF Committee Chairman, 07801 233676

## **OTHERY BOOK READING GROUP**

The choice for July was any of the 6 books written by Mary Westmacott. The author is better known as Agatha Christie, best-selling crime novelist.

Using the pseudonym Mary Westmacott, Agatha Christie was able to explore human psychology in greater depth. Semi-autobiographical in nature, the 6 novels offer a fascinating insight into Christie's relationships with her family.

*Absent in the Spring* is very well constructed, compulsive reading.

You get a wonderfully clear picture of all the family from the thoughts of one woman alone in the desert.

*The Rose and the Yew Tree* is a haunting and beautiful story a favourite of the author.

In both *Giant's Bread* and *Unfinished Portrait* you see the possessive love of a mother for her child; and a child for its mother.

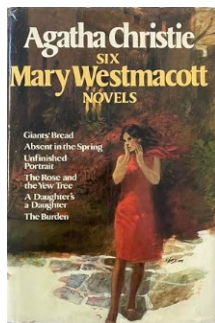
*A Daughter's a Daughter* – the battle between the widowed mother and her grown-up daughter.

A girl's obsession with her younger sister in *The Burden* and the closeness of love to hate – the 'burden' in this story being the weight of one person's love on someone else

We were a small group this month, and all members enjoyed the book/s they had read.

Next meeting is in September.

Pam Coombes



## **OTHERY VILLAGE HALL**

We hope everyone enjoyed the annual summer barbecue! Thank you to all the volunteers that made it a successful evening. All profits from the event were donated to the primary school to help them raise funds for replacing the trim trail in the playground area and we know they and the children are very grateful.

Although many villagers and committee members take the opportunity to escape on holiday during August that hasn't stopped us from booking more live music for those still at home! Please check our save the dates section for the details.

Now for our regular monthly plea - we are always on the lookout for more people to help run our bar on a Friday night - if you are over 18 and are interested in doing a shift every now and then (or more frequently) then please get in touch.

As ever please keep an eye out for our visiting food vendors - any suggestions or recommendations then please let a committee member know.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

1 August – Live Music featuring Danny Jukebox (Swing and Jazz from the 50s onwards)

20 September – Live Music Night featuring The Painkillers

24 October – Halloween Party 7pm

14 November – 2nd Annual Othery Village Beer Fest 7pm till late, featuring Vinyl Act

7 December – Village Christmas Party 4pm

### **Regular events**

Friday night social from 7pm including happy hour (and a half) on the first Friday of the month – enjoy 50% off!

Pilates, Western Front Association, Short Mat Bowls, Little Pickles and Somerset Levels Stargazers as advertised on the village hall website [www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.otheryvillagehall.org.uk)

*Rachael Selway, Secretary, Othery Village Hall Management Committee*

*Email: [otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:otheryvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)*

*Tel: 07456 653252*

## **MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS**

### **FUN IN MOORLINCH**

#### **MIDSUMMER MADNESS – Sunday 22 June**

The weather was perfect for this afternoon of fun and frivolity....the scorching temperatures of the day before had abated so everyone had a chance to participate in a range of activities such as a game of boules, rock painting, splat the rat and hook a duck without the risk of getting sunburnt! The cream teas, cakes and glasses of Pimms were very popular and there were stalls selling handmade cards, mystery white elephant bags, raffle tickets and plants and produce.

The Mad Hat competition was won by Christopher Weeks against some very strong competition from a range of weird and wonderful headgear.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and who turned up for a bit of fun on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

The money raised will go towards paying the bills for our much-loved hall.

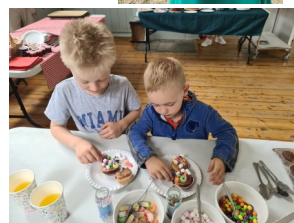


#### **BASTILLE DAY BOULES – Monday 14 July**

*Oooh-la-la, c'est formidable!*

Following the popularity of playing boules at the Midsummer Madness afternoon it was decided to hold a boules evening on Bastille Day.

And what fun it was. The boules 'pitch', the driveway up to the church gates, may not have been as seen in France but the spirit was there. The individual knockout event was competitive and hard fought and the eventual winner was James, herein referred to as



James the Champion. The team competition was a little more chaotic and the winning team . . . well, no-one seems to know exactly!

Jennie, our newest member of the Hall Committee, did a splendid job of feeding everyone with baguettes, cheese, bread and accoutrements, ably supported by Sam.

In addition, Jennie made and put up some very appropriate French bunting.

Alex McNeill and Roger Lane made important decisions with regard to which were the winning boules and courageously stood near the cochonnet\* (Jack) despite the rather wild throwing from competitors.

Lots of chatter from competitors, their coaches and supporters and to top it all, two magnificent rainbows overhead.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and we look forward to welcoming you to the next one.

MCHC

\*The French word cochonnet, translates in to English as 'piglet'.



## ***BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS***

### **PROCESSES WHILE WE ARE IN VACANCY**

The churchwardens are the people to contact for arranging baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy of the post of Priest-in-Charge for the United Benefice of MOMSS&G.

Details of normal regular services are being arranged with the Area Dean and will be published as usual in this magazine and on posters.

*UB Churchwardens*

### **CHURCHES AND CHAPELS**

#### **Open Daily**

The United Benefice churches in Middlezoy and Stawell are open daily for private prayer; see their notice boards for their opening times. Other church is currently only open from 9am to 3.30pm, Mondays to Fridays during school term days and services. Genuine visitors can phone 07714 672316 to arrange for access at other times.

### **BENEFICE/MIDDLEZOY PRAYER GROUP**

Please do not think you have to be a member of the local churches as we are very willing to pray for anyone who asks. The prayer group feel it is needed so please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing [middlezoyprayers@gmail.com](mailto:middlezoyprayers@gmail.com) then the group are informed of the request and the prayers are included in those individuals' prayer time.

Every prayer request is treated with confidentiality and respect.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch as we are here to listen and help.

*The Prayer Group*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism:

William (Billy) River Rae **BOYLAN**, son of Ed and Holly (nee Matthews) was baptised in St Mary's Church, Moorlinch on 25 May by Rev. Keith Powell.



Billy's Baptism

Jaxen Robert Wilson **RING** was baptised in Holy Cross Church, Middlezoy on Sunday 13 July by Rev. Keith Powell. (Details page 12)

### Wedding:

Ryan **HIGGS** and Dulcie-May **ALWAY** were married in St Michael's Church, Othery on Saturday 5 July by Rev. Jane Durham.

### Deaths/Funerals:

Catherine (Cathy) Phyllis **LANG**, formerly of Moorlinch, passed away peacefully at Leicester Royal Infirmary on 24 June 2025, aged 80. Her funeral service took place at St. Peter's Church, Huish Champflower on Thursday 10th July at 12 noon.

Peter **WELCH** of Middlezoy, passed away on 2 July. (Details page 12).

Penny **GUTTRIDGE**, formerly of Middlezoy but lately of the Isle of Wight, daughter of the late Chapel and Church organist Margaret Carpenter, passed away at Mountbatten Hospice on 3 July aged 78. Her funeral took place on Friday 25 July at East Cowes Methodist Church. A memorial service at Middlezoy Methodist Chapel to be arranged.

## BISHOP'S LETTER

Do you use Wikipedia? It's often a very convenient place to look for information when we want to know more about something or about a person. But, perhaps, like me you've discovered its limitations. As you might anticipate from a free online encyclopaedia to which anyone can contribute and is open to anyone to edit it is both impressively collaborative and also sometimes incomplete or less than fully accurate. Nevertheless, it remains for me – and perhaps you? – a go-to source of quick information. So, I wasn't surprised when I consulted Wikipedia's *August anniversaries* to find it is less than comprehensive about the Christian calendar this month. St Bartholomew's Day is recorded on 24 August – alongside Ukraine Independence Day which surely also deserves marking. Bartholemew (usually identified as Nathanael, one



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of the twelve disciples of Jesus) isn't generally well celebrated on his festival day, except in places where he's the patron saint of the parish and church, such as Crewkerne where the annual charter fair remembers their link with St Bart. Even so their fair has been moved into September after the end of the holiday season.

August frequently means reduced activity, and fewer events. If that's an opportunity for catching our breath and taking a break from the challenges of deadlines and expectations, then all well and good. But let's not forget, despite them being omitted from the Wikipedia list, the other red-letter August days in the calendar. On 15 August we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus, and on 6 August, we mark the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord. That festival day recalls how Peter, James and John experienced on a mountain top the transformation of Jesus' physical appearance, enabling them to glimpse the glory of his divinity.

Make the most of these three significant festival days in August. As well, don't forget the other significant days this month, such as Ukraine Independence Day (24), VJ day (15) marking the end of World War 2, and – another date missed in the Wikipedia list – the 80th anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Saints' days and anniversaries are significant prompts to our prayers.

*Bishop Christopher Foster*

## ***BEYOND THE BENEFICE***

### **THE WI - MORE THAN JAM AND JERUSALEM**

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Westonzoyland	7.30pm	2nd Wednesday	Village Hall, Cheer Lane ,TA7 0EZ.

Local times can vary so it is best to contact to Somerset Federation before attending for the first time 01278 287034.

### **HELP SHAPE LOCAL HEALTHCARE**

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develop new services. Recent achievements include providing medical equipment for the surgery, funding staff training in areas such as resuscitation and deaf awareness, launching initiatives like the Digital Café and Carer's Support Group, and raising funds for charities such as Brain Tumour Research. If you're passionate about improving healthcare and want to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Visit [www.langportsurgery.co.uk/langport-surgery-patient-participation-group-ppg](http://www.langportsurgery.co.uk/langport-surgery-patient-participation-group-ppg) for more details and to apply. If you have any questions, please call us on 01458 250 464. Your voice can help shape the future of local healthcare, join us today.

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**Stawell:** The Old Post Office, Stawell

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**Bridgwater Foodbank** can be contacted by email [info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@bridgwater.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 01278 434636 or 07804 119273 (Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays). **Langport Cares** email: [langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com](mailto:langportcares/foodbank@gmail.com)

**The Glastonbury Community Fridge** is organised by the charity Love Glastonbury. It is situated at Town Hall, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury and is open daily 9am - 4pm. Help yourself to food, there is no charge.

There are no contact details, other than by Facebook: search for Glastonbury Fridge. Love Glastonbury also runs a Community Pantry with a wide range of food items and toiletries, based in Abbey Mews, off Silver Street. The Pantry is open Wednesday 1pm to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm. Just come along and pick 10 items for a suggested voluntary donation of £2.50

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Moorlinch Farm	TA7 9BU	
Othery Village Hall	TA7 0QU	
Stawell Village Hall	TA7 9AD	(not locked)
Sutton Mallet Telephone Kiosk	TA7 9AT	(not locked)

## HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The schedules for the MOMSS & G area are:

### MIDDLEZOY

**Recycling Boxes, every week:** Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 September

**Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:** Wednesdays 20 August, 10 September

**Garden Waste Bins, every other week:** Mondays 11, 25 August, 8 September

### OTHERY

**Recycling Boxes, every week:** Fridays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August, 5 September

**Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:** Fridays 8, 29 August, 19 September

**Garden Waste Bins, every other week:** Thursdays 7, 21 August, 4 September

### MOORLINCH, STAWELL, SUTTON MALLET & GREINTON

**Recycling Boxes, every week:** Wednesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 September

**Black Wheeled Bins, every 3 weeks:** Wednesdays 20 August, 10 September

**Garden Waste Bins, every other week:** Thursdays 14, 28 August, 11 September

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### **Priest-in-charge: Vacancy**

Contact your village Churchwarden or contact person listed below

### **United Benefice Readers**

Pauline Davies 01278 451280 and Richard Graham 01278 722284

### **Parish Auxiliary Lay Minister**

Ruth Peberdy (Stawell)

### **Churchwardens**

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790

Othery: Anthony Betty 07801 233676

Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 07767 763628

Stawell: Richard Graham 01278 722284

Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579

Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

## **METHODIST CHAPEL MIDDLEZOY**

**Minister:** Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

Local Contact: Jill Darby [jilldrb@gmail.com](mailto:jilldrb@gmail.com) 01823 698000

Bookings: <https://middlezoychapeluk.wordpress.com/bookings/> or Jill Darby (above)

## **PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS**

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082

Othery—Chairman: Andrew Tizzard 01823 690284

Moorlinch—Meeting Clerk: Richard Hennah email: [themoorlinchclerk@gmail.com](mailto:themoorlinchclerk@gmail.com)

Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Clerk: Mr Chris Fry 07796 794037

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## **VILLAGE AMENITIES**

**Middlezoy:** The George Inn 01823 698215;

Shop 01823 587222 open Mon to Fri 8.30 am-1.00pm and 3.00pm-5.00pm

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**Moorlinch:** Ring O'Bells 01458 210358; Church Hall 01458 210755

**Stawell & Sutton Mallet:** Village Hall 01278 723665

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## **VILLAGE AGENTS**

To contact a Village Agent ring 01823 331222 and they will find the most suitable person to deal with your query. Referrals can also be made via doctors' surgeries.

## SERVICES CHART FOR CHAPEL AND UB CHURCHES AUGUST 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>August</b> 3 Sun ( <i>Seventh after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am	United Benefice Sung Eucharist	St Francis, Stawell
10 Sun ( <i>Eighth after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.30 am	Prayer and Praise Morning Prayer Morning Worship Joint Worship For All	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy
17 Sun ( <i>Ninth after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am	United Benefice Communion service	Holy Cross, Middlezoy
24 Sun ( <i>Tenth after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Prayer and Praise Morning Prayer Holy Communion	St Michael's, Othery St Mary's, Moorlinch St Francis, Stawell
31 Sun ( <i>Eleventh after Trinity</i> )	10.00 am  5.30 pm 6.30 pm	United Benefice Communion service  Chapel Anniversary Cream Teas Hymns of Praise	St Michael's, Othery  Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy Methodists Chapel, Middlezoy

### The Common Worship (Year C) readings and lessons for the services:

DATE	SEASON	READINGS
<b>August</b> 3 Sun	Seventh after Trinity	OT: Hosea, chapter 11, verses 1 to 11 Psalm: 107, verses 1 to 9 Epistle: Colossians, chapter 3, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Luke, chapter 12, verses 13 to 21
10 Sun	Eighth after Trinity	OT: Isaiah, chapter 1, verses 1 and 10 to 20 Psalm: 50, verses 1 to 7 Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 11, verses 1 to 3 and 8 to 16 Gospel: Luke, chapter 12, verses 32 to 40
17 Sun	Ninth after Trinity	OT: Isaiah, chapter 5, verses 1 to 7 Psalm: 80, verses 1 and 2 and 8 to 19 (the end) Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 11, verses 29 to chapter 12, verse 2 Gospel: Luke, chapter 12, verses 49 to 56
24 Sun	Tenth after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 1, verses 4 to 10 Psalm: 71, verses 1 to 6 Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 18 to 29 (the end) Gospel: Luke, chapter 13, verses 10 to 17
31 Sun	Eleventh after Trinity	OT: Jeremiah, chapter 2, verses 4 to 13 Psalm: 81, verses 1 and 10 to 16 (the end) Epistle: Hebrews, chapter 13, verses 1 to 8 and 15 and 16 Gospel: Luke, chapter 14, verses 1 and 7 to 14