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"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

Richard's notes

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FROM THE EDITOR

WHEN WE FIRST MOVED to Buckland Dinham, back in 1974!!, the magazine was printed on a duplicator apparently in the room above the entrance to Mells church. I thought then that this was the start but at the October Buckland Dinham coffee morning I discovered that it wasn't! Old magazines had been discovered in the parvise, the upstairs room which apparently visiting priests used to call home. The first magazine was actually started back in 1954 by Guy Courtney. It was typewritten and probably printed on a duplicator but covered only Buckland Dinham and Great Elm – were they a single benefice back then? The ads are interesting. The ones I recognise are Adlams, Woodmancy's and Lamb Brewery, the last two having closed long ago.

Along with that first magazine was one called Church News, dated 1959. Again, it covered the two villages but this time it was a combination of a printed and a duplicated version, the first one obviously a national production while the latter was, again initially, typewritten. It cost 3d (not free as 5Alive is) and as before, the ads were fascinating, but does anyone remember Buckland's G.S.Moore, tobacconist, confectioner and 'sundries'? I've asked a long-standing resident, but he does not remember him. Over to you!! *Peter*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER, my school had a Remembrance Sunday service in the school room to which parents were invited. My

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Roman Catholic Services

Mells: To be confirmed following the fire

Frome: Saturdays 5.30pm.
Sundays 10.00am

Quaker Services

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

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recollection of these events is of my mother sobbing during the two minutes silence.

By then we were perhaps 25 years from the end of World War II and I wondered why she was crying – indeed it's fair to say I wondered what we were doing at all. No-one was really educating me about it then (or I wasn't listening!) and I suspect young people aren't being educated about it now. Unfortunately, I never asked my mother what she was remembering – was it individual people or the sheer enormity of the death and suffering in the World Wars, or some other experience?

In the late 1960s war seemed far away to a mid-teenager. I haven't known personally anyone killed in military action (so far as I'm aware) and my only experience of a relative who lost someone close was my great aunt, whose fiancé didn't come back from WW1. Yet, between 1945 and 1969 British forces were involved in eight engagements overseas, none of which impinged on the consciousness of this boy, born in 1955. Between 1969 and 1990 there were four further engagements, which included Northern

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Ireland, the Falkland Islands and the Gulf War. Since 1990 British engagement has taken place in another nine theatres of operation, including Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are, of course, significant differences between the World Wars and these subsequent conflicts – in particular, the extent to which the future of our own way of life was at stake and the vast mobilisation of the population in the war effort, which during the World Wars probably affected every family and required the majority (including women who did many tasks they'd never done before) to contribute towards it. Yet, these latter conflicts have also involved loss of British lives, injury to many and distress to families and friends.

As we're being urged as a nation, and as individuals through the taxes we pay, to contribute more to defend our country from potential threats, a question is whether we remember sufficiently those who've gone before – not just those who've died or been injured in action, but also those who selflessly adopted new roles during the World Wars in support of war effort.

Two minutes silence is observed each year by perhaps a million or so people (out of over 50 million adults) on the second Sunday of November in churches throughout the country and at civic ceremonies, with our political, military and civic leaders participating in an act of remembrance at the Cenotaph. Broader participation takes place through wearing poppies.

Throughout the armed forces, acts of remembrance also take place at 11.00am on November 11th each year (the day on which World War I ended). This is a solemn moment for remembering comrades lost in action, particularly those known personally, but also those from the same regiment lost in the past. For members of the armed forces who've lost people known to them personally remembrance may be triggered by ordinary everyday occurrences, but can be especially poignant on Remembrance Sunday, perhaps with an informal gathering of former comrades or with increased communication on WhatsApp groups or similar.

For others remembrance may be a reminder that the job, which by its nature involves risk, is to ensure so far as possible the people of our country are kept safe.

In the poem 'In Flanders Fields' (written in 1915 by Canadian physician John McCrae), the dead lying in Belgian fields where poppies once grew, are said to express a hope:

To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The hope seems to be for the troops that follow to exhibit the same courage and determination as those who've died. I wonder if it might also be taken as hope for all of us to keep faith with those who've died in battle – and to do so in the only way we really can – by remembering them and by standing with their comrades who mourn their loss. We don't have to agree with decisions to go to war, believe that causes were just, think actions were a good use of resources or approve decisions of our political leaders (as I can't say I've done over the years) in order to honour those who've paid the ultimate price while serving their country.



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Remembrance Sunday services will take place this year on November 8th at Great Elm (at 9.30), Mells (at 10.15) and Chantry (at 10.50). Please do come to one of them if you can. *Richard King*

I'm indebted to current and former members of the armed forces who live locally for the time I've been able to spend with them while they've shared their thoughts about Remembrance and which have informed my thinking for this article. While saying that, the sentiments expressed here are, of course, my own.

SIMPLY VEGETABLES

PERHAPS LAST MONTH'S TITLE, "Growing Better Vegetables," was a bit misleading. It may have given the impression that I am an expert who knows absolutely everything about growing veg. Far from it! But I do believe I have picked up a few practical ideas over the years that are well worth passing on.

Besides the beetroot and sweetcorn, what other crops did well for me during this hot, dry summer? A particular favourite of mine is 'Crown Prince', which produces distinctive blue-grey squashes weighing up to 10lbs.

It is an exceptional variety because it has a remarkably long shelf life; it can be stored for up to 12 months, provided you leave about two inches of stem attached—otherwise, rot will quickly set in. They are marvellous for roasting and making soups.

Furthermore, if you have a bit of waste ground, you can simply plant it on the edge and the vine will happily trail away for 20 feet or more. Just make sure the growing shoots are trained in the right direction, so they don't swallow up your other vegetables! I harvested mine about a fortnight ago once the leaves had died back and the squashes had turned to their characteristic blue-grey.

Another successful experiment this year has been cornichons—the small gherkin. I picked them when they were about two inches long and pickled them in white wine vinegar. A few Christmas presents sorted.

Mells Group of Churches

November 2026

	1st November	8th November Remembrance Sunday	15th November	22nd November	29th November	6th December
Chantry		10.50am Remembrance Service Barry Davies	11.00am Matins Dolly Blacker	11.00am Holy Communion Anthony Davis	11.00am Matins Richard King	
Great Elm	10.00am Group Holy Communion David Gatliffe	9.30am Remembrance Service	9.30am Holy Communion Robin Isherwood	9.30am Morning Prayer Richard King		
Mells		10.15am Remembrance Service Martin Weymont				10.00am Group Holy Communion
Whatley				09.30am Holy Communion David Gatliffe		

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

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

Hardington Vale Church Services November 2026

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday 1 Nov **ALL SAINTS' DAY**	09.00	**Norton St Philip**, Informal Breakfast
	10.30	**Rode**, HC
	11.00	**Laverton**, HC
	16.30	**Buckland Dinham,** All Souls Service
	18.00	**Rode Chapel**, Meeting Place
Tuesday 3 Nov	09.00 11.00 18:00	**Norton St Philip**, Morning Prayer **Rode Chapel**, Ecumenical HC **Tellisford,** All Saints & All Souls Service
Wednesday 4 Nov	08.30 17.00 18.00	**Hemington**, Morning Prayer **Rode Chapel**, Informal Prayer **Tellisford**, Evening Prayer
Thursday 5 Nov	18.00	**Norton St Philip**, Silent Prayer
Sunday 8 Nov **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**	10:30	**Rode,** Remembrance Parade
	10.30	**Norton St Philip,** Remembrance Service
	10:30	**Buckland Dinham,** Remembrance Service
Tuesday 10 Nov	09.00	**Norton St Philip,** Morning Prayer
Wednesday 11 Nov	08.30 17.00	**Hemington,** Morning Prayer **Rode Chapel,** Informal Prayer
Thursday 12 Nov	18.00	**Norton St Philip,** Silent Prayer
Saturday 14 Nov		**Hemington,** Day of Contemplation
Sunday 15 Nov	09.00	**Farleigh Hungerford**, Morning Worship
	10.30	**Rode**, HC
	10.30	**Norton St Philip**, Informal Worship
	11.00	**Laverton**, Matins
	11.00	**Buckland Dinham**, HC
Tuesday 17 Nov	09.00	**Norton St Philip**, Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18 Nov	08.30 17.00 18:00	**Hemington,** Morning Prayer **Rode Chapel**, Informal Prayer **Tellisford,** Evening Prayer
Thursday 19 Nov	18.00	**Norton St Philip**, Silent Prayer
Sunday 22 Nov **CHRIST THE KING**	09.00	**Rode**, Coffee & Contemplation
	10.30	**Norton St Philip**, HC
	10.30	**Tellisford,** HC
	11.00	**Laverton**, Matins
	18.00	**Buckland Dinham**, Iona/Taizé Service
Tuesday 24 Nov	9.00	**Norton St Philip**, Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25 Nov	8.30 17.00	**Hemington**, Morning Prayer **Rode Chapel**, Informal Prayer
Thursday 26 Nov	18.00	**Norton St Philip**, Silent Prayer
Sunday 29 Nov **1st of Advent**	10:30	**Norton St Philip**, United HC

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After the long, hot dry spell, the rains finally arrived around the end of August, and I wondered whether conditions might be right for a few late vegetables.
Radishes and carrots were sown on August 26th; the radishes germinated within a few days, and we've already been enjoying helpings for days now. The carrots have also germinated well, and if the autumn weather stays mild, I'm hopeful we'll get a decent harvest. Of course, the damp conditions have been equally wonderful for the weeds—but there is truly nothing better for the mind than a quiet spell of weeding the carrot beds.
Would you believe it, but I've just googled the therapeutic benefits of weeding.
Apparently, weeding helps release physical tension, discharge frustration, and lower cortisol (our stress hormone).
Furthermore, there is a fascinating soil-dwelling bacterium called Mycobacterium vaccae that actually activates a specific group of neurons in the brain to produce serotonin—the "happy molecule."
So, now I finally know the scientific reason why I feel so happy when covered in dirt!
Well, that's all for November. Next month, I'll share a bit about my experiences with rhubarb. Until then, happy weeding! *Jim Duffus*

BUCKLAND DINHAM

CHURCH NEWS
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. All Souls service on Sunday November 1st at 4.30 p.m. led by Pauline. Remembrance Service Sunday, November 8th at 10.30 led by Barbara Day.
Christmas Carol Service at 6.00 p.m. Children's Crib Service at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday December 24th. (More details in the December 5Alive).
All other services for November as per rota.

The Harvest Festival on Sunday October 11th was a very happy occasion for all who came to this special service which was led by Pauline. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce with the many gifts of fruit, vegetables and cakes and pies which after the service were auctioned. Paul Cary, our auctioneer, was, I think, surprised at

how popular the pies and cakes were. Following the auction drinks were served with a selection of finger food so very many thanks to all who helped make the Harvest Service a very enjoyable evening.

COFFEE MORNING Those who came to the Coffee Morning in October will have seen that the Lych Gate has disappeared. It has been taken away so that work can start on its repair, for which we have been fund raising for many years. So, a big thank you to all who have contributed. As usual the November Coffee morning will be on November 21st and I believe we start now to think of redecorating the inside of the church

VILLAGE NEWS

Buckland Buddies will meet in the Village Hall on November 3rd at 7.15 for 7.30. This month we shall have a speaker from Wessex Water. We have all been aware this summer of how our climate has changed, and we need to change too, so please do come with lots of questions. Unfortunately, no new ladies came to our October meeting but as the need for water affects us all, please may we see some new faces at this meeting. Tea/coffee and biscuits are free but we do ask for £3.00 entry to help cover the cost of the Hall.

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Craft Day on Saturday November 28th 10.00 – 2.00. All welcome. Some bring packed lunch, tea/coffee available.
People bring all kinds of craft to do, perhaps learn something new, or just come for a chat and a cuppa.
Jill Wright

NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING,

Join us at The Bell Inn, Buckland Dinham, for a screening of the **National Emergency Briefing** followed by a community discussion about resilience, emergency preparedness and what it means for us. Everyone is welcome. Aiming for dates November 18/19th at 7.00pm. Please check website for confirmed dates.

Events in November			
Mondays – Pilates	6pm	8th - Remembrance Service	10.30am
Tuesdays – Chair Yoga	10am	10th – Lunch Club	12noon
Wednesdays - Pilates	9.30am	15th – Holy Communion	11am
Wednesdays – Short-mat Bowls	2.30pm	21st - Coffee Morning	10am
Wednesdays - Women's Strength	6.30pm	21st - Church Tidy-up	10am
1st - All Souls Service	4.30pm	22nd – Iona/Taize Service	6pm
3rd – Buckland Buddies	7.15pm	28th - Craft Day	10am
5th - Fireworks	6pm	See BucklandDinham.org for details	




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CHANTRY

RIP - VALERIE RAWLINS

As you may all know by now Valerie Rawlins died at the end of September. Her funeral was held in Chantry Church on October 23rd, a report will be in next month's magazine. We miss her terribly and have all passed on our condolences to the family. She was a stalwart member of our church for many years and helped keep us in order.

The Remembrance Service will be on November 8th and will start at 10.50 instead of 11.00. You are all welcome to this service, and we hope for a good congregation for this very important service

Advance notice for December - the toy and carol service will be held on Sunday December 13th. As usual, all gifts donated will be passed to the Salvation Army for distribution to those who are less well off. We have always had a very good response to this worthy cause and would love to see you all in church with as many children as possible as they seem to enjoy this service





We will not be holding a Midnight Mass this year due to many circumstances but instead we will be having a service at 11.00am on Thursday December 24th December. The format for this service is yet to be sorted but we hope to see as many as we always had for the evening service.

Many thanks to all those stalwart members of the village who clean and tidy the church every week

FRIENDS OF CHANTRY
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19TH - PUB QUIZ
Our regular Thirsty Third Thursday (TTT) at Holy Trinity in Chantry will be a pub quiz night this month. The quiz is being set and hosted by Nicola Kerridge and Tess Chodan. It is sure to be great fun, so come along and get involved.
Teams can be a maximum of six people, but even if you haven't pre-planned a team, come along and join another.
We ask for a £2.00 donation from each person please. The bar will be open from 6.00pm with the quiz starting at 7.00.



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Further information will be sent out in the village email closer to the time. Watch this space and village emails for information on upcoming Christmas events.

WHATLEY COMMON GOOD TRUST

The trust was set up in 2002 with an endowment from Hansons of Whatley Quarry (now owned by Heidelberg Materials), following the extension to the quarry which resulted in the closure of the road linking Chantry and Mells. Its purpose is to fund projects, large or small, which will benefit the residents or the villages of Whatley or Chantry, or both. The current trustees are Nigel Brock, Olly Goodden, Stephanie Greshon, Helen Mills and Sue Pollock.

There is currently around £32,000 in the Trust funds, which are intended for the benefit of projects in the parish. Details of how to bid as well as other information on the Trust are available on the parish website or from the Secretary, ogoodden@yahoo.co.uk. The trustees meet quarterly



on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October, normally at the George Hotel, Nunney. The AGM is held at the start of the April meeting.

GREAT ELM

CHURCH NEWS

Following the large funeral service at Mells church on September 28th, Henry Keith Kemp was buried in the church yard at Great Elm.
His connection with Great Elm was long standing with Keith playing an active role in village life. He was a member of the Village Hall committee and very helpful at its inception. He was also a keen potter and several of his vases remain in use for church flowers. The cards on sale in the church also feature his photographs. He and Anthea remained members of the congregation for several years after they moved to Frome.

GREAT ELM HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026 – A BUMPER CROP OF GENEROSITY!

Great Elm Village Hall's Harvest Festival proved once again that while we may be a small village, we certainly know how to put on a spread and have a very jolly evening!
With 36 tickets sold and a £370 raised, it was a wonderfully fruitful evening!
The harvest table was positively groaning under the weight of local generosity. Judy and Jim's beautiful home-grown butternut squash, Ruth's spectacular rolls, Johnny's seemingly inexhaustible supply of courgettes, amazing grapes from Katy and Jean used to decorate the table and were so delicious and Anand's beautiful, plaited bread. And for pudding Judy's delicious hedgerow crumble with Katy sourcing cheese for the cheese board from Cheese Lord (07791 981875) and not forgetting Sally's fabulous raffle baskets, which helped persuade everyone to part with a few more pounds for a good cause!
Who knew that butternut squash, courgettes, brambles, apples, cheese and a little village enthusiasm could generate quite so much goodwill?

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Every penny helps keep our Village Hall and the church at the heart of Great Elm. Small village, big appetites, great generosity!
I would like to add my thanks to all who contributed to making it such a wonderful and happy evening raising funds for the church and village hall. In particular, I should like to thank Gemma for her organisation and hard work, making the evening such a success.
The food collection point in the church in aid of Fair Frome foodbank produced several large bags of goods which were delivered to Frome the following week. Thank you to those who donated.



On October 3rd, Richard King, who had completed his training to become a Lay Reader, was admitted and licensed by the Bishop in a ceremony at Wells Cathedral. Richard was supported by his family and members of the congregation at the ceremony.

We will be hosting the Benefice Communion at 10.00am on November 2nd.

Our Remembrance Service on November 8th is at 9.30am to allow time for anyone wishing to attend the service at Frome later. Although we meet outside the church in front of the War Memorial the service is for remembering all who have been affected by war, not just service personnel. Richard King will lead the service.

MELLS WITH VOBSTER

It is once again time for our autumn churchyard tidy, so we are inviting all Mells residents, those who enjoy walking through our wonderful churchyard, or anyone with a family connection to or love of the church to come together in a community effort to keep it looking beautiful, on Saturday, November 14th, 10.00am-12.00. The hard work by our volunteers is much appreciated by the many visitors to our church and churchyard. If you are able to help, do please join us and bring your own gloves, strimmers, tools etc. All welcome, tea, coffee and cake will be provided.



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MELLS PARISH COUNCIL (full minutes can be found at mells-pc.gov.uk) Notes from Mells Parish Council held on October 13th

SOMERSET COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Planning Enforcement Backlog exceeds 1,200 Cases
Somerset Council Backs Dementia Friendly to increase dementia awareness among councillors and staff, encouraging participation in dementia awareness training and the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme.
£50 Million Flood Resilience Programme Somerset Council has approved the next stage of a Government-funded flood resilience programme, focusing on 15 projects across the county.

HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES:
Speeding vehicles in Vobster: Anna Sabine MP has offered her support by contacting Somerset Council to push for action or





identify reasons for delay. Somerset Traffic Management have had another meeting with the police who have requested more speed data to determine the exact entry points and the most suitable locations for the signs.
Condition of Selwood Street: The road condition is appalling in some areas and there are some loose cobbles on the pavement which are dangerous, especially at night as there is no streetlighting. Clerk to report again.
Vehicles parking long term in the Recreation Ground and Fairview: The vehicle in Fairview has been towed away. The owner of the car in the recreation ground is not responding. The van owner oes not live in this police force area so the PCSO has contacted their local force. If they do not take
action, it will be referred back to Somerset Council.

PLANNING MATTERS
New applications: 2026/1699/FUL: Change of use from a public house to a single dwelling – Vobster Inn. No objections
Lime Kiln site: Some residents have expressed concern about the prospect of a caravan park on the site and queried the size of the new access road. There were pages of conditions attached to the approval of the access road, some of which should have been actioned within three months of the approval. Clerk to establish if they have been followed up. The parish council feel negotiation with the developer is key to ensuring that a proposal that suits the residents and developer is found.

OTHER MATTERS
Play area fence: This requires replacement and quotes are coming in at £8,000 for a metal fence. The parish council would like to support this but due to the low number of councillors present, it was decided to defer any decision until the next meeting. The bench has been vandalised and also requires replacement.
Quarry liaisons meetings: Cllr West had attended the meetings and reported back that at the Torr/Colemans meeting they had discussed

solar panels, increasing the area of Whatley Quarry and the re-opening of Westdown Quarry. There has only been one noise complaint in the last six months. The quarry are looking to employ five people and an apprentice with immediate effect. Over the last few months, the quarry has received several complaints about the poor state of the road outside the quarry entrance.

Vobster bridge: Large lorries are getting stuck on the bridge at the rate of approximately one a fortnight. Most drivers are foreign and are believed to be misunderstanding the 25ft length sign. Clerk to request a metric sign.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 10th, 2026 at 7.15pm in the Barn. Joy Book, Clerk, Tel: 07704 584953 Email: clerk@mells-pc.gov.uk

WHATLEY

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November 7th L Thomas; 14th J Uhrmacher; 21st P Witt; 28th K Gay (no flowers)

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We pass on our sympathies to neighbours in Chantry church and village for the death of Val Rawlins. She will be sorely missed. Both she and Hazel were a great support within both church communities.

MACMILLAN CANCER FUNDRAISER

Laura Baber would like to thank everybody for all their help in baking, making and coming to the coffee morning to support the great cause, MacMillan Cancer Support, helping her to reach the fantastic sum of £801.76 - with a bit more yet to come!

So many things contributed to the financial success of the morning, sales of coffee and cake, cards made by Lexi and Orla, handmade goods from the village sewing group and a raffle with a dazzling variety of donated prizes along with a very special raffle of a hand-made quilt made by Marion Ransome.

The other part of the success was, of course, the willing support of neighbours and friends from a wide area. There was a lovely atmosphere of friendship and generosity, helped along by the chat over coffee and delicious treats.

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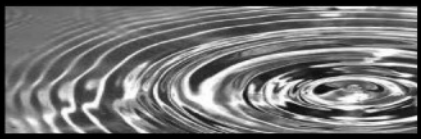
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Everyone enjoyed drinks also 'on the house' funded by the profits made over the last year by Friends of Whatley events. We enjoyed a very happy, convivial evening; thank you all.

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The trustees meet quarterly on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October, normally at the George Hotel, Nunney. The AGM is held at the start of the April meeting.

AND FINALLY…

A day to remember those we have loved and lost
St Mary's Hemington
Saturday November 14th

You are invited to drop in at any point between 10:00 and 3:30. An informal open space with soft music and areas around the church where there will be opportunities to light a candle, contribute to our memory tree, take part in a reflective activity, enjoy a quiet space for prayer and contemplation and to receive a blessing should you wish. Jess will begin with an invitation to listen to morning prayer and be available throughout the day. The day will draw to a close with evening prayer.
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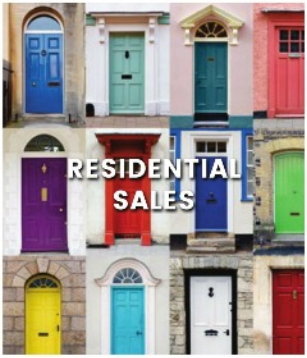
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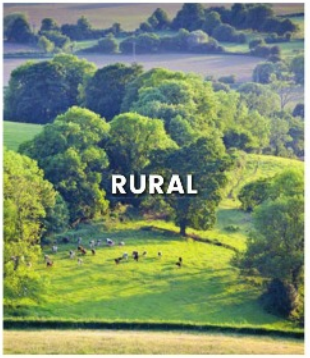
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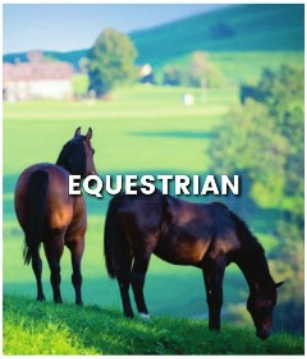
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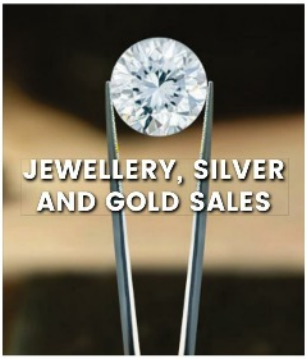


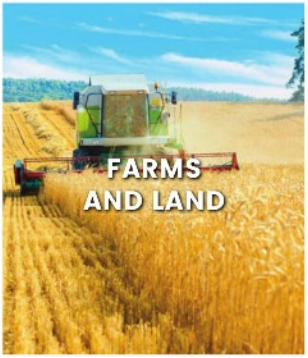


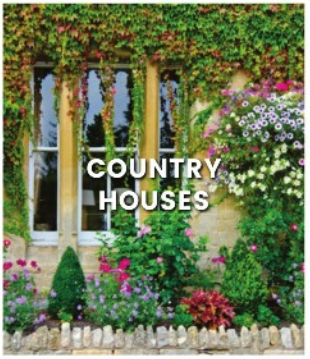












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