

COOMBE BISSETT AND HOMINGTON

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In the Summer time

VILLAGE DIARY

Village Cinema

21st October

18th November

16th December

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After a very dreary August we are now having some lovely sunny days. Ideal for all those jobs needed to prepare the garden for autumn and winter. Finally many people's confidence is returning and things are feeling much like before Covid, even though care is still required and precautions still recommended in some settings. Fingers crossed things will continue in this vein as the winter months approach.

The recent Cinema night at the village hall and the music nights at the Fox & Goose have been a hit with good turn outs. The Cricket Club Jazz night was also a great success, enjoyed by all on a lovely summer evening. More events are planned and full details can be found in the following pages.

Once again we are not asking for an annual subscription for the Express. It will continue to be delivered free of charge, however should anyone wish to make a donation towards our production costs; you can do so by bank transfer to the following Lloyds account:

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We welcome and hope the following new neighbours have settled into their new homes and will enjoy living in Coombe Bissett:

- Faye & Daniel Smith with their children Charlie & Iris. Moved into Ebble Edge, Old Blandford Rd from Harnham.
- Anne Dunn Moved into Meads Cottage, Shepherds Close from Nottinghamshire.

We have a couple of new adverts, Care4Cats and Humphries Kirk, both local firms. There have also been updates to some others so please take a look.

Submissions and advert requests in **MS Word** should be sent to the email address below.

Latest submission date for the next issue.....5pm 20th November 2021

Sue Dyer email cbandhexpress@outlook.com

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POPPY APPEAL 2021

Thankfully, this year the Royal British Legion have announced that there will be door to door collecting. Should all Covid rules change obviously this may change. However all being well, collecting can begin from 28th October and I will be contacting the team of kind collectors. Should anyone else feel able to volunteer for this, please let me know.

There is a vacancy for the post of Area Poppy Organiser, covering the Chalke Valley from Homington to Fifield Bavant. I can provide more information on what this involves.

Angela van der Horst. 01722718759



Chalke Valley Benefice



Parish of Coombe Bissett with Homington

Team Rector

Revd Catherine Blundell – 780134

Team Vicar

The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor – 503081

Churchwarden

Mollie Lampard - 718517

Lay Pastoral Assistant

Ruth Morgan - 718557

Where does the time go?! I cannot believe we have come round to Autumn already and by the time you read this Homington will have had its lovely Harvest Festival and Coombe Bissett will be preparing for the service on October 10th. Thank you belatedly to Homington and in advance to Coombe Bissett for all your generous giving.

Before we know it Remembrance Sunday will be upon us and as last year we are going to hold our service on 14th November OUTSIDE – please join us in time for the Act of Remembrance at 10.55 followed by a short service to which all are warmly welcome.

We are now singing again in church and following our usual Orders of Services but do please check the monthly rotas as our services will be different from the pre-pandemic rota. This will enable our clergy team (now one short) to give each church our full attention without wearing ourselves out completely! As you know Catherine Blundell is our stipendiary Rector whilst Roger Leake and I continue to work as non-stipendiary priests – we learnt very quickly during these last eighteen months that we have to ensure we look after ourselves as well as all our parishes!

My main worry is how to encourage more of you to offer your time and talents in the care of our lovely buildings as well as energising our church and community lives. The more who offer their services means that those services do not become too onerous...the same goes for being a School Governor – we have a small group at the moment who work so hard and would love to be able to share the load. Please get in touch with me if you can think of any way you could help contribute to your church and your community.

I pray that we all stay well these next couple of months, continuing to take care of ourselves and each other and we look forward to our celebrations at Christmas which we hope, will be as normal as possible after last year!

Revd Canon Jenny Taylor

Where is it?



Your chance to win* a bottle of Chablis!

Kindly donated by Emma Hunt

(Many of you will remember as Emma Brealey)

Thorman-Hunt Wineshippers Ltd.

If you know exactly what this is and where it is located

send your email/postal answer to:

cbandhexpress@outlook.com

Congratulations to Judy Evans for the correct answer:

The Milestone at the Bridge (under the willow) on A354

A big thank you to **Pod & Pin** for our prize!

CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME



The CVLS provides good neighbour support with transport and practical help for residents.

For Transport Requests Phone: 718780
(Roger Brown, Anna Mynott or Debby Underhill in rotation)

For Care and Support Phone: 421270 Debby Underhill

There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs.

Our co-ordinators and drivers are all volunteers and there may be times when you will be asked to leave a message which will be answered as soon as possible. Please give our co-ordinators as much notice as you can.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

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3 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Roger Leake
	9.30am	Harvest Festival PC (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Harvest Festival FC (CW)	Ebbsbourne Wake	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
10 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoderick
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Coombe Bissett	Voremberg
	11.00am	Harvest Festival	Alvediston	Jenny Taylor
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair Catherine Blundell
17 October 20th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ann Philp
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbsbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
24 October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Roger Leake	
31 October ALL SAINTS DAY	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Catherine Blundell
7 November 3rd Sunday before Advent	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbsbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
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14 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 	10.45am 10.45am 10.45am 10.50am 10.50am 10.50am 11.20am	Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	Bowerchalke Broad Chalke Berwick St John Bishopstone Coombe Bissett Nunton Alvediston	Lay Led David Blundell Lay Led Tony Monds Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Catherine Blundell
21 November CHRIST THE KING	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke Bishopstone Odstock Ebbesbourne Wake Homington Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Biddy Trahair Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell
28 November 1st Sunday of Advent	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Service Morning Prayer (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Holy Communion (BCP) Evening Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John Broad Chalke Charlton All Saints Nunton Homington Bishopstone Alvediston Bowerchalke	Kate Rosslyn Smith Catherine Blundell Ann Philp Roger Leake David Blundell Jenny Taylor Catherine Blundell Lay Led
5 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Morning Service (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John	Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Roger Leake Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor Lay Led

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It is with great sadness that the funerals were held in August and September of
the late Lady Sheila Harman and
the late Mrs Joyce Feltham.

We send our deepest condolences to both families. They will be remembered in
our prayers over the weeks and months to come.



Just a reminder

The Coffee Mornings at Coombe Bissett Church are currently not being held.

If you have any books to share please keep hold of them until the coffee mornings resume.

Many thanks, Mollie Lampard.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to you all for the very generous gifts I received at the end of last summer term. The garden voucher was much appreciated and I am slowly using it to add to my garden and everytime I use it I think of you all. The plants will be a lovely reminder of my happy years working in the amazing Coombe Bissett and Homington community.

Alison Macaulay (written with a morning cuppa sitting in the glorious September sun)

Joyce Feltham Remembered

Joyce was born on 21st August 1933 in Salisbury Infirmary, the family living in Nunton at that time. After her younger sister Barbara was born the family moved to Odstock. Her schooling was local first at Odstock and then on to Downton. First employment was at Sutton's Bakery in the High Street and then on to Odstock Hospital where she worked until 1959.

She met Bill in The Yew Tree early in 1955 and they started courting. They were married in Odstock on 17th August 1957 and went to live with Bill's Grandmother in North Street Salisbury, later moving into an MOD house in The Avenue Tisbury as Bill had joined the MOD police in 1956.

Her first son, Graham, was born on 25th April 1960 and the family moved to Peacehaven, a bungalow they built in Homington, in 1961. Second son, Colin named after Dr Collins, was born at home on 2nd December 1963.

When the boys were older she returned to work as assistant cook at Coombe Bissett school later taking overall charge from Mrs Lamb. Cooking was a joy and she would utilise fruit and vegetables from her own garden as well as surplus from villagers to supplement the school provisions. Pupils from that era will also remember her green custard designed to fool them into eating something special. Her commitment to the school also involved organising and running the annual fete. On retiring in 1991 because of her Sciatica she was able to relax with Bill who had retired 2 years before.

Although not a great fan of travel she did manage a trip to Dublin to enjoy the black stuff at the source and loved walking. An easy going lady who enjoyed sewing and needless to say cooking especially for her well-loved family. The special Nanny cake worked out at a pound a slice for ingredients!

In her last years Bill cared for her at home until she needed 24 hour care and moved into Ashley Grange Nursing Home where she died on 16th August. A celebration of her life took place at The Parish Church of St Mary The Virgin Homington on 15th September attended by Bill and the family together with a large gathering of friends.

Coombe Bissett & Homington Parish Council

PARISH CLERK WANTED

The Parish Council Clerk is the 'engine' of an effective Parish Council. As the principal executive and advisor, they are the officer responsible for effective administration and financial management.

If you would like to become the most important member of the Parish Council team, please contact us for a full job description and rates of pay before 20th October 2021.

Email: parishclerkcoombebissett@gmail.com

LIFE SAVER

South West Ambulance Service is offering training for the public defibrillators we have in Coombe Bissett and Homington.

If you would like to attend a training session, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Parishclerkcoombebissett@gmail.com

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Helicopter Visit

On Friday, 17th September, an army helicopter visited our school; it took off from Middle Wallop and landed in the cricket field near Coombe Bissett School.

We observed the helicopter land from behind the barriers. The helicopter had two propellers and three seats, which means it seated three people. Its model was a Sioux which was built in the 1960s. Others of its model were used in the Korean and Vietnam wars, although mainly in Korea.

It was made from aluminium, steel and carbon fibre, and the windscreen in the front was a Perspex dome bubble. Its top speed is 75mph and its propellers turn at 300rpm.

If you want to fly this army helicopter it takes 2 years of pilot training. We learned all these facts by listening to Mr Rich Pillans, who was the pilot and also has a daughter called Bobbie in Fir class.

After speaking to us, he allowed us to sit in the seats and look at the controls. We could even pretend to steer it using the steering controls.

Back behind the barrier, we watched the pilot return to the sky and fly away. This was our encounter with an army helicopter from the 1960s....and we loved it.

Reported by Hanna and Dexter (Ash class)





From the Village Show Committee.....

After all the excitement of the Show has faded, autumn draws in and is a lovely time to enjoy the last of our home-grown harvests.

So here are a few of our favourite recipes for you to try:

Starting with two from Kim.....

A **Tomato and Almond Soup**...which not only sounds delicious but also very easy to make!

*1kg vine-ripened tomatoes *2 garlic cloves *300ml vegetable stock *1 tsp sugar *100g toasted ground almonds *150ml virgin olive oil *15g basil and finally, salt to taste.

Boil stock, garlic, chopped tomatoes, sugar and simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in almonds. Blend oil and basil until smooth, drizzle over soup and enjoy with chunks of crusty bread. Yum!

Autumn Chutney.....one to use up all those last marrows and courgettes!

500g chopped marrow/courgette *500g tomatoes *250g chopped apples *250g sultanas * 250g light brown sugar * 300ml cider/white wine vinegar

SPICE BAG:*25g fresh ginger (peeled) *6 cloves *1tsp peppercorns *1tsp coriander seeds (tie all in muslin)

Place all ingredients into heavy-based pan. Bring slowly to boil, stirring, and simmer for 1-2 hours.

Don't rush...bottle in warm, sterilised jars...keep in fridge for two months before eating and use within two years.



And now for something sweet! Sally highly recommends this scrummy Plum & Ginger cake.....

*500g plums 2tbsp demerara sugar *125g butter *125g muscovado sugar *140g golden syrup *2 beaten eggs * 200ml milk *300g SR flour *1/2 tsp baking powder *1tsp ground ginger *1 tsp mixed spice

180°/160°Gas 4 Grease 23cm tin, sprinkle with 2tbsp demerara sugar, lay halved plums (cut side down)

Melt sugar, butter and syrup on low heat. Cool for ten minutes. Stir in eggs and milk. Fold in remaining ingredients to make a smooth batter. Pour over plums and bake 40-45 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes. Turn out onto wire tray and eat when ready.....*clotted cream anyone?* 😊

And finally.....can you find these words?

D	W	E	P	S	H	O	V	E	L
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G	U	I	T	F	E	N	C	E	S
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B	D	V	B	O	O	T	S	B	E
Y	K	H	Q	N	Y	S	O	I	L

HIVE SEEDS FLOWERS SHOVEL
BOOTS BUCKET DIG SOIL
WATER FENCES PUMPKIN



RECTIFICATION :The winner of the "Ladies' Only" cake had to be disqualified, following the presentations, for a breach of the Show Rules. The silver salver has therefore been awarded to Mrs Kirsten Webster who originally took second place.

Newsflash! Coombe Bisset Show September 17th 2022!

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

Knives Out



A terrific, authentic, modern day Agatha Christie-style whodunnit...with an all-star cast. When crime novelist Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is found dead just after his 85th birthday, the charming and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) investigates.



*Coombe
Bissett and
Homington
Village Hall*

Doors and bar
open at 6.45pm

**Main feature
at 7.30pm**

£6/ticket
reserve by
email and pay
on the door*

* Numbers will be limited so please reserve tickets in advance by email at coombebissettcinema@gmail.com
Pay by cash or card at the door on the day.

**Thursday,
21st October**

On a sunny morning in July, the club held the Ladies Doubles Competition with 10 members taking part. It was a very competitive but fun competition with Ruth the eventual winner, Judy and Janet joint runners up. Congratulations Ruth for another win. Many thanks to Don who had the very difficult task of sorting out the scheduling and keeping the scores. Also thank you to Pierre and Shirley for their hospitality after the tournament, especially Pierre's delicious Pimms.

Men's Doubles Competition – Due to lack of numbers this competition did not take place on Saturday 4 September. The committee will look at rearranging, when hopefully more members will be available.

Club Sessions:

Wednesday	5.30pm	Mixed (2pm from Wednesday 6 October)
Friday	10am	Ladies
Sunday	10am	Mixed

Fund raising for Alzheimer's Society – Thank you

Judy Evans

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to a sponsored walk I did on September 11th in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. I managed to raise £920 and walked 26 miles in just under 8 hours.

Luckily the weather was dry and perfect for walking. For those that are interested the walk started below Old Sarum on the rugby field. I set off at 6:40 am, we then walked past the Cathedral through Harnham and up to the race course, carried on along the Shaftesbury drove and came back down at Burcombe. Up through Grovelly wood and down at Great Wishford, through to Druid farm and the polo field, along to Stonehenge and then back to Salisbury via Lake and old Sarum to finish, in the early afternoon. Plenty of time to walk Brynny, my cocker spaniel in the evening.

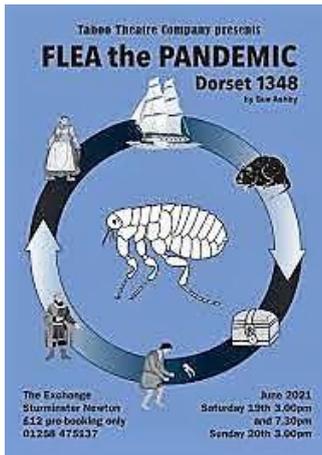
Many thanks to all of you who helped me to raise so much for such a worthwhile cause.



History on our Doorstep.....1348

This edition's article is not so much on our doorstep as it is 'in our backyard'! We, hopefully, are turning a significant corner in the difficult times we have come through and I wanted to share with you some aspects of recent events with their historical perspective. In the early days of Covid I was rightly put in my place by a scientist friend of mine when I used the phrase 'the funny side of Covid' and rightly so he said: there is no funny side to Covid! Well, right though he was it did not stop a plethora of videos, images, cartoons and the like making us smile (at ourselves) during the last eighteen months or more.... who can forget the endless, ingenious ways (some quite fruity I seem to recall) of mask-making?

It also spawned a very funny, and sometimes moving, piece of theatre in Dorset which compared the origins of the 1348 pandemic with that of our own. The playwright, Sue Ashby, very cleverly interwove current events (not to mention aspects of the PM's briefing speeches) with historical facts and happenings. For instance:



Historically	Currently
came from China & India	originated in China
spread by traders	spread by travellers
money soaked in vinegar	pay by card & disinfect
brewers and bakers affected	flour & yeast hard to get
parliament was prorogued indefinitely	parliament went virtual

I highly recommend it if it tours. Hang on a minute though, I hear some of you say, we do have a piece of historical significance absolutely on our doorstep..... our very own 'plague stone'! Well, that is for those who believe it to be that. There has been much debate over the years as to whether it is an incredibly old mounting stone for easy access to the saddle for local horse riders. The indentation has led people to believe it is for vinegar to cleanse, as was common in ancient times, and shoppers would put their coins in on collection of their goods to help reduce spread of disease. There are no official records as to its origin and there are relatively few plague stones existing around the country. It is interesting to note that Vinegar Alley in Walthamstow, northeast London, was named after the huge volumes of vinegar that were used to try and disinfect people who had been at the nearby plague pit, where bodies were left to rot en-masse. The most notable plague stone is to be found in Eyam in Derbyshire where a whole village isolated themselves to prevent contagion (1666). Lockdown is certainly not a modern invention.



So, in Melcombe Regis (now Lyme Regis) in 1348 the Black Death arrived.....just over the border from us... carried in the cargo of traders from the East. Travelling on fleas across the country, it drastically and fatally changed people's lives. They came through it.....so will we. Stories of heroism, kindness, community, scientific advancement and often sheer faith in every shape and size are probably lost in the mists of time from the 1348 pandemic. We have our own stories to tell and far too many of them are indescribably sad, but we will hold onto and celebrate the best of all we are in difficult times, remembering that community is a rich and generous gift.



And a final aside.....one mention of this historical treasure in our CB&H Express, time past, was the concern for our villagers since the stone was and can be a trip hazard!



Neighbours take care! Sharon Hallis

COOMBE BISSETT DOWN NATURE RESERVE

It has been a summer of success at Coombe Bissett Down Nature Reserve. Despite the somewhat unsettled weather the grassland site has thrived with a whole host of flora and fauna. Visitors who have come to explore the sites new walking trails, watch wildlife, or just take in the views, have been greeted with a plethora of pyramidal orchids, as well as bee and burnt-tip orchids, hidden amongst a sea of wildflowers. Between the buzzing wings of insects, the sound of birdsong, newborn lambs and calves, Coombe Bissett Down has been full of life.

All this life is creeping into the newer parts of the reserve, and the spring and summer saw the new reversion field developing. The field is starting to show promising signs of the beginnings of a wildflower meadow, with a variety of new plants appearing. On her visits to the site throughout the seasons Ashley White, the Southern Reserves Manager for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, recorded twenty-two species within the reversion site.

Grassland favourites such as the easily recognisable ox-eye daisy, the buttery colours of toadflax and cowslip, and the delicate clusters of wild carrot and wild parsnip all made the list. As well as yellow rattle, an important species as it feeds off nearby grasses, which helps sensitive species to grow. If you find yourself visiting the site next spring and summer be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the vibrant blue of vipers bugloss; with snake-head-shaped flowers, it's an valuable food source for a wide range of pollinators such as buff and red-tailed bumblebees – just to name a few. Or look out for the graceful fairy flax, whose white flowers on wiry stems can be spotted from May to September.

There have also been some noticeable changes on the Trust's butterfly bank. The stark white of chalk has been replaced with a carpet of green and yellow, as the plants sown and planted have bloomed into life. Kidney and horseshoe vetch, and bird-foot trefoil have nearly covered the chalk bank over the course of the season; and one of the priority butterfly species, the small blue, was spotted on the bank during the spring. But it's not just the bank that boasts the butterflies; common blue, small heath, brimstone and meadow brown butterflies have all been seen on the reversion fields emerging flora.

'This is really encouraging,' says Ashley looking back over what has been a successful summer for the nature reserve as well as the volunteers and staff who have worked hard to bring the new field to life.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust would love to hear about any species you spot on your visits to the reserve. Please log your sightings officially via <http://wsbrc.org.uk/wildlife-recording/submit-records/>

As we turn away from the warmth of summer days and look towards the colder chill of the approaching autumn, we begin to think about some of the wildlife that might need our help. If you are interested in helping to feed the reserve's farmland birds, then please email Ashley White AshleyW@wiltshirewildlife.org By Jeni Bell



As I am sure you are all aware, next year marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

70 years on the throne deserves a bit of a celebration,
and the Parish Council have agreed to support a Parish event/s.

A committee will be required to organise any functions, so we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to help. We have a volunteer for the Treasurer, but we need a Chairman, Secretary and probably around 6 people from Coombe Bissett and Homington to form the committee. We will need lots of volunteers for the events themselves.

If you are interested in being part of the organisation committee, or if you might be able to help with the events nearer the time, could you contact me by email on abigailbird@hotmail.com

Thank you, Abigail Bird.

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Emma.



Emma Woodhouse, a rich and intelligent – if misguided – young woman, meddles in the love lives of her friends. A fresh and delightful take on a classic Jane Austen comedy. Funny, stunningly beautiful, it lights up the screen. Starring Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn and Bill Nighy.



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Pay by cash or card at the door on the day.

**Thursday,
18th November**



Dream Horse was our first screening of the new season. We were thrilled to be back and judging by the response so was the audience. A great evening was had by all.

Our new booking system worked well, together with our card payment system (thanks to Angela van der Horst for running that). More spaced out seating and open doors meant that the Hall was as safe as we could make it. We hope you all agree. We are planning on organising the next months in the same way. If anyone has ideas about how we could improve, please get in touch. (coombebissetcinema@gmail).

Forthcoming screenings:

21st October - **Knives Out** 12

This homage to Agatha Christie delivers laughs, twists and thrills. Starring Daniel Craig, Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis and many more.

"Deliciously entertaining". Mark Kermode, The Guardian

"...A sly, wry and nimble homage to the murder mysteries of yesteryear, with a modern spin". Empire on Line

18th November - **Emma** U

Emma is a self proclaimed matchmaker who meddles in the love lives of her friends. Her misguided matches and romantic missteps lead her to find love that has been there all along. Starring Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn and Bill Nighy.

"this version ramps up the comedy but Anya Taylor-Joy remains wonderfully edgy as Jane Austen's meddling heroine" Mark Kermode The Guardian

"there is a real energy to this adaptation". NYT



Cricket Club

Don Hewlett 741354 donannahewlett@hotmail.co

It's been great for the lads to at last have a full season of cricket at Shutts Lane. The only fly in the ointment has been the dreadful weather, particularly on Sundays, forcing the club to cancel no less than 8 matches. 16 matches played, 8 won and 8 lost. Manny Sankaran top scored with 467 runs, which included 2 century's, Dave Webber claimed 16 wickets and also notched a century. Nineteen years old, Will Hewlett also scored his maiden ton. It has also been a good year for the youngsters coming through, on one occasion the team included eight teenagers. Sid Coombs has come on in leaps and bounds, and he will make a fine player in the future.

Our sterling groundsman, Ian Newman, has toiled for many hours on his hallowed square, producing great pitches to play on, much envied by our visitors.

Covid has dealt the clubs finances a blow, and stopped our intended fundraising events for a whole year, but the balance looks much better now, after the very successful twenties jazz evening. Our thanks to Chris Andrews for donating the outside stage, in memory of his brother Bobby, who played for the club for many years, and to so many who donated raffle prizes.

Watch this space for future events, as a Bingo Evening is in the plan.

As ever, we will be pleased to welcome new players, for next season, please get in touch, 14 years to 90.

Week Ending		TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL
		Average Daily Maximum	Average Nightly Minimum	Average Mean	Total
		Deg C	Deg C	Deg C	Inches
July	4	21.2	14.9	18.1	2.13
	11	20.4	13.3	16.9	1.28
	18	24.0	14.3	19.2	0.60
	25	26.3	16.2	21.3	1.00
August	1	21.2	14.7	18.0	0.86
	8	19.8	12.7	16.3	0.69
	15	21.7	13.7	17.7	0.29
	22	20.8	14.5	17.7	0.21
	29	19.8	11.6	15.7	-
September	5	19.8	13.3	16.6	-

Monthly Figures

January	6.0	2.1	4.1	4.21
February	7.7	3.1	5.4	3.06
March	11.0	4.3	7.6	1.48
April	12.1	1.8	6.9	0.87
May	15.2	7.2	11.2	3.92
June	20.9	12.2	16.6	3.92
July	22.9	14.8	18.9	3.97
August	20.3	13.2	16.8	1.34

Year to date rainfall 22.77 inches

July

The month started well with two warm and fairly sunny days but conditions soon deteriorated. The next ten days produced only one day with a reasonable amount of sunshine, seven of the days produced rain, we barely saw sight of the sun and maximum temperatures averaged just 20C. The weather improved on 13th and the following ten days produced the best conditions of the month and of the whole Summer as it was to turn out. In this period maximum temperatures averaged 27C 81F, the sun shone throughout and there was no rain. Top temperature of the month and of the year was 30C 86F on 21st. The fine spell ended abruptly with a thunderstorm in the early hours of 24th which produced one inch of rain. With the exception of 26th, the last week of July was cool and mostly overcast with showers at times.

July's mean temperature was 18.9C which is more than 1C above my 35year average of 17.7C. There have been 7 warmer Julys, 4 of them in the last 9 years. Once again, the cause of it being a warmer than average July is the high overnight minimum temperatures rather than high day time maxima. This is evidenced as follows:-

July 2021 average overnight minimum 14.8C. 35year average for this measure is 13C.

July 2021 average daytime maximum 22.9C. 35year average for this measure is 22.4C.

There have been no Julys with warmer overnight temperatures than this July although July 2018 equalled it. Conversely, there have been 11 occasions when July has been warmer by daytime maxima.

July was very wet. Rainfall totalled 3.97 inches compared with a 35 year average of 2.34 inches. It was the fifth wettest July. My sunshine estimate yielded 157 hours compared with an average of 201. There have been just 7 duller Julys.

August

August did not reward us with any continental, summer weather to compensate this year's holiday Staycationers for missing out on their usual holidays in the Mediterranean. Personally, I am hopeful that this will encourage people to take their holidays abroad again next year and leave our beauty spots a little more accessible! There was a complete absence of weather from the continent throughout August. The entire month had cool temperatures. The highest on any day was just 23C on 14th. The average daytime maximum was just 20.3C. Worse than this was the lack of sunshine. I estimated a total of just 94 hours and when you think that 61 hours of that total occurred on the 8 sunniest days, it leaves just 28 hours for the remaining 23 days!

Spirits were lifted when the weather forecasters began to speak of a developing and persistent area of high pressure arriving over the UK on 21st. The good thing about anticyclones is that they settle the weather down, block weather fronts from the Atlantic and in summer months usually bring us our best weather conditions. The problem with this one was that it centred over North West Scotland and as winds blow clockwise around high pressure systems this led to persistent anticyclonic gloom with northerly or north easterly winds laden day after day with non- rain bearing, low cloud off the North Sea. The 7 days from 27th August to 2nd September were the worst of it. Dark grey skies and only the occasional glimpse of sun along with cool winds prevailed right through the bank holiday weekend.

The month's rainfall of 1.34 inches was just over half of the August average due to the persistent area of high pressure keeping weather fronts at bay.

Summer 2021 – A Mixed Bag

	2021	35year average	Ranking	Highest	Lowest
Maximum daily temp Deg C	21.4	21.5	16 th warmest	23.9 (1989)	20.1 (1993)
Minimum night temp Deg C	13.4	12.3	4 th warmest	14.0 (2016)	10.8 (1988)
Mean 24hour temp Deg C	17.4	16.9	10 th warmest	18.6 (2018)	15.7 (1993/ 1998)
Rainfall (inches)	9.2	7.1	7 th wettest	15.2 (2012)	1.9 (1995)
Sunshine Estimated hours	414	567	2 nd dullest	804 (2006)	400 (2012)

The first half of June was completely dry, very sunny and warm. There was a further four days spell of sunny but less warm weather between 23rd and 26th.

July produced an eleven day spell of completely dry and almost entirely sunny days with maxima in the range 22C to 30C.

August managed a settled spell with no rain for the last ten days but temperatures were really quite cool and, apart from three days, very dull.

These settled spells apart, the dominant theme was for cool, cloudy and unsettled conditions.

Rainfall occurred on 30 of the 92 days and on 41 days the thermometer failed to reach 21C 70F.

So, for many of us, Summer 2021 was a disappointment. It was the 16th warmest in the last 35 years using maximum temperatures as a basis, the 7th wettest and the 2nd dullest.

I only guess at sunshine hours but my estimates gave a total of 414 hours for the 92 days compared with an average of 567. Given that the sunniest 30 days of the Summer accounted for 300 of the 414 hours it means that the remaining 62 days produced 114 hours or just 2 hours per day on average! The biggest disappointment for me was the dearth of warm evenings to sit on the patio with our new furniture. I can't entirely blame the weather for that as the furniture which we ordered in March didn't arrive until 16 August!

Know your Neighbours

Who Am I?

As our resident's dad was head of music in the Royal Marines, she found herself born in Malta. It was 1958. She didn't stay there long and moved to Westerham, Kent before her 2nd birthday. Her Dad became a music and sports teacher in a boarding school for physically and mentally handicapped children where they lived within the grounds of the school. She started her schooling at Brasted village school. Our resident remembers the 'big freeze' in 1962 where supplies had to be flown in as it was a hilly area and cut off. Snow came way above the front door and her dad had to dig a big tunnel to get out of the house – lockdowns have always been around! It lasted nearly 3 months.

They moved to Cowplain, Hampshire (between Portsmouth and Petersfield) due to her fathers' change of job. They stayed there where our resident completed her schooling.

She became a PA at ITS Rubber in Petersfield (the biggest employer in the area) and was lucky enough to get day release for further training in accountancy. By the age of 22 years, she had progressed up the ladder into a position of authority already, a born organiser leader but she was keen to follow her parents' footsteps and go into the Services (her Mum had been in the RAF, Lancaster Command). Her mum was horrified thinking that this could even be an option for her as "why would you want to give all this up?" She had a good job; her own car and apparently, she certainly wouldn't be able to take any orders!!! Anyway, our resident thought better for it and remained where she was but the yearning returned and she attempted joining the TA's (territorial army) in her mid-twenties but at the interview she was told by the sergeant major "you'll be telling ME what to do!!" so that was that!



Our resident, meanwhile, had gained valuable, sought after secretarial skills, including shorthand/typing, GPO and commerce training. She moved to a company based in Havant, Colt International, where she became the financial directors PA. She started the social club and even ran a keep fit class.

She left home in 1985 and went to work for the Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspaper in 1985 as an area rep for Southsea. Our resident loved the freedom of movement the job provided, travelling around, going into the different shops, cafes, restaurants, and businesses, but it had difficult day to day targets to be met and it soon took its toll, so 18 months later, our resident decided to get away from it all and got a job in Greece, teaching English for 14 months.

Give Up?

Rose Hawkins returned from Greece and joined Dowty in Newbury and bought her first house in Purton, Wiltshire; then went on to work for a recruitment agency' but she did have her sights set on getting a job with IBM, the huge multinational technology corporation. She knew it would provide a good, secure job. She got what she was after and by the time she was 28years old Rose was a project manager in a male dominated working environment at IBM.

A mutual friend threw a house party where she met a chap called David, later to become her husband. Rose and David got engaged after a year and they found a house to buy in Blendworth on the Hampshire/West Sussex border, on the South Downs walk. The vicar walked in one day and suggested to 'make a date' for their wedding, so they got married a year later in 1991. Lottie was born in 1995 and two years later Josie arrived. David was headhunted by Siemens, Roke Manor Research, Romsey so the family moved to Redlynch and there they stayed for 15 years. While the girls were growing up, Rose was organising a babysitting circle as well as being a part time medical secretary at New Hall, still interacting and communicating.

Rose had to have a gap in 2009 as she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Fortunately, Salisbury District Hospital was under a postcode lottery for a drugs trial and Rose was an active participant in the trial and was treated accordingly, the only thing was you had to get ill to get better, but she did. In 2010 Rose was able to return to work and, for now (touch wood and everything else) she is all clear.

Rose and David wanted to move to the Chalke Valley to be nearer to town for the girls schooling, so sold up 2012 and rented until the property in Homington came up in 2014.

In 2018 Rose retired; she wanted to live her life; her perspective had changed having gone through her health scare. Having retired, Rose enjoys more than ever her garden, photography and continues in the Salisbury Community Choir where she has travelled around the world; even singing in Carnegie Hall, New York; Cape Town, South Africa premiering 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins; these being just a few venues of many.



Rose is now the booking clerk for the Coombe Bissett and Homington village hall so if that isn't enough to keep her busy, I don't know what is!!

Quick Fire Q&A

1. What was/is your nick name? *Flower, Blossom or Petal (by my parents)*
2. If you could time travel, when would you go? *1920's – 1940's*

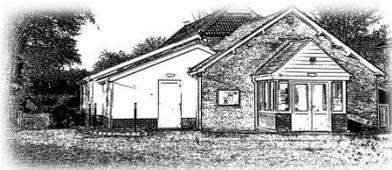
3. What is your pet hate? *indecisiveness*
4. What is your favourite TV programme? *Inspector Montalbano (BBC iPlayer)*
5. What do you like most about living in CB & H? *AONB and the community, the people*
6. What is the silliest way you have been injured? *Age 7 or 8 I was lying on a toddlers' walker using it like a sort of skateboard, got my fingers caught under the wheels, tore my nails and knuckle and bent my finger – still bent today. I love speed and racing.*
7. Where is your favourite place in the world? *The Mediterranean Malta/ Gozo*
8. What is your favourite food/dish? *Mediterranean food*
9. What is the best piece of advice you have received? *“Believe in yourself” said by my dad and “be careful what you wish for” said by my Mum*
10. Would you rather.... lose your sense of taste or your sense of smell? *neither, can't say.. I'm taking my Mum's advice and not saying just in case!!!!*

Thanks to Rose Hawkins

Interviewed by Rachel Coombs

BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

OCTOBER 2021 EVENTS



LATEST COVID ADVICE: The Hall is now fully open. Under current government advice the wearing of face coverings is no longer essential but is recommended when moving around in a crowded hall. Please use hand sanitiser on entering the building.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

We are delighted to be able to resume Community Lunches the first of which will be on **Wednesday 6th October**. This will be a social event without an after lunch speaker.

Times as usual: 12.00 noon for 12.30pm.

The following dates for lunches are:

Wednesday 3rd November when Dr Alastair Lack will be talking about “**Cholera in Salisbury – A pandemic of the past?**”

The Christmas lunch which will be on **Wednesday 1st December**.

Advance booking is essential. Please telephone Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 and advise her of any dietary requirements. The cost is £7.50 for a two course lunch and a drink.

MOVIOLA at Bishopstone

Moviola Film Nights will recommence on **Friday 24th September** with the film ‘**Nomadland**’, a 2020 American Oscar winning film based on the book by [Jessica Bruder](#). “A woman in her sixties who, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad”.

Doors open 7pm with the film commencing at 7.30pm Advance booking is essential. Tickets are **£6.00** and are available from Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044. A cash bar will be available.

Future films are:

October 22nd – ‘**The Last Bus**’ Starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan.

“An old man whose wife has just passed away uses his free local bus pass to travel to the other end of the UK, on a nostalgic trip but also carrying his wife's ashes `taking her back' and in doing so he meets local people. By the end of his trip he's a celebrity”.

November 26th – ‘**The Father**’

QUIZ NIGHT

The return of the popular Quiz Night will be on **Saturday 30th October**.

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams of four.

£10 per head (£40 per team) to include supper. A bar will be available.

Profits will be shared with the mental health charity "Mind".

Booking essential. Call Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Save the date: - Friday **December 3rd at 6pm**

HALL BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire subject to any restrictions in place at the time.

To enquire or make an advance booking, please contact the bookings secretary Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

(Formerly known as the Baby & Toddler Playgroup)

For general information about the Bishopstone Playgroup, find their Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendleton on 01722 780655 or email: kmpendleton@hotmail.com .

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For information about these exercise classes contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email:

jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937

YOGA WITH HANNAH

For more details please contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or by email:

yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

SARUM SPINNERS AND WEAVERS

For more detail about the group please contact Les Smith on 01722 780761.

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YOGA WITH HANNAH

Classes have resumed and run every Thursday 6-7pm and 7:30-8:30pm

To confirm a place contact Hannah Stocker on 0773 856 1888 or email:

yoga_with_hannah@outlook.com.

MINUTES OF COOMBE BISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 (unconfirmed)

Present: Councillors: D Hobson, A Bird, K Byatt, C Chelu, S Gledhill,, S Boxall; N Heron (Clerk), Members of the public, Brigadier (Rtd) & Mrs McGovern, A Crawshaw

- 28** Apologies for absence – R Clewer (Wiltshire Council), Cllr L Reed, G Bundy
- 29** Public Question Time. M McGovern, resident of Stocksbridge Lane expressed concern about the state of Stocksbridge Lane and requested that the Parish Council returns to inspect the lane again and decide if repairs are needed. D Hobson said the subject will be covered under Reports from Representatives later in the meeting.
- 30** Minutes of the last meeting – S Gledhill suggested that the Minutes are modified to remove C Chelu writing a job description for 7th Cllr as he did this himself, proposed by K Byatt and seconded by S Gledhill. The Minutes aside from this were agreed by all to be an accurate and true record.
- 31** Co-Option of 7th Councillor – D Hobson said it was unusual to have two Cllrs apply and thanked both applicants for coming to the meeting. Following advice from the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils, a policy for co-option needed to be agreed and S Gledhill proposed that:
- i) The candidate(s) can address the Parish Council for a maximum of five minutes.
 - ii) Parish Cllrs will then have the opportunity to question the candidate(s), questions limited to a maximum of 2 per Cllr.
 - iii) If required the Council may then go into closed session from which the public and candidate(s) will be excluded.
 - iv) The Council will then re-convene in open session with the public and candidate(s) re-admitted.
 - (v) A vote will be taken to decide which candidate should be co-opted onto the Parish Council.
 - (vi) Note: in the event of a tied vote, the Chair will be allocated an additional vote to decide the outcome. Seconded by C Chelu and all in agreement.
- S Boxall was voted as 7th Councillor and joined the meeting. A Crawshaw was thanked for standing.
- 32** Declaration of interest – none
- 33** **Matters arising:**

Neighbourhood Development Plan: S Gledhill advised that Wiltshire Council has allocated us with a new link officer and informally informed us that we will need a Strategic Environment Assessment, primarily because of concerns about phosphates within the River Avon catchment. The next stage will be to apply for funding and the draft plan may need amendment before a Section 14 Consultation.

Bollards across bridleway: The Clerk is continuing to chase Wiltshire Council about an installation date.

Donkey Field: BT needs to visit the site to identify the locations of the underground cables, BT has finally responded to contact. Hopefully the fence will be installed before Christmas. The Clerk will confer with Cllr L Reed for updates.

Playground repairs: The bark has been put down in the playground. C Chelu was thanked for organising the volunteers and the Council acknowledged gratitude to D Morgan and T Chelu for helping with the laying of the bark and L Reed and S Garrett for removing the pallets. A Bird further reported that the memorial plaque will soon be placed in the Rec Ground.

Speed indicator device/Community Speedwatch and Speed Limit Sign: The latest SID report is on the website. The school Head, Parents and Governors have been contacted via letter regarding speeding, seeking further engagement, and Cllr Byatt and A Turnbull are liaising with 2 parent representatives from the Friends of Coombe Bissett School. K Byatt reported that the data shows commuters are speeding and the Speedwatch team are consulting with the hospital. K Byatt asked whether leaflets could be produced and funded by the Parish Council to place on hospital noticeboards. It was agreed to discuss this outside the next PC meeting should the hospital be in agreement. C Chelu will contact Wiltshire Council about the faded 30mph speed limit sign on Stratford Tony Road.

Grass Cutting Tender: The Clerk received quotations from Bawden and Tony Benger Landscaping. S Gledhill proposed, D Hobson seconded and all Cllrs were in agreement that the cheaper quote from Bawden was accepted.

Use of Recreation Field: Use of the recreation field for weddings and marquees requires permission and it was agreed that there should be no fee for local weddings but a charge should be made for non-residents. C Chelu with liaison with the Village Hall Committee.

Leg Press Grant: C Chelu has obtained a grant from Wiltshire Council for 50% of the cost of a Leg Press and asked if the Parish Council would pay the remaining 50%. A Bird proposed that this sum is paid from Parish Council funds, S Boxall seconded and all agreed that CIL money could be used. C Chelu will liaise with the Clerk about the purchase when the Wiltshire Council grant has been received.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: A Bird suggested that the Council need to start planning for next year. A sub-committee of parishioners will be needed to come up with ideas and plans and a budget needs to be set by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be supportive of this, A Bird will produce a plan in the coming months for further discussion.

Appointment of Clerk: K Byatt has produced posters for the noticeboards and will be responsible for the marketing of this post. S Boxall will take responsibility for the required future Finance arrangements. In the short-term, should a Clerk not be employed by the end of September, A Bird will make temporary arrangements to monitor the Clerk's inbox and to pay any necessary bills using the Parish Council bank account. Nicola Heron was thanked very much for all her work as Parish Clerk over the last 16 months.

34 Parking on Recreation Field: 18 September – Memorial

25 September - Wedding

35 Parking on Donkey Field: none

36 Notices on Donkey Field/beech tree: Chalke Valley Challenge

37 Correspondence received:

- Email from South West Ambulance Service regarding Defibrillator training. A Bird will promote on Facebook, K Byatt will prepare a poster asking for residents to show their interest by emailing the Clerk before end of October 2021
- Email from South Wiltshire Ramblers Group – D Hobson has responded expressing appreciation of their work in clearing overgrown footpaths and agreed to co-ordinate for future efforts.
- Email from Woodland Trust – It was agreed that the Council could not give an opinion on Woodland planting at Cross Farm for an Environmental Impact Assessment notification.
- Letter from Clerk - N Heron's letter of resignation was accepted.

38 Planning

Planning received:

Application No. PL/2021/06576 – full planning

Proposal: Proposed two and single storey extensions and alterations

At: Ebble Edge, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LH

Application No. PL/2021/07223 – tree felling in conservation area

Proposal: Fell T1 Elm, T2 Spruce, T3 Oak; reduce by 30%, T4Fir, T5 Holm Oak; reduce by 50% T7 Beech

At: Weaveland, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LY

Application No. PL/2021/07486 – full planning

Proposal: New dormer to North elevation to create two bedrooms in existing attic

At: Staddle Stones, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4JZ

Application No. PL/2021/08228 – full planning

Proposal: Construction of detached single garage, alterations to access and widening of drive

At: Marazan, Barbers Lane, Homington, SP5 4NL

Planning approved:

Application No. PL/2021/06281

Proposal: Tree work – reduce Copper Beech by 2m

At: The River House, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett SP5 4LX

Application No. PL/2021/04156 – approved with conditions

Proposal: Erection of a tree house in the garden

At: Newlands, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett, SP54JZ

Application No: PL/2021/03966/ful – approved with conditions

Proposal: En-suite bedroom to the south side of the property constructed in timber frame and clad in weather boarding. Proposal back porch with flat roof.

At: Bounds End, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett, SP54LX

Application No. PL/2021/06576 – approved with conditions

Proposal: Proposed two and single storey extensions and alterations

At: Ebble Edge, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LH

Application No. PL/2021/06747 – listed building consent – approved with conditions

Proposal: Repaired to gable wall to remove paint and friable material, render over a portion of the gable wall with lime render

At: Yew Tree Cottage, Barbers Lane, Homington, SP5 4NL

Application No: PL/2021/05576 – approved with conditions

Proposal: Extension to kitchen and utility room, raising of roof in link building, addition of 3 dormer windows.

At: Caberfeidh, Willowmead Close, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, SP5 4LG

Planning Appeals:

Appelants: Mr & Mrs Royal, Cranbourne Farm, Old Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett

Proposed Development: Conversion of two existing agricultural barns to form a single storey residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and carport, associated landscaping and access – PLANNING REFUSED

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for works to main barn and agricultural building including

39 Reports from representatives

Highways – In response to M McGovern's request at public question time, Cllrs discussed the issue. Cllrs had inspected the condition of the path prior to the meeting. D Hobson stated that Stockbridge Lane is a public footpath, not a road and that Wiltshire Council is responsible for all highways including footpaths. D Hobson proposed that the Rights of Way at Wiltshire is contacted and asked to look at Stockbridge Lane and declare whether or not it is unsafe as a footpath, seconded by A Bird. M McGovern said he would ask the villager who had broken his/her foot to provide evidence to submit to Wiltshire Council. It was agreed by all that this item remain on the Agenda for the next meeting.

40 Finance

CBPC current bank account – Balance at 06 September 2021 £9,399.80

Payments Out 13 July 2021 to 06 September 2021

14.07.21	Office Expenses	June	£431.24
27.07.21	R Bartlett	Red Paint RI	£12.99
04.08.21	Bawden	Grass June	£133.42
04.08.21	C Watts	Defib installation	£165.00
11.08.21	Bawden	Grass July	£133.42
11.08.21	Brunel	Tree plaque	£159.42
23.08.21	Brunel	Tree plaque delivery	£13.80
23.08.21	CPA Horticulture	Playground Bark	£1,315.02
30.08.21	Bawden	Grass August	£133.42
06.09.21	Office Expenses	July	£302.00
06.09.21	Office Expenses	August	£381.49

Payments in 13 July to 06 September 2021

30.07.21	Wilton RfD	Defib sale	£50.00
10.08.21	Funeral Partners	Plot C4 inscription	£40.00
17.08.21	HMRC	VAT refund	£283.20

CBPC reserve bank account – Balance at 06 September 2021 £32,143.61

Payments in 13 July to 06 September 2021

30.07.21	Interest	£0.26
31.08.21	Interest	£0.28

The Parish Cllrs noted the previously agreed monthly expenditure.

41 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 09 November 2021 at 7pm

95 The meeting closed at: 9.20pm



SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, 16th December



As there is no panto for Coombe Bissett and Homington this year, we want to offer you a visual spectacle for the holidays.

Cruella is a stylish and imaginative adventure detailing the transformation of young orphan, Estella, into the well-known villain in *101 Dalmatians*, Cruella de Vil. Set in 1970s London, this is a wild ride full of fashion, vengeance and, yes, dalmatians, with a generous splash of Disney magic.



Ocean Transport 25.1.79 – 25.7.79

My last two voyages on the Ocean Transport were with my very friendly Master from Bournemouth, Mike. Mike’s wife was, unfortunately, in the very early stages of terminal cancer so the Company allowed her to travel with us for the first voyage. As far as I can recall the voyage went smoothly without any memorable problems.

Just in the last three weeks though, his wife, worryingly, started to have problems. Although she did not complain she was obviously relieved when we arrived back in Liverpool. Mike had to stay on board while the ship was being discharged.

We all bought boxes of boneless meat in the Argentine. Fillet steak, minced beef, sausages, prawns etc. so I hired a car to get my meat supply home. I drove Mike’s wife down to Coombe Bissett where two of her daughters were waiting for her. The poor lady died a few months later.

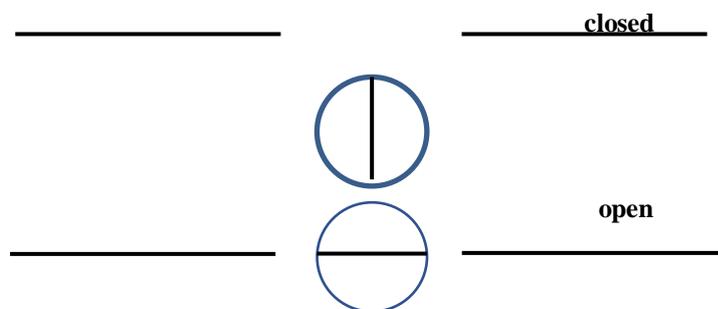
Mike on his retirement married a New Zealand lady and went to live in Sydney. They would return to the UK every two or three years. Sadly, he was widowed a second time. Then, at around age 80 had the company of his second wife’s friend. Mike died last October in Sydney aged 92.

On leaving the Ocean Transport for the last time I became unwell and needed a gall stone removal operation. This put me out of action for a few months. Then I spent time on our cargo ships relieving the deep-sea mates for their leave.

Eventually I was called to the office in Leadenhall street to discuss my future work with the company. After quite a long discussion it appeared my only option was to join a product/crude oil tanker: The Elstree Grange. I had never set foot on a tanker before, so I signed on as an extra First Officer (in training).

Elstree Grange: 1.2.80 – 4.7.80

The ship was only three months old, a bit worrying for me. I had joined the ship in Philadelphia and had excellent accommodation in the owner’s suite. The first weeks were spent trying to learn the procedures and, most of all, safety. The heart of our loading and discharge operations was placed in the cargo office situated on the main deck at the fore end of the accommodation block. From here we could open and close all the tank valves on the huge ship, valve system on one bulkhead across the after end of the office. Below this were the valve controls. The indicators lay across the pipe plan:



and so, it was easy to follow where the cargo should be going to.

Also in the office was a loading computer which was really excellent. You could quickly distribute your cargo or ballast safely. All the information needed to give you a safely distributed cargo, stress, stability sailing draft and arrival draft. Everything taken into account, cargo stored, fresh water, ballast water, clean and dirty, (dirty ballast contaminated with oil through ballasting with sea water in an unwashed cargo tank). This was usually pumped ashore into shore holding tanks and later cleaned using oily water separators.

The next big issue was the system of, ‘crude oil washing.’ This system used crude oil to clean the tanks’ bulkheads. Inside the cargo tanks, through the tanks’ ceilings, fixed pipes hung down with swivel nozzles at lower ends. On the head of these pipes on the main deck were portable fittings. Crude oil was pumped from the cargo tanks to the pipes on the main deck at the pressure of ten bars. The crude oil passed through pipe heads connections spinning the nozzles at the lower end of the pipes in the tank: thus, washing the crude oil of the bulkheads.

That was the theory, and it was early days for the ship and the crude oil washing procedure in general. With the charter we were on, tank cleaning was not necessary, as we were always instructed to load, 'on top', meaning just to load over the top of the residue from the previous crude oil cargo.

The other important step was to fill the spaces in the tanks with nitrogen to eliminate explosions. This was always a danger, especially when cleaning cargo tanks. This happened to a friend of mine who was a master of a 200,000-ton crude oil carrier called The Matra. On the east African coast on a calm and sunny afternoon the tanks were being washed out with high pressure water similar to crude oil washing. There was a mighty explosion that blew a two hundred feet hole in the Matra's main deck. There were three men working on deck at the time. One at the fore end of the explosion who was killed. The third officer who was working in the starboard lifeboat just disappeared. The third man who was on the after-end just kept running aft until he reached the stern and jumped overboard. He was the only survivor of the three and luckily was picked up by a vessel following astern.

Within a month there were two other explosions on two very large crude oil carriers (VLCC). One a sister ship of the Matra and, I believe, a Norwegian ship, both of which sank. The Matra put into Basra where steel girders were fitted fore and aft. And athwart ships (across) the hole; rather like darning a sock. The ship then went back to her builders in Japan where she was repaired.

The conclusion was that with the high-pressure water and oxygenised air, along with the volatile oil fume, a mini thunderstorm was under the right conditions causing the explosion. To prevent this, inert gas produced from engine rooms, like car exhausts, is piped under pressure to all the tanks during discharge. My friend returned to sea, staying on tankers, and finally retiring at sixty.

I trained for four months and finally took on the mate's job for two months until I went home. I never did feel comfortable and made mistakes due to my lack of experience. The ships cargo and ballast pumps were at the bottom of the ship next to the engine room bulkhead. About seventy or eighty feet below the main deck. The ship's office on the main deck was close to the entrance doors to the pump room. On one occasion we were unable to start discharge of cargo as the shore receiving tanks were full. It always took the engineers two hours to get the boilers online to provide power to the pumps, so they asked me to put the ballast lines sea-to-sea. A simple task I could do from the ship's cargo office. Just to pump the ballast in and let it go through the pump room and out the other side. After an hour, the deck engineer told me there was a lot of hot air coming from the pump room. When I got to the bottom of the pump room, I found the ballast line very hot and paint peeling off. All very dangerous indeed! I had of course checked the discharge ballast valve indicator on the console in the office. Indicating that it was open. The deck engineer, when I radioed him, confirmed the indicator line showed open but when he used the control again found that it was shut. So, we had to shut down everything completely and let every pipe cool down naturally for six to eight hours. All that the ballast water was doing was being pumped around the ballast line and the friction was heating the trapped water to boiling point. A lesson learned.

One part of the ship design I could not figure out and always worried me was the, 'whesso', gauges inside the cargo tanks. These give the depth of oil being loaded in the tanks. Ships are always trimmed by the stern, so the oil goes to the after end of the tank. Why then are the 'whesso' gauges at the fore end? Most refineries want to give you the oil as fast as you can take it. We only wished to receive it as fast as we comfortably can (5000 – 8000 tons per hour). I liked to start at five and gradually increase. Although the refinery that they have started to load, nothing shows on the gauges until the oil reaches the forward part of the tank. This could take up to fifteen minutes before the gauges indicate there is oil coming aboard.

If you have to take maximum cargo the oil generally has to be about three feet ullage, (distance from oil to main deck), if you open the next tank valves too soon the oil flows very quickly from the full to the empty tanks. Ideally, as the hydraulic controls are in a cabinet near the tank's entrance and observation hatch, two of us could open the empty tank's valve and close the full simultaneously. She was a busy ship most trips were only four to five days and not many long voyages. We were chartered to a USA company and loading in Mexico or at the Dutch Antilles, (Curacao, Bonaire, and Aruba). Discharge at New Orleans, Houston and once in New York harbour into barges. Then for a while we would load in Mexico at Vera Cruz or Coatzacoalcos then down to the Panama Canal and up the south coast of Mexico to Manzanillo. Those trips were a nice change with four or five days either side of the canal, the transit of which I always loved. One trip outward bound to the canal we transitted on Christmas day, we were the second ship in the convoy – the first being the old QE2!

Manzanillo was without doubt the best port for us to visit. It is a holiday resort frequently visited by cruise ships from Los Angeles. It had beautiful beaches and all that go with it, our four apprentices certainly enjoyed themselves. The refinery was

very small and frequently we would be pumping slowly from eight to twelve o'clock in the day. Once we were lucky to be there for two weeks!

Our worst port was Coatzacoalcos. The whole port was covered by a thick coating of oily water. The whole place was sickening with the constant smell of crude oil. On sailing in it was inevitable that our mooring ropes would enter the mess. We tried to keep them out of the oil as far as we could. However, the after mooring ropes, we laid out astern, after clearing the port. After twelve hours of being towed, they were always surprisingly clean. We did not enjoy this for after all we were slightly polluting the sea. The alternative was for the after mooring deck to be covered with crude oil and the mooring ropes almost impossible to handle.

One time in Coatzacoalcos one of our liquid gas carriers came in and berthed close to us. She had loaded a cargo of ammonia from Spain to discharge in Coatzacoalcos. Then she loaded liquid ammonia for Norway. Puzzling really. Pity she could not have taken her cargo to Norway in the first place.

My final cargo for this trip was Bonaire in the Netherlands, Antilles to Philadelphia. Here we arrived at midday on 3rd July 1980. During my time on board, we had two masters. The first was Peter, the second was Pete. Peter lived in the Bournemouth area and was a very pleasant and helpful Captain. Pete was a pain and had a very quick temper. During our docking in Philly, we had a very heavy thunderstorm with loads of rain, thunder, and lightning. Here I am on the focsle head with a walkie-talkie and listening all around. I asked Pete if we could communicate by using the fixed talk back system from the focsle to the Bridge. I could tell he was not pleased but I believed the circumstances were sufficiently dangerous to me, walking around on an open deck focsle with plenty of fork lightening and carrying a radio with a three feet aerial!

Unusually we were not to commence discharge until July 4th. When George the chief engineer and me were to travel home for leave. 'Right', said Pete, 'we will transfer 5 port and starboard wing tanks to 6 port and starboard, which were empty; and crude oil wash, (cow), both tanks as they empty. As I explained earlier it had not been necessary to previously crude oil wash as we were told, 'do not clean tanks as it is ok to load on top.' We started to transfer 5 port and starboard to 6 port and starboard. With all four tanks fully inerted with nitrogen produced in the engine room the 'cow' cycle began. With the transfer complete and all four tanks still completely inerted Pete comes along and says: 'Right, grab a couple of breathing sets and we will go down to see how successful the 'cow' has been.' I could not believe what he was saying. The port tank entrance hatch was open, and nothing could be seen except the fog of gas. To descend down a vertical ladder 70ft. with breathing apparatus and a torch when the slightest mistake would see you dead in less than two minutes was, to me, completely stupid! I told him I was not prepared to do this. In the end he took the second mate who was fifteen years younger than me. I stood by with two other breathing sets. In case of problems. When they returned, they said it was impossible to see clearly because of all the inert gas.

I was due to travel home with George the chief engineer on July 4th Independence Day. We had been invited to lunch by the manager of an engineering firm that George had dealings with. After a very nice lunch the host drove us to Philadelphia airport where we boarded the plane to JFK in New York. George was sat next to a young fair-haired American lady who was also travelling on the same flight to Heathrow. All we had to do was change terminals, no problem, there were plenty of buses doing just that. JFK is a very large airport and British airways have their own terminal. George was happily talking to the lady and I not taking any interest in our progress realising that we had cleared the airport, I asked the driver 'how long before we get to the BA terminal?' He said, 'About an hour, I have to go to Manhattan first'. he dropped us off at the next stop and within ten minutes boarded a terminal bus from Manhattan.

On the flight back George still sat next to the lady we had met earlier. On awakening the following morning, I noticed George wearing a suit and well-polished black shoes but was not wearing any socks. He was a lovely man from Newtonards in Northern Ireland. Unfortunately, he died two years later from pancreatic cancer. After landing at Heathrow whilst taxiing to the terminal, the captain announced that our landing was completely automatic, and he had nothing at all to do with it!

Expecting at the end of my leave to be returned to the tanker I was delighted to be informed that I was to join a Holder Brothers general cargo ship, 'Derwent.' Built in 1979 she was a standard design ship, not even a year old. From what I remember she was quite a conventional ship with three cargo holds forward of the accommodation block and two holds aft with sixteen cargo derricks. One fault for the Chief Officer's cabin was that they started building the Officers' cabins and crew mess from the after-end mess room to the Chief Officer's cabin forward. A mistake to the mess room by one frame 3ft too much, giving the mess room plenty of room, but cutting the mates cabin and bathroom by 3ft. Making the day room look like a railway cabin. She had been chartered to an American company to load a cargo in New York for South Africa. I was to join her on 2nd. May 1981 in Cape Town.

Get ready to Shop the Rock! The long-awaited Rockbourne Fair returns this Autumn.

The annual boutique shopping experience, the Rockbourne Fair will be held once more over 3 days at Salisbury Racecourse from **Wednesday 13th until Friday 15th October** with extending opening times for late night shopping on Thursday 14th.

Being mindful of social distancing, this year's Fair has been revamped with a new layout, and over 90 boutique suppliers. 40% of which are new to the Fair, for an unrivalled, fresh boutique shopping experience for Salisbury and surrounding areas. Stalls will cover fashion, cosmetics and jewellery, to luxury homeware, gourmet food and toys - with products that you simply won't find on the high street.

Bev Moulding, chair of the organising committee, said: *"After what's been a very difficult year for so many, we are thrilled to be hosting the Fair again. We have listened carefully to our stallholders and customers about their concerns and have worked hard, sourcing the very best stalls to create a unique shopping experience in the safest possible environment. The fair prides itself on the breadth of the offering, with something for all ages and for those with pocket money spend through to those looking for that special gift. We look forward to raising some much-needed funds for Salisbury Hospital. Come with friends, enjoy lunch in the restaurant - and Shop the Rock!"*

The Fair raises vital funds in support of the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's charity and in 2019 managed to raise a fantastic £53,400! Every day, work funded by the charity helps hundreds of patients at Salisbury District Hospital and supports the NHS staff who care for them. The Stars Appeal aims to raise over £1million each year to fund projects which offer direct, practical support to patients, their families and the Hospital's staff.

When: Wednesday 13th October 10am - 5.30pm, Thursday 14th October 10am - 8pm, Friday 15th October 10am - 3pm

Where: Salisbury Racecourse - Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8PN - Free Parking

Entry: £5 (£3 after 6pm on Thursday).

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