

# KILMERSDON PARISH NEWS



JULY/AUGUST 2021

## Bidding a fond farewell...



### *Hello everyone,*

You may already know, but for those of you who haven't heard, this will be my last Parish Magazine article as I retire at the end of June. Although we have been here for nearly five years, it seems like the time has really flown by, especially with the last year or so in lockdown. Both Lorraine and I would like to thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement during our time here, which we have valued and appreciated very much.

Kilmersdon has been a very special place to us, which we will always remember fondly, especially the wonderful church and the village community. But what of the future? We will be moving to South Buckinghamshire, where I hope to receive 'permission to officiate,' to authorise me to take the occasional Sunday service to enable the local clergy to maybe grab a weekend off and also to be a listening ear for them, should the need arise.

Rest assured that we will be praying for you all as you go

through this next transition period - and remember that God already has someone in mind to take up the post of your new minister - just keep the faith - and keep praying!

In the meantime, thank you once again for making us feel so at home and welcomed during our time here and may God continue to prosper and bless you all in this wonderful village community.

With my love and prayers  
*Rev. David Izzard*

A celebratory tea was arranged for David and Lorraine at Radstock Church Centre on June 26th by the joint congregations of St Nicholas and Kilmersdon Churches. A stream of well wishers came to say their fond farewells, and the couple were presented with cards, flowers, chocolates and cheques to buy items for their home in Beaconsfield to which they are to semi retire. Swallow Community Cafe provided the delicious refreshments.

## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

With Covid-19 variant uncertainty still in the air several village groups are still undecided as to when they will resume their programmes, but we are again pleased to be able to bring you a diversity of articles that we trust will be of interest. Thank you to all our contributors and, to those who haven't yet, we look forward to your offerings for our Sept/Oct issue, the deadline for which is August 20th. Please try to keep your articles to below 350 words and email them to us at [kilmersdonnews@gmail.com](mailto:kilmersdonnews@gmail.com). We reserve the right to edit where appropriate.

Here's to a safe opening up of our country in the weeks to come!

Warmest wishes from

*Sue & Penny*



## Wild Flower of the Month Comfrey *Symphytum officinale*



Our native wild Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*) is a robust perennial which can be found growing by streams, rivers and in roadside ditches. It reaches 2-3 feet in height and flowers from early summer through into early autumn. The tubular flowers are carried on crozier shaped stems, much like the fronds of bracken in shape and form. These stems gradually unfurl holding tightly closed buds above flowers which have already opened, whilst underneath seeds are developing in place of the flowers which are over. The flower colour varies from creamy white to deep dusky pink. Those of the more commonly seen hybrid, Russian Comfrey, have purplish blue flowers.

Comfrey belongs to one of my favourite plant families, the Boraginaceae, so it is a close relative of Forget-me-nots, Evergreen Alkanet, Lungwort, Houndstouge, Gromwell, Vipers Bugloss and of course Borage. All these plants have rough, bristly or hairy leaves but it is the colour of their flowers that attract me. They range from the pale delicacy of Forget-me-

nots to the rich blue of Gromwell. There is a blue comfrey too, it is a gentler plant with flowers the blue of a cloudless sky in late afternoon, and softer leaves that have a blueish grey tinge to them.

Some gardeners grow Comfrey for its usefulness in making compost. The leaves can be harvested directly onto the compost heap where they provide a potassium rich layer, or they can be used to make a liquid feed. Russian comfrey (*Symphytum x uplandicum*) is recommended for this. The leaves are packed in a barrel or bucket of water and left to ferment for about four weeks. Diluted 1 in 10 the resultant liquid can be used all round the garden.

If you decide to grow Comfrey in your garden be sure to pick a spot which you are happy with for, apart from Blue Comfrey, it is very deep rooted and like dandelions just a small piece left in the ground will regrow. A damp semi shaded soil is best, but it will survive full sun if there is no alternative. Attracting this particular butterfly to your garden.

*Julie Palmer*

## Update from Colin & Audrey Gibson Kilmersdon's Missionaries in Lebanon

Last Sunday was a good day – we only had to queue for 45 minutes to get a few litres of petrol; we waited an hour and a half the time before! Sadly, queuing for petrol is the latest example of the spiral of decline here.

Another example, but in one sense a more positive one, is that more and more people are growing their own vegetables - due to the high cost of food in the shops. Even here on the LSED campus where we live, much work is going on to improve the existing olive and citrus groves and squeeze in rows of vegetables between the trees.

The value of the Lebanese Lira also continues to decline, though ironically, anyone with access to dollars, euros or sterling, which includes a sizeable minority of Lebanese people (and us), now find many items are cheaper than before.

While there seems no end in sight to the economic crisis, top marks to the Government for its handling of the Covid pandemic. Currently, reported cases are well down and the number of deaths each day are in single figures. We are thankful too that we will both receive our second vaccinations by the end of the month.

We are pleased to have produced a short YouTube video of our work at Mekse Nature Park in the Bekaa Valley, once the “bread basket” of the Eastern Roman Empire. This was made for the week long A Rocha Festival Forum that took place online and was an opportunity for all members of the A Rocha family worldwide to come together to pray, learn and share. The video was our first ever production and although ‘all our own work’, we are pleased with the final result.

You can watch the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j54gRC7hXQ>

KILMERSDON is BACK post Covid 19 (almost) with .....

## AMES LANE JUMBLE TRAIL

2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021

*Ames Lane residents have been spending covid time sorting out their attics, spare rooms, sheds and gardens and have decided to have a Jumble Trail. So, come and pick up a bargain, it will not be only clothes, there will no doubt be loads of other things on offer*

CASH ONLY PLEASE



Information contact : 01761 437372

## Prayer Support

We are very aware that many people have suffered from negative effects due to the lockdowns & restrictions we've had to endure over the past year. Some of you may be suffering from anxiety, depression or coping with isolation. So would you welcome a listening ear or have prayer for yourself or someone else? If so, please feel free to call one of us in confidence.  
*Rosie Kane, Church Warden 01761 439062.*  
*Penny Hutton, Church Warden 07708 59279*

## KILMERSDON & BABINGTON PARISH CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

### JULY

4<sup>th</sup> MRS CARTER

11<sup>th</sup> MRS KANE

18<sup>th</sup> MRS HALE

25<sup>th</sup> MRS HUTTON

### AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> MRS CROKER

8<sup>th</sup> MRS BUTT

15<sup>th</sup> MRS KNATCHBULL & MRS SHORT

22<sup>nd</sup> MRS CARTER

29<sup>th</sup> MRS KANE

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## Kilmersdon Reviews... *Rodham* by Curtis Sittenfeld



Sam Phripp

departure from the tense lives we've all been living over the past year or so. If you're managing to get away this summer, Rodham is a worthy contender to become your holiday read. It'll pull you out of the day to day life and give you an insight into what might have happened to Hillary and that famous highest, hardest, glass ceiling.

★★★★★ reviewed by Sam Phripp

From her laugh, to her haircuts, her financial dealings and her political ambitions, Hillary Rodham Clinton has been at the centre of American public life for the best part of 40 years. As an outspoken political spouse, she reshaped the role of First Lady, and as a politician, she fell short of becoming the most powerful person in the world, despite gaining almost 3m more votes than her opponent.

This novel considers what might have happened if Hillary – an accomplished politician in her own right – had kicked Bill to the kerb when his womanising nature became clear. For fans of Clinton, it's a daydream that seeks to answer the what ifs of an incomplete career. For naysayers, it examines a political operator, weighing up a romantic relationship against her thinly veiled ambitions.

Sittenfeld is an accomplished author, whose 2008 novel *American Wife* fictionalised the life of former First Lady, Laura Bush. However, rather than a heavyweight consideration of what it takes to make it in the American political arena, this book is a flight of fancy. Hillary ends up fighting the tech-billionaire Bill Clinton for the presidency, and courting a certain orange faced New York 'businessman' for endorsement. Rather than considering Hillary's character and motivations, this novel is political soap opera.

This said – soap opera has its place. I flew through this book, and it was a welcome

## Du beau, du Bon, du Beaujolais

*Hugh's wine review!*

The Beaujolais region stretches 34 miles from just north of Lyon to just south of Macon in length, to less than half that in width. The popularity of the wine it produces was the biggest confidence trick in the history of the wine industry. A race to produce the Beaujolais Nouveau was begun in the '70s and is still going today. The wine is ready to be marketed as early as the third week in October. The race caught the public imagination worldwide and an impressive cash flow followed leading to a great increase in production, so much so that it equals the output of the Burgundy vineyards to the north. The only grape involved is the Gamay which is grown widely in the world but not as successful as in Beaujolais. As for all the vineyards, the terroir (terrain) is important, and the best is to be found on the high ground rising from the valley of the Saône. 'Bas' Beaujolais from the clay soil of the South has little or less to recommend it! Beaujolais Supérieur is characterised by more alcohol and is certainly popular. Around 70 million litres are produced annually. As we go up the

scape we come to Beaujolais-Villages. There are 38 villages which have this accreditation, villages on the granite hills and the wine is often more than drinkable. Now we come to the pièces de résistance, the 10 acres of Beaujolais. Each cru has a distinct personality and characteristics. Brouilly is the most productive area. Its 3,000 acres produce some 700,00 cases in a year when the weather obliges. Frost can reduce the number greatly. Côte de Brouilly can rise to greater heights. The other crus are Morgan, Régnié, Chiroubles, Fleurie, Moulin à Vent, Chénas, Juliéna and St-Amour. Most Beaujolais is best drunk young in the first 2 years. Some, Moulin à Vent and Juliéna improve with age and can be at their best in 5 years or longer. Fleurie is my personal favourite, with a pleasing bouquet and delightful fruitiness. It is widely available, and my recommendation of the month is: George Duboeuf Fleurie 2020 at £10 (Sainsbury's). For great value try Sainsbury's house Beaujolais at under £5. It is usually inordinately quaffable!



## A Little Guidance on Finding Our Way Through The Peaks and Valleys of Life



Patrick Holland

**This month - what is most important to YOU? asks Patrick Holland.**

It's a question that I love to pose to the people I interact with and encourage. Why do I ask it? Because when you understand and have your 'most important' at the front and centre of all you are, do and share, you put yourself in the box

seat to move past waiting for tomorrow to really LIVE. That waiting for tomorrow can come in many forms: waiting to chase our dreams, waiting to express ourselves, waiting to move past the things holding us back, and ultimately, waiting to shine as our unique and wonderful selves - and if there's one thing I've learned over years - life is way too short to wait.

This month, I'm encouraging everyone to take a moment away from the noise and 'busyness' of life and have a little look at the balance of how we spend our time. Hopefully you'll find that your time and energies are largely spent thinking, speaking and acting on what is most important to you and others ... but if you do find you are a little out of balance in what you focus your time and energy on - what an opportunity to do a little rebalancing.

What's the Ultimate Goal? - to be able to look back on an hour, a day, a month, a lifetime and be able to say, through all the ups, downs and doings of life, I've done my best and honoured what is most important to me and those around me ... there's magic in that.

Patrick lives in Kilmersdon with his family and is an actor, author of *'The Ultimate Power of You, A guide to Honouring Your Time'* and co-host of The Radio Show and Podcast - *'Living Beyond Fear'* at Frome FM.

If you'd like to drop him a line, please do so at - [info@theultimatepowerofyou.com](mailto:info@theultimatepowerofyou.com)

**If readers would like to receive their parish news online, please contact Penny on 01761 435193 or Sue on 01761 437855**

## The history & importance of the Kilmersdon defibrillators and regular training in CPR

In 2017 several Kilmersdon villagers decided to try raising the money needed to buy a defibrillator for the village. They were given some very generous donations by other residents and organisations. This resulted in the purchase of not just one, but two defibrillators – one of which is situated outside Norton Garden Machinery and the other one outside the school. Both are available to the general public to use in emergencies and are given safety checks on a regular basis. The results of these are reported to the South Western Ambulance Service & National Defibrillator Network.

However, in order to be able to use one of these ‘defibs’, it’s important to attend CPR training. Several local residents have been attending two-hour sessions, which are held in the school hall in the evenings, with the kind permission of the Head Teacher, Stephen Bamford. These are available to anyone who wishes to learn how to use the defibrillators, so that they might be able to help save someone’s life. There is a small charge which is given to the Trainer and numbers are limited to 8 people in order for each person to be able to practice on their own ‘manikin’ (a specially designed rubber doll). If you are interested, please ring Ken Hutton on 07801 439193.

To our knowledge, there are at least 3 Kilmersdon villagers whose lives have been saved by someone using a ‘defib’. Below are listed some well-known sportsmen who survived a cardiac arrest in this way: Former Ryder Cup golf captain, Bernhard Gallacher; Arsenal, Birmingham & Bolton Wanderers footballer, Fabrice Mumba; and very recently Danish Footballer, Christian Eriksen (we pray for his recovery).

### Sudden Cardiac Arrest Facts

- 7 million people worldwide die each year through SCA
- SCA is unpredictable, it strikes without warning, killing 250 people a day in the UK
- SCA kills more people than lung cancer, breast cancer and AIDs combined
- SCA doesn’t discriminate – it can happen to the young, fit and old – to anyone, anywhere at any time!

**Please sign up – we need as many people as possible to be trained!**



### TLC for the retired

**Thursday 15 July, 10am-2pm  
Holiday Souvenirs! Cost: £12**

Bring something along from a holiday gone by and share your memories and stories. The retired are invited to have a day out at Ammerdown. This TLC Day includes a delicious two course cooked lunch, an optional service in the Chapel and plenty of time to chat and enjoy each other’s company.

**Summer Sunday Lunch at Ammerdown  
Sunday 22 August, from 12:30pm Cost: £25**



Enjoy a traditional home cooked roast and delightful dessert in the beautiful setting of Ammerdown. Bar available.

**Bank Holiday Weekend Cream Teas  
in the Ammerdown Garden  
Sunday 29 and Monday 30 August,  
2pm - 5pm - £5 per cream tea**



Come and enjoy our delicious homemade scones with cream and jam, served with tea and coffee.

**To book any of the above events email:  
admin@ammerdown.org or call  
01761 433 709.**

## Defibrillator



Ammerdown Centre now has a defibrillator, financed by the Sperring Trust, and based prominently on its front wall by reception. As well as safeguarding the many visitors who come for courses, conferences and

stays, it can also be used by walkers who enjoy Ammerdown woods. Pictured alongside the life saving device is Ammerdown Centre’s lead manager Christine Clinch.

## Persuasion



A new adaptation of Jane Austen’s last classic novel “*Persuasion*” is being part filmed at Ammerdown House where a shop in a Bath street has been constructed in the driveway opposite the entrance to the main House.

The Netflix production, to be streamed next year, will be based on the novel but with 21st century vibes, and will star Dakota Johnson as the main character Anne Elliot, a woman with modern sensibilities living with her snobby family on the brink of bankruptcy. Starring alongside her will be Henry Golding as William Elliot and Cosmo Jarvis as Fredrick Wentworth.

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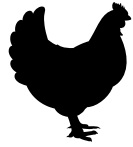
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## Kilmersdon Shop



### WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VILLAGE SHOP?

Seven years ago a group of people got together to plan a shop in the village. After much discussion and consultation we agreed a timber frame building to be built on a piece of land above the garden machinery shop, north of the village hall car park. The full approved plans can be viewed in the village hall entrance lobby.

The Parish Council are now in a position to offer us a lease to this piece of land. The progress of the shop has been in limbo for the last few years but now we can press on with the serious business of raising the funds to build it.

We are now looking for new ideas for fund raising as, due to COVID, traditional ideas are restricted. If there is anyone who can help us or is willing to get involved with this exciting project, just call me on **07974 440 468**. Hope to bring further news soon. *John Clayton*

## Village Hall update

The Village Hall Committee had hoped that the Hall would be free of covid-related restrictions by 21 June but as you all know this has been delayed until the 19 July.

We are able to continue to host our taekwondo group and we are pleased that the Gardeners Club have also returned with appropriate social distancing.

We are sorry to have had to cancel children's parties (unless they are run by a professional entertainer) until after the 19 July. This has been very disappointing for so many children. Life events can take place such as a christening within the constraints of the government's rules.

The Committee held their Annual General Meeting last month: it was held in the Village Hall for the first time since March 2020. Clearly the last year has been very difficult (for everyone) and, as we have been closed for the majority of the time, there were limited items to discuss. We recorded our thanks to Mendip Council for the covid-related grants that we were able to claim: these have ensured that the future of the Hall is secure for the time being.

We always welcome new members to join the Village Hall Committee, in particular, those that

represent village organisations which regularly use the Hall. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact the secretary on [secretarykilmersdonhall@btinternet.com](mailto:secretarykilmersdonhall@btinternet.com)

In conclusion, the Committee recognise that the last year has been problematic but we are confident that, once covid restrictions are fully removed, the Hall will be able to resume its traditional place at the heart of village life.

*Kilmersdon Village Hall Management Committee*

## Obituary for Gwen Gibbs



Kilmersdon's Colin and Martin Gibbs are sad to announce the passing in June of their mother Gwendoline Gibbs, just short of her 100th birthday. Born in Coleford in 1922 Gwen was baptised in

Coleford Chapel, where she later joined the choir and regularly sang at festivals and concerts. She also delivered newspapers in the area.

When war broke out she enlisted as an army cookhouse worker in Aldershot and helped feed the military. After the war she moved to Bridgwater and developed a passion for dancing, often cycling to Burrowbridge for dances, where she met her future husband Eddie. They married at Moorland Church near Bridgwater in 1947 and lived at nearby Fordgate where Colin was born. They later moved to South View Babington where Martin was born, and twelve years later moved to Silver Street Kilmersdon. Gwen joined the village chapel and later Kilmersdon Church as a choir member from the 1970's through to the 2000's. She was also a member of the Women's Institute and Mother's Union.

After losing Eddie in 1989 she lived alone in Silver Street continuing her active lifestyle until her 92nd year, when she fell ill, was admitted to hospital and was not expected to live. However, she defied the doctors and, although considerably weakened and unable to live at home, she moved to Bloomfield Nursing Home, where she received excellent care and another 7 years of life. In May

this year she had a major fall and died shortly afterwards. Her funeral took place in Kilmersdon Church and she was laid to rest with her late husband in the Churchyard.

Gwen will be a much-missed character of Kilmersdon, but both her sons Colin and Martin live in the village so her legacy will live on through them and their families.

## Coles Garden Meeting Room

We are very pleased to announce that Coles Garden is once more open for business - as long as the current rules prevail. I order to book, please contact **Chery Gilham on: 436767**

## Hanging baskets

Huge appreciation to Charlton's Anthony Dutton who again has provided and positioned the colourful hanging baskets that are brightening up the village. Several generous donations have already been made towards their cost, but more contributions are needed. If you can help, please contact either Martin Horler at The Old School House in Ames Lane, or Penny Hutton at Wilscombe in Hoares Lane. Thank you.

## Art in the garden

Kilmersdon Art Group has still to decide when it will return to its weekly Wednesday morning session in Kilmersdon Village Hall so, in the meantime, members are keeping together and honing their skills by painting/drawing in each other's gardens.



## 24hr charity gym session!



Kilmersdon's Vicky Rees-Davis, Sue Jackson (founder of Balance The Countryside Gym) & Julie Saunders have all exercised for a gruelling 24 hours and to date have helped raise £6,205 for two charities close to their hearts, Parkinson's Care & Support UK & M2M (Millimetres to Mountains). People from all across the country joined in with the huge array of fitness classes which took place from midday on the Saturday to midday on the Sunday, from kettlebells with ex-England rugby professional Olly Berkley to a Netball Training session with ex Team Bath player Lois Jackson, there was something on offer for everyone. They were even helped along the way with generous donations of delicious brownies from The Connies in Timsbury, & the finest tea from local tea supplier Cup Of Tea.

Having recently been diagnosed with Early Onset Parkinson's, Vicky is determined to raise awareness and hope for those living day to day with Parkinson's. "I take inspiration from Ed Jackson who, despite facing huge adversity in his life, has still managed to live a positive & fulfilled life & established the most amazing charity M2M to help & inspire others to do the same", said Vicky (pictured on the right above).

## Radstock Museum

Radstock Museum has been dubbed by the national Guardian newspaper’s readers as one of the 10 best small museums in the country.

Described overall as superlative, it has gained praise for being beautifully laid out, informative and often a poignant gem.

So if you would like to experience what the museum has to offer, the Trustees are waiving entry charges for individuals and families until the end of August. Check the museum’s website or phone 01761 437722 for opening times and what the Covid guidelines are for visiting.



in the picture below rode down to the bottom of Jack and Jill hill and the horse Connie was very interested to learn!

Unfortunately, because of ongoing Covid restrictions, we have had to cancel our open day on July 10th. The Dear Foundation has made a generous donation, which is very much appreciated. and we now need only £5,000 to reach the estimated cost of connecting us to the National Grid. This is incredibly important because lighting in the evenings would enable us to support more children in the winter months. We will be running a virtual raffle and an auction where we can raise money towards electricity connection and If you feel you can help in any way with donations or anything else please contact me on 07483221030.

The hunt for volunteers is ongoing, and we desperately need help to support the young people that come to Move the Mind and the animals. There is always a job to do....helping with the children, care of the animals, gardening, admin and fundraising. Please contact me (on the number above)if you feel you can help. To find about more about what we do please visit our website [www.movethemind.net](http://www.movethemind.net) or our FB page at [MovetheMindCIC](https://www.facebook.com/MovetheMindCIC).



## Circle Bath bought by the RUH Trust

Independent Circle Bath Hospital at Peasedown St John has been bought by the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust and has been renamed the Sulis Hospital Bath.

The acquisition will increase the number NHS patients that can be treated while maintaining high quality care for NHS and private patients alike, and the hospital is committed to minimising the amount of time patients have to wait for planned operations.

Using the facilities at the Sulis Hospital, the Trust is also planning to increase diagnostic capacity to provide quicker and easier access to a range of tests on the same day, thereby supporting earlier diagnosis.

The same team will continue to run the hospital and, under the new ownership, any additional income from private health care will be reinvested in high quality services for all patients at the two hospital sites. More info can be found on the new website: [www.sulishospital.com](http://www.sulishospital.com)

## Move the Mind

“We are having a wonderful time here at Move the Mind and, because of new volunteers, we are able to support more children in need.

We had a super farm day in the half term; it was so hot that we made a slide out of tarpaulin and washing up liquid. We have also been busy learning some of Kilmersdon’s history; the boy

## Parish Council News



### PLAY AREA UPDATE

Due to the existing play equipment rotting and failing ROSPA inspections, as a Parish Council we have had to make the executive decision to replace this equipment and we have arranged funding to do this.

However, this will mean some changes around the playing field over the next few months. The new zipwire was installed in late June, with the goalposts being moved to safely accommodate the longer distance of the new zipwire.

Some essential work was done to the timbers of the multi play unit to help keep it viable for a little longer. However, the large slide had to be removed from the multi play unit because it was cracked. We are getting a quote for a steel replacement.

The new small train and trim trail will be installed in early July.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS

Would you consider joining a small group of volunteers who kindly give their time to undertake visual checks of the play park and report back to the Parish Council. If you would like more information about what this entails, please contact the Parish Clerk [clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk)

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is a list of meetings on the website [www.kilmersdonpc.co.uk](http://www.kilmersdonpc.co.uk) and, dependent upon Government guidelines for social distancing from 19 th July onwards, we will update the website once we know exactly where we are going to meet in July.

### Linking with the Community at Kilmersdon School



During the lockdown we have been fortunate to continue to receive support from our local community.

Our own Reverend Izzard has provided us with brilliant assemblies that we have been able to share with our families. He has looked at themes including trust and valuing difference and the children love watching these!

The children have also been learning that music is a powerful tool to help us with expressing ourselves with the help of our music specialist Mrs North. Even though she cannot be with us in person she has created a very special assembly for the children all about “The Power of Music.”

You can watch these videos via our website on the class pages. <https://www.kilmersdoncoveparish.co.uk/class-pages/>

Another way to join in with community activity has been to take part in the RSPB Big Garden birdwatch. Our children spotted Blackbirds, Sparrows, Pigeons, Robins, Chaffinches, Buzzards and a Greenfinch, amongst many other species. The children have also been spotting wildlife around the U.K. using the many webcams set up and accessible via the internet.

We can’t wait to enjoy more links with our community as the lockdown continues to ease.  
*Steve Bamford - Head Teacher*



## The Great Allotment Challenge. Kilmersdon Gardeners - June Meeting 2021



The Gardeners first meeting of this year was socially distanced, well attended and everyone enjoyed the talk on vegetable growing. George Always used the theme of helping his niece Helen take a plot in Emersons Green, from a bramble patch with a rusty bike and other junk, to a 'Star Prize' wining allotment. After clearing the ironware, strimming the weeds to the ground, a generous application of weedkiller, rotivation, more weedkiller, farmyard manure from a relative for Christmas followed by blood fish and bone-they were on their way! The family had then to apply the most important gardening skill 'waiting patiently'.

George recommended using a weed control plastic fabric membrane to conserve moisture and to keep down the weeds around runner and broad beans and other crops. He makes holes with a blow torch and stores for reuse the following year. Channels dug underneath the membrane can make watering easier. This technique works for onions and parsnips started in toilet rolls and once well soaked, planted in the ground without disturbing the roots.

They left a space for a shed and permanent crops like rhubarb and artichokes. Though they enjoyed the forced rhubarb they found artichokes difficult to eat and enjoyed them more for display purposes. George

recommended growing early potatoes because of their superior flavour to those that can be bought in the shops; as is the case with beans and other vegetables from the garden. Early potatoes are more likely to escape blight and it is important to dispose of any blighted plants well away from the compost heap.

Helen used her conservatory, porch and windowsills to germinate and start off seedlings. The time and pattern of planting can be important. Sweet corn is wind pollinated and needs to be sown in groups. George grows his tomatoes in extra big grow bags under glass because there is less chance of blight. He recommended using Tomorite because of the pungency of preparing the traditional cmfrey and nettle brew! Carrot fly may be outwitted by polythene environmental mesh, planting fly resistant, or late varieties to miss the breeding season.

Next meeting is **7.30pm Wednesday 14th July 2021** with a talk by Marion Dale 'Designing your Dream Garden', followed by the AGM at 8.30pm. Nominations for new members of the Committee are welcomed. Last year's subscriptions have been extended to February 2022 and new members pay half price to February 2022.

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The Crisis Fund has proved to be an enormously valuable extra "tool in the bag" for Village Agents to help people facing personal and family crises. We haven't actively fundraised for the Crisis Fund before, as donations have kept us ticking over, but our team has tripled in size in 3 years in response to unprecedented demand for our services, and as a result we are meeting more and more people in need.

The past year has been our most challenging yet, and we desperately need donations towards the fund which has been almost depleted. So this month, it's a plea for the #LoveSomerset Crisis Fund. To help people in Somerset get out of crisis, quickly and with dignity - [www.ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-crisis-fund/](http://www.ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-crisis-fund/)

You can donate here: [www.localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund](http://www.localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund) or to a district specific fund - Mendip: [www.localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/mendipcrisisfund/](http://www.localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/mendipcrisisfund/)

We are extremely grateful for the huge £1200 donation from Whatley Hansons which will be ring fenced for communities in Whatley and the surrounding areas. We help when others can't, won't, or don't. Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently are:

- Buying 2 mattress protectors for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence
- Supporting a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died

- Buying children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer
- Buying half a tank of oil for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home
- Buying a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands
- Buying food & drink for a client who had been struggling to get shopping during the lockdown.

Other ways you could help towards the crisis fund are: Joining our Community Oil Buying Scheme to ensure that you benefit from the best bulk buying discounts on your heating oil. You can find out more here: [www.ccslovesomerset.org/oil/](http://www.ccslovesomerset.org/oil/). We receive 50% of the small annual membership fee, which goes directly into our Crisis Fund!

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**Get Involved!** Could you #LoveSomerset and raise money for us? Visit our page and click 'Fundraise for us!' [www.localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/](http://www.localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/)

Thank you for supporting the work we do and directly improving the lives of people in Somerset. If you have any questions about the Crisis Fund, please call 01823 331 222. And if you are struggling please get in touch via that number or give me a call.

As always, please get in touch if we can help you. **Nic – Village Agent. 07946 461468 / Nicolae@somersetccc.org.uk**

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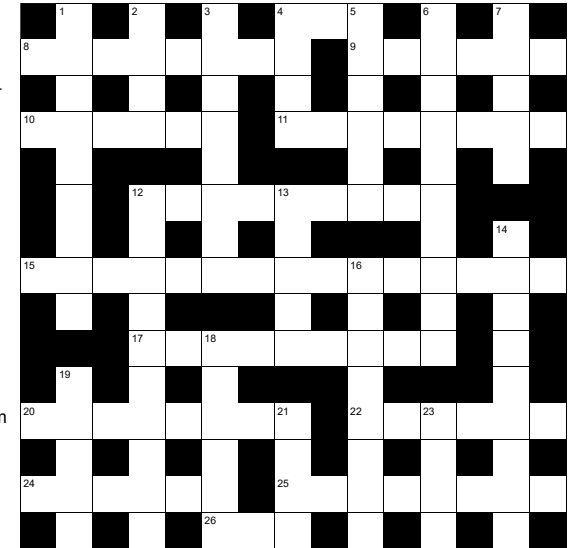
#### ACROSS

- 4 Limit farmer's agreement (3)  
 8 Disorder written into Solzhenitsyn (Dr. Omega) (8)  
 9 Can be done without time permit (6)  
 10 Followed the rules of honour by The Old Down (6)  
 11 Undisturbed bedding (mostly) after "Carry On Cycling" (8)  
 12 "Boundless fare is drink" - The French Philosopher (9)  
 15 Film: "Jethro, a self-made boozier" (3,8,4)  
 17 Six RAF destroyed mature plant (9)  
 20 Crooked lip after caught broken nail (8)  
 22 Beer and lemonade from quiet Mr. Warhol (6)

- 24 Cut soft character down (6)  
 25 Drum first then sell axe (8)  
 26 Music producer's half-earful (3)

#### DOWN

- 1 Look at second spot on flower (9)  
 2 Texted Dyson, concealing a current event (4)  
 3 Timber organ from swimmer via Spooner's charity (8)  
 4 Irishman left the second Stormont followed European standard (4)  
 5 A particular person can't - without first supporting sports diamond (6)  
 6 Ball of pretence? (10)  
 7 Not definitely smooth (5)



- 12 Women excluded after a daughter begins the change (10)  
 13 She takes half of them if absorbing energy (5)  
 14 Action from cockney auctioneer on selling Lord Hylton's estate (9)  
 16 Charge around setting fire to things, striking new match, beginning to get scary (8)  
 18 Luckily, Adam's watch only gains extra seconds up where Khan initiated building project (6)  
 19 Endless route right around city (5)  
 21 Dead husband left Turner (4)  
 23 Hurt is caught after a couple of heartfelt letters (4)

Answers to previous puzzle: Across 6:KILMERSDON 7:STONE CIRCLE 9: CLEAN 10:KNAVE 12:ASSESSMENTS 13:POLE DANCER Down 1:SKITTLES 2:PLANTAGENET 3:MERCY 4:ASTRINGENCE 5:ONCE 8:LAVATORY 11:ESSAY 12:ALPS

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