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Slow is so good

We have recently returned from a trip to Senegal to work with a mission that works with street children in Dakar.

We had a fantastic and at times heart-wrenching time but one of the things that most impacted me was on a simple morning's chore to get water. Like many places in Africa there was no running water and instead we filled buckets from some huge drums on the compound we were staying in that were intermittently filled from the local well.

I stood in the shade (already it was hot at 9am) with the tap running and a steady but very slow trickle of water gently filling my 25 litre buckets. For a moment I was tempted to feel frustrated and try and work any way of getting this simple job done more quickly, when instead I just let go and in that moment I felt such peace. There was nothing I could do to speed it up and so I just enjoyed the waiting. UK life is so packed full, so overflowing.



Every job we attempt to complete as quickly as possible so we can get as many things done as possible and reach the great prize which awaits us at the end of the day, at the completion of all things, a sit on the sofa in front of the telly! It is one of the things I have always loved about Africa: it forces me to go slowly and to go simply.

When I consider the life of Jesus, a life that literally changed the world, a man who really transformed the whole of history, I am struck again by how simply and unhurriedly He lived. There's no rush or stress. Time serves Him somehow and I find it so challenging and magnetic. Jesus seems unfazed by the oppressive political system, the abuses of power, poverty and pain. He just gets on with simply loving people and doing whatever His Father has for Him, whatever the cost.

Bring on more opportunities to wait, to stop, to live simply and slowly.

Matt Ford



Cover: Caroline's Dream Team walking for Prospect Hospice (see page 18)

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Citizen of the Year 2019

We are very pleased to announce that the Citizen of the Year trophy was presented in February to Anita Cairn for outstanding services to her community.

Anita received over half of the nominations for this year's vote for her outstanding service to the community as Lollipop Lady on the busy Brewery Street Crossing, ensuring children from Vorda, Eastrop, Southfields and Warneford get to school safely.

Reasons given described Anita as "working tirelessly... what ever the weather. I have seen her getting soaked in rainstorms, sweltering in heatwaves and shivering in the ice and snow, yet she always has a kind word and a smiley face and takes a genuine interest in the children she meets. She is vital to the heartbeat of our lovely town". Another comment read "Anita never wants thanks, works humbly and generously, and it would be so wonderful to see her efforts for this town acknowledged".

"Being a Lollipop Lady has always been my dream job," Anna told me. "I had a Lollipop Lady who helped me cross the road to school when I



Anita Cairn, Highworth Citizen of the Year

was little. She was lovely and helped to brighten up those difficult days when everything goes wrong and you feel down. So when I got the job it was a dream come true.

"It can be a challenging job. In winter there is the risk of slippery ice and the sun gets so low that you have to be careful that the cars have seen you. In summer the kids have loads of energy and you have to slow them down so they don't run across the road before you are ready.

"The weather can throw everything at you and drivers can get a bit impatient. But it is still the best job in the world and I truly feel blessed. I get to impart a bit of road safety to the next generation which hopefully they will never forget. And I get to see the same children every day and watch them grow up."

Anita was presented with her award at the end of a meeting in the Bridge, where she also volunteers and assists with the food bank. "It is an amazing privilege to be awarded the Citizen of the Year trophy, Anita said. "And it has made me feel really valued. Can I say a big thank you to everyone who voted for me".



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Lunch Club continues to flourish

The Highworth Lunch Club continues to be a success with thirty guests enjoying Christmas dinner, a visit from Santa and a lovely present for everyone.

Mary and her team do a fantastic job. Everyone has a birthday cake on their birthday, beautifully made by Sue Hooper, and her Christmas cake was a traditional recipe. It was simply delicious. January brought the pantomime which was quite hilarious. So if you're on your own and fancy a bit of company then do come



and have a lunch with us. You won't regret it.

Contact Mary 01793 861173 to book a place. Transport is available.

Rosemary Jackson

Highworth Recreation Centre Update



The team at Highworth are delighted that we won Halo's Centre of the Year for 2019. This is award is for all the staff and customers that use the centre and create a friendly community feel.

As well as all the normal activities that a Leisure

Centre offers, we also run other activities such as a tea dance, health improvement sessions, walking football and walking netball sessions.

In 2019 we raised money for local charities through events we held at the Centre for Highworth Pre School, Gloucester House and Lauren Smart.

At the back end of the year we unfortunately had a couple of maintenance issues with our swimming pool which caused closure of the pool for a short while, but we were up and running again going into the New Year.

Over the last 12 months or so we have moved and upgraded the gym, refurbished the wet changing rooms, increased the number of fitness classes and redecorated the studio and sports hall. The membership cost has been maintained at the same price throughout the last three years and we removed any contract and joining fee (£29.95 per month), for gym, classes and swim.

We would like to thank all our customers for their custom throughout the year.

Martin Suter, General Manager

Happy Chinese New Year at Eastrop Nursery

Here in Nursery we have been celebrating the New Year.

We have enjoyed finding out about traditions such as putting up decorations, eating special dinners with the family and giving red envelopes to loved ones. The envelopes have money in and are believed to bring good luck because they are red.

We made our own dragon and performed a special dance to music that we created. The children loved making red lanterns and exploring Chinese writing. They enjoyed a yummy feast of noodles and even tried using chopsticks. It was messy but fun.

Our Nursery is really growing but we have availability for children aged 2-4 years. Please contact 07719 548935 to organise a tour or if you have any questions.

Lucy Mitchell, Centre Manager



SEND Coffee Morning at Eastrop

The Inclusion team would like to thank all the families who took time out of their busy day to attend our first coffee morning.

It was well represented with parents from across both schools. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, discover what is working well and what can be further developed for the families of children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). The school took the opportunity to share information about the services at school, including the school's investment in inclusion this year with the addition to the team of our Inclusion Officer Mrs Milton and our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead Miss Chamberlain.

We welcomed Jacqui Watts, the Chair from Swindon SEND Families Voice, who gave



information about their work championing improvements in external services in Swindon.

One of the initiatives that Jacqui raised awareness about was the Sunflower Lanyard, a lanyard worn to alert staff in the NHS, UK airports, banks, sports venues and supermarkets that the wearer has a hidden disability. The lanyards are freely available from local GP practices. What does this mean for your child?

Staff at these establishments are trained to recognise that the wearer (or someone with them) may require some extra help, time or assistance while accessing their service.

Further information about the amazing work of Swindon SEND can be found at:

<https://swindonsendfamiliesvoice.org.uk/>

Mrs Tkocz, Inclusion Lead, Eastrop Infant School

Dementia-Friendly Warneford



Warneford recently hosted a session with Kevin O'Donoghue from the Alzheimer's Society and Susan Lambert from Swindon Borough Council to raise awareness of dementia with a group of Year 7 students. This is to support the goal of Highworth becoming a Dementia-Friendly town. The session will now be repeated with other classes at the school.


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News from the Code Club

Southfield Junior School currently run two afternoon code clubs.

In both sessions, children are encouraged to use their imagination and broaden their knowledge of code. They can work together or individually using code of their choice. The children predominately choose to code with Scratch. Scratch is a free block-based visual programming language where they can create their own interactive stories, games and animations. The possibilities are endless.

However, there are many more programming languages to learn such as Python. With the help of Mrs Morgan (parent helper) some of the children have signed up to Mission Zero. This offers children the chance to write a computer

program using Python which, when completed, will be run on Astro Raspberry Pi computers in space on the International Space Station. They can send any message

and create a picture using 30 seconds of code.

All children will receive certificates to show where and when their code was run. Wow!

Mrs Law



Well done Rosie Owl!

Highworth District Guiding would love to congratulate Rosie Owl (Yvonne Usher-Benwell) on the completion of her leadership qualification.

Yvonne was a Brown Owl many years ago and decided to come back to Girlguiding when her granddaughters joined us. She has already shown herself to be a fantastic addition to our team and has worked through her qualification with record speed. I hope she is enjoying her time volunteering with



us and feels proud of her service to the Highworth community. Rosie Owl helps at not only 1st Highworth Brownies but also at 5th Highworth Rainbows and is a real treasure.

If you are interested in giving back to the community, as well as making new

friends, then please register your interest at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> We would also love to welcome new girls between the ages of 5 and 14.

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Citizens of the Month: Christine and Rodney Davis

On Friday 31st January, Highworth Lions held a very special award ceremony for Christine and Rodney Davis in recognition of their years of hard work and dedication. Highworth Link would also like to honour the couple by declaring them their Citizens of the Month.

Rodney has been a Lion since 1981. He has been President of the club six times between 1986 and 2014, has served as chairperson of various committees and is currently the Treasurer (a post he has held since 2001). His wife Christine has never formerly joined the Lions (women weren't allowed when Rodney first joined) but she has been instrumental in a lot of behind the scenes work. She volunteers in the shop, checks and cleans the defibrillators once a week, organises and caters the annual volunteers' BBQ and other Lion's events as needed and is actively involved in many of the Lions regular events.

"The Lions is a great organisation to be involved in," Rodney said. "I particularly enjoy the fellowship, meeting like-minded people in other Clubs helping out local people and organisations and knowing that the money raised goes to some very worthwhile causes at home, nationally and internationally. I know that what we do makes a difference to many people's lives.

"The Lions also organise some terrific events. The most rewarding one I've organised in recent years had to be the Prostate Testing session at the last May Fair. Together with the Loganberry



Trust, a total of 167 men were tested but, unfortunately, we had to turn some away. I am in the process of organising another one at the Library next May Fair. Christine and I still have a lot to give to the Lions and we both intend to carry on doing our bit for as long as we are able".

The award was presented by Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire in front of Rodney and Christine's family and friends and fellow Lions. Highworth Mayor Julia Bishop and Alan Fletcher, Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire were also in attendance at this special evening. Neil Patterson, a very talented local Swing and Jazz singer with the most amazing voice, rounded the evening off nicely.

The Highworth and District Lions are always looking for new members. If you would like to get involved please contact 0345 833 9831 or pop along to a meeting at the Blunsdon House Hotel on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

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International Air Cadet Exchange 2019

In July 2019, I was privileged to attend the International Air Cadet Exchange for the second time in my Air Cadet career, representing the RAF Air Cadets of the UK in their involvement in the exchange programme, this time attending Germany.

The Exchange's purpose is to foster international understanding, goodwill and friendship among aerospace-minded individuals.

Along with other Air Cadets and Military personnel from over a dozen countries including Turkey, France, Romania, Egypt and Switzerland, we spent two weeks travelling across Germany learning its heritage and taking part in new experiences.

We first travelled to Nörvenich Air Base, garrison to the infamous 'Boelke' squadron of the German Air Force – named after the WWII Flying Ace Oswald Boelke. The base now serves as a home to one of the countries Quick Reaction Force Euro Fighter Typhoons, which we got to see take-off, just metres away from the runway!

Our trip took us around Cologne, Berlin, Bavaria and many more! From gliding in Munich, to visiting one of the main campuses of aerospace giant Airbus.

A main highlight of the second week, was the



trek up the Alps in Bavaria and spending the night at the top – the views were spectacular!

The International Air Cadet Exchange in its entirety is something left unrivalled by anything the RAF Air Cadets has to offer, and this article only just scrapes the surface. I've made friends and contacts all over the world, all of whom I will be talking to for a long time to come. I had an amazing time, one I will not forget, and I hope my peers in the RAF Air Cadets all aspire to one day take part in the programme.

Cadet Warrant Officer Joseph Chapman

To find out what other activities cadets get up to, visit <http://rafac.highworth.org.uk> or call in on a Monday and Wednesday between 7pm and 9.30pm

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Highworth Forget-Me-Not Café launched in style

Over thirty people were at the first Forget-Me-Not Café at the Community Room in February. This included a small army of amazing volunteers, and we say a massive "Thank You" to all who turned out to help. The entertainment was again provided by Peter and Denise Arnel who had everyone singing along and also laughing at Denise's poetry recital. Many heart-warming stories were heard across the hall.



Thanks and acknowledgement go to Ruth Coughlin, our chair who has driven the project through to this stage, to Susan Lambert at SBC for championing this project, to Kevin O'Donoghue for working so hard as secretary and for saying 'yes' to sharing the dream, and to Paul Barrow for coming onboard in the latter stages to be our treasurer.

Without wanting to sound like an Oscars acceptance speech, we also need to thank our wonderful Highworth Mayor Julia Bishop and husband Alan for opening our event and giving us their overwhelming support, Peter and Denise for a fantastic afternoon of musical entertainment, poems and laughter, Pam Hague and the Highworth Artists Society members for our beautiful logo and for being our first fundraisers with their cheque to be banked with the amazing Metrobank in Swindon who had our account up and running in just three hours the day before the event. Also Simon French at 659design for our wonderful posters, flyers and invitations, Zurich for our insurance, Kathryn at Wheelie Crafty for making our beautiful bunting, Bloomfields Fine Foods for the awesome scrummy cake and the Co-op for the rest of the

refreshments, Selina from Westrop Surgery, Diane our Physio for professional support; the Alzheimer's Society for many helpful leaflets and literature and Bupa Dental Care Highworth for cheering us on too. And last, but by no means least, Home Instead Senior Care Vale of the White Horse for their sponsorship and for sending Toby to work alongside us at the event.

But the biggest thank you must be reserved for all who came along to our very first event and drank tea, ate cake,

sang along, took gifts bags, gave feedback and made it all worthwhile! We look forward with excitement to **Thursday 2nd April** and to welcoming you again and to meeting new people at our monthly café.



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Ruth Coughlin and Kevin O'Donoghue

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From the Lion's Den

The Lions have been very busy sorting out fly tipped rubbish. A sofa was dumped outside the front of the Lions Charity shop early in the morning in the pouring rain. It was captured on CCTV so we know who it was. Two weeks later another sofa was dumped at the back of the shop, again in pouring rain. It was soaked through and dirty, making it unsaleable. We have also had boxes of broken electrical goods and broken toys dumped as well as bags of dirty torn clothing.

We welcome donations of good, clean, saleable goods and we can collect any heavy donations of furniture. But filling our skip with your rubbish costs us money. So please don't leave your items outside our shop.

We had a very nice evening on the Friday 31st January when Christine Davis was presented with an award of appreciation for all she does as a volunteer by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. Highworth Lions are now busy planning for the May Fayre, where we will be hosting another testing session for prostate cancer. We would love to do more in our community and it would help if we had a few new members join us. So if you would like to give something back to your community please come and see us. For more details call 763780.

Rosemary Lion

Our donations for January:

Lions Clubs Australia Fire Appeal 2020	£1000
Social Services Appeal for Boiler Repair	£750
James Hill Donation in lieu of Sleigh Storage, etc.	£100
Xmas Lights Mayors Charity	£150
Xmas shop raffle in aid of Dog for the deaf/hard of hearing	£100
Highworth Guides Donations in lieu of Xmas Santa's Support	£100
Highworth Running Club Pledge Donation	£350
Visit Highworth Limited	£250
Total:	£2800

2019 Weather in my back garden and beyond

What a year it has been for the weather in the UK. We had snow in February, were deluged with rain and had five named storms bringing us high winds and rain. We also experienced some of the hottest days on record.

For several years I have recorded daily rainfall and min/max temperatures in my back garden which have helped produce observations about the weather. The data is compared to that from Met Office sites from around the country and serves as a guide to weather in the local community. See the list below.

Description	Rainfall mm
Annual Highworth 2019	880
Oxford weather station	723
Bradford weather station	1031
Lyneham weather station 30yr average	746

Rainfall for Highworth was above local average and less than the UK, which averaged rainfall of 1240mm or 107% of the UK average. (From Met Office data)

Looking at the local rainfall data recorded during 2019 revealed some interesting observations.

- There were 50 days with rainfall above 5.0mm
- There were 93 days with rainfall below 5.0mm
- January was the driest month with 25.5mm of rain.
- November was the wettest month with 120.0mm of rain.

- The longest dry period was 21 days between 26th June and 16th July.
- October had thirteen consecutive days as the longest period with rainfall each day.
- September had the wettest day when 36.5mm of rain fell.
- There were five months with rainfall above 100mm: June, Sep, Oct, Nov and Dec.

There were a few high temperature records broken around the country. The highest temperature 38.7° C was recorded in Cambridge and the hottest February day 21.2° C was recorded at Kew Gardens.

The UK mean temperature was 9.4°C which was 0.6°C above the 30 year average. This ranks as the eleventh warmest year in the UK historical series since 1910. All the top ten hottest years in this series have occurred this century. Food for thought!

Here in Highworth it was also warm on those days, but no records were broken. We had 10 days where the maximum temperature was above 30°C.

The average annual temperature in Highworth was 11.92° C, slightly lower than last year's 12.24° C. In comparison, the average annual temperature in Oxford was 11.25° C.

Although it was a wet year, there were 1,455 sunshine hours recorded, 6% higher than the UK average with February being the second sunniest on record for the UK.

T. P. Aherne

WWII POW Camp in Highworth

The Historical Society is looking for information about Highworth's POW camp which was located on the Faringdon Road.

If you can help with any memories please contact us by email: chrissuter16@googlemail.com or annmarie@annmariemurphy.co.uk or phone: 01793 764811 or 01793 764575.

If you prefer to write please mark FAO Christine Suter and hand in to the Old Lloyds Bank Building (now Visit Highworth).

Any help, however small, will be very welcome.

Chris Suter



Feeling anxious, powerless or overwhelmed about climate change?

You're not alone. The number of local Councils and businesses gearing up for changes in how we live and do business is impressive. However, in the end the result will largely depend on how nearly 8 billion residents of our dear planet Earth adapt to the challenge.

This is the first in a series on climate change in *Ripples Community Magazine* for Fairford and Lechlade, and *Highworth Link Magazine*. These articles reflect the collective thoughts of a group of readers. We came together to try to make sense of the messages from scientists and to share some practical things that individuals can do. This article sets the scene; later we'll develop readers' ideas.

We believe in the mighty power of the collective actions of individuals. As Tesco says: EVERY LITTLE HELPS.

What are our options?

There seems to be two ways to deal with climate change:

- Slow down climate change.
- Mitigate the effects of climate change

These articles focus on the first, SLOWING IT DOWN, because we fear unchecked effects (such as loss of habitats, shortages of food and water and mass migration of displaced people) will be overwhelming. That requires a mass commitment from individuals to reshape our habits, supported by technologies, many not yet invented.

It will still be a big challenge to MITIGATE ITS EFFECTS because the genie is already out of the bottle. This is

largely a task for Government and Business, encouraged by us.

Climate change in a nutshell

Climate scientists have clearly demonstrated the link between the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere, as well as methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), and the rate of global warming. Also how the various things we do have caused climate change and are making matters worse. Burning 'fossil fuels' to generate electricity and heat and to power our transport are big contributors.

This is not an 'exact science', but the science points towards unpredictable outcomes that are prompted by rises in temperature (known as 'global warming'). Scientists predict that there will be key temperatures (known as 'tipping points') that will trigger radical and quite unpredictable changes. The science is made all the more complicated by the vast number of causes and effects. The computer models to tell us about this in detail are still in their infancy. We cannot wait, hence we need get going quickly to avoid reaching tipping points.

There is no clear course of action to be found anywhere; no silver bullet, but the way to slow down climate change boils down to only these two credible solutions:

- Emit less CO₂ in the first place.
- Get rid of some of the CO₂.

A lot of our work will be about how we can change our behaviours to emit less CO₂, paying attention to what offers the 'biggest bang for our buck'. For instance

Actions	Meaning	Examples using gas-powered heating
AVOID	Avoid it (completely)	Stop heating our home – impractical
REDUCE	Reduce it (do it less)	Turn down the thermostat and wear more clothes, better insulation – both feasible
REPLACE	Replace it (find another way)	Replace our gas boiler with an electric boiler, powered by renewable energy – still expensive at present
OFFSET	Offset it (find a way to absorb the carbon that's omitted)	Work out how much CO ₂ our boiler generates and plant trees to absorb that CO ₂ – not an instant cure

home energy consumption, transport and backing energy suppliers that don't rely on burning fossil fuels. We'll also explore what individuals can do to absorb CO₂ from the atmosphere such as planting trees and investing in companies that are developing technologies to absorb and make safe CO₂ emissions from generators that use coal, gas and oil.

Along the way, we'll refer to the simple ARRO model (opposite) that we've borrowed from the construction industry. The best is always to Avoid, but many problems get in the way! Offset is the last resort.

Many of the actions to reduce climate change have desirable side effects such as saving money and reducing pollution and congestion although there can be unintended consequences. For example, if we all switched to electric cars *immediately*, the economic and physical disruption would be very difficult to manage.

Recent local news

Cotswold District Council declared a climate emergency in July and is currently recruiting a Climate Emergency Manager to steer the Council towards being a carbon neutral organisation by 2045.

Highworth Town Council declared a climate emergency in January and is setting up a working party to develop specific proposals for the Council.

St Lawrence Eco Church Group in Lechlade is hosting a meeting on Climate Emergency with Dr Martin Hodson

on **Tuesday 12th May 7.30pm** in Lechlade Memorial Hall. Martin is a plant scientist and environmental biologist based in Filkins.

Key points

Increasing CO₂ causes global warming, which causes climate change.

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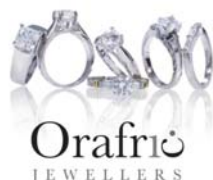
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Thank you so much for all your support.

Helen Simpson, Centre Manager

We need your help to raise money for our school

Westrop Primary are hosting a clothing collection with **Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools**.

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear? Maybe last year's fashions or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

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Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children. Please bring your donations to Westrop Primary School by 9am on **5th March**.



Caroline's Dream Team tackle London Marathon Walk and Win!

In September 2019 Caroline's Dream Team ventured to London to walk a marathon in memory of former hospice patient Caroline Storey, including her husband, children and close friends.

Caroline had always wanted to take part in a marathon walk and everyone thought it would be fitting to take part in one to remember and celebrate her life while raising funds for Prospect Hospice which cared for her in her final days.

Leading up to the event the team had been furiously fundraising by running bake sales and book stalls, organising quizzes and raffles and arranging matched funding through their employers.

Meeting up in the centre of London at 7am was the start of a very emotional day for the team. After enjoying a few bacon rolls to set them on the road, the challenge organisers began the warm-up with the 2,000 others who were taking part in the 26 mile walk around London. They found it poignant that the song used at the warm-up was Sweet Caroline.

The walk allowed them to take in world-famous sights and less well-known corners as they traced a 26 mile route around London. They walked through peaceful parks, along waterways and passed iconic landmarks including the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye.

They all walked together meaning that during the walk they could share their memories of



Caroline Storey

Caroline and embrace team spirit, helping each other along when required. Their half an hour lunch stop turned into over an hour while they shared special memories.

When reaching the finish line there was an enormous sense of pride in what they had achieved along with hugs and tears.

Now that all of their fundraising money has been collected, Caroline's Dream Team are very proud to announce that they managed to raise £5,639.63. This money has been presented to Prospect Hospice Care so that other patients like Caroline can receive the end-of-life care they require.

Sally Bere, the challenge events fundraiser at Prospect Hospice, met the team at the finish line to congratulate them on their achievement and said: "Thank you John, Becky, Matthew, Neve, Alan, Kerry, Louise, Rebecca and Tom for supporting the hospice. We look forward to seeing you at lots more challenges in the future.

Caroline would be very proud of you all".

John Storey said "I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in this challenge by either walking with me or giving a donation towards the Prospect Hospice. It has meant so much to myself and my family to be able to raise this money and remember Caroline".



Caroline's Dream Team with the cheque for Prospect Hospice

For those inspired by Caroline's Dream Team, this year's London Marathon walk takes place on **Saturday 19th September** and the hospice is already filling places. To book your place visit www.prospect-hospice.net

Highworth and South Marston United Charities

Highworth and South Marston United Charities has been in existence in various forms for over 150 years. Even today they are still able to support the people of Highworth and South Marston who may find themselves in sudden financial difficulty.

There are two funds available: The Relief of Need Fund and The Educational Fund.

The Relief of Need fund makes grants for items or services to assist residents who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. The money available is limited and therefore any assistance given cannot be repeated later.

In the recent past we have helped a homeless couple with their rent deposit and contributed towards a new cooker when the old one was condemned.

The Educational Fund supports the education or training of residents who are under the age of 25 years and who have at least one parent resident in the area. The fund provides for special benefits not normally provided by the school or other institution. The money available is limited and therefore any assistance given cannot be repeated later.

In the recent past we have helped a school with a grant towards educational materials not normally provided by the school, contributed towards the cost of one pupil on a school residential visit and paid towards a school uniform for another pupil.

Both charities share the same board of trustees and welcome enquiries all year round. If you are in sudden distress or know of someone who is, the Highworth and South Marston United Charities are here to help.

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Volunteer Vacancies at Root and Branch

Root and Branch is a small independent charity offering therapeutic gardening and crafts to support adults in their recovery to cope with enduring mental health problems including anxiety, depression, PTSD and schizophrenia. We are based on a beautiful site at Westmill Organic Farm between Highworth and Watchfield.



We have volunteer vacancies and would love to hear from anyone with a positive, caring attitude who can spare some time to share their skills and knowledge with others. We offer flexible opportunities as well as time-tabled activities. Opportunities include leading small groups in cooking seasonal, healthy meals and woodworking/carpentry, as well as gardening under direction of our Garden Manager, leading local walks and helping with site maintenance. Expenses reimbursed and

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There are so many benefits to volunteering: gaining skills and experience, meeting new people, helping to reduce stigma and making a real difference. Why not give it a try? Call Karen on 01793 780380 or visit our website on www.rootanbranch.info. We look forward to hearing from you.

Karen English, Centre Manager



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Ridgeway Rise care home has celebrated the great success after being rated 'Good' in all areas by Care Quality Commission

The North Swindon care home which was rated 'Requires Improvement' only 10 weeks after starting operating in March 2019, was given an improved rating following an inspection in December 2019.

Former owners of the building sold the business when it was rated 'Inadequate' in certain areas and put under special measures in 2018. Under the new management, the whole Team worked extremely hard to prove their commitment in providing the best care for residents, ensuring home-from-home experience in a safe, caring and supportive environment.

The team at Ridgeway Rise was thrilled to receive the recognition for their efforts. Inspectors appreciated the management team stating that they, "Promoted an open culture that valued everyone". Care assistant Beckie commented, "We are one big family here and we take the report as a great tribute to our hard work".

The CQC report highlighted the top quality of care

Inspected and rated

Good



Care Quality
Commission



Review score on
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provided by the team: "Staff used their knowledge of people to engage with them in a way that valued and respected them." Further in the report we find comments referring to dietary needs stating that, "Care plans clearly detailed people's specific dietary requirements and we saw that people received food and drink in line with their planned care" and that "the lunchtime meal was a relaxed and sociable experience."

The North Swindon care home was praised for their engagement in the community by: organising regular Community Lunches for over 65s to combat loneliness, for dementia training sessions they offered to local groups and businesses including the Cross Street taxi service's drivers and haart Swindon estate agents. Ridgeway Rise put significant emphasis on multigenerational interactions and organises multiple events with involvement of schools and local scouts' groups.

Bella Balaci, the General Manager said: "I couldn't be more proud of the team. In a very short time, we achieved what other care homes work years towards. It's time for celebration and a resolution to not stop there but continue to work persistently to get an 'Outstanding' next time.

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Phoenix Diving Club



Medal hopeful Jose Adam

The Phoenix Diving Club finished 2019 with a fun team event in which everyone, beginner to advanced, took part. Interestingly, one of our newest and youngest divers gained the highest individual score! Our new year is now well under way with some exciting competitions for our divers coming up. First is a novice event in Southampton, followed by another in Cheltenham the following weekend.

The highlight of the year however, will be the World Masters Championships in Budapest in May, solely for divers over the age of 18. Our Masters diver Jose Adam has no problem meeting this age requirement as she is 78! As a coach I will accompany Jose and with any luck, the club may have a world champion on 25th May to add to the gold, silver and bronze medals she has previously won in swimming. I'll keep you updated.

The club still has spaces in all its sessions, from beginner to advanced. So if you are a complete beginner wanting to learn or have some previous diving experience, please give me a call for more

details. Incidentally, you don't have to be 78 years old, just able to swim 25 metres!

Irene Aldridge T: 01793 764890

The Highworth 5 Mile Race

When the Highworth Running Club were making their final preparations to stage the first ever running race in the town, Margaret Thatcher could well have been sat in Number 10 Downing Street listening to Diana Ross's 'Chain Reaction' on the radio whilst pondering changes to Sunday trading hours and receiving updates on escalating prison riots.

She might also have ended the day with a glass of Blue Nun wine and cringing at Spitting Image's satirical interpretation of her and Ronald Reagan. Who knows! But what we do know is that HRC's inaugural event in 1986 was the catalyst for the years that followed. Over the decades over 11,000 runners have crossed the finish line, their name forever etched into the club's history with the 35th edition taking place next month on **Sunday 19th April**.



Current Ladies Champion Sophie Chudley

As always, the race is open to anyone aged 15 or over and costs £12 to enter if you're affiliated to a running club, £14 if you're not, but anyone aged 80 or older will be granted free entry providing they're accompanied at registration by both parents.

If interested, please use the link from the club's website www.highworthrunningclub.co.uk to enter online and secure your place; entries will be taken on the day providing the race limit hasn't already been reached. Don't forget the club offer beginners sessions at 6pm every Wednesday from the Vorda building in Brewery Street so if you wanted to fine tune your fitness please do come and find us. All at HRC look forward to seeing you on the start line.

Jason Daniels

Swindon Croquet Club

Swindon Croquet Club has recently been awarded the prestigious 'Clubmark' which is the universally acknowledged cross sport accreditation awarded by Sport England. It is awarded in recognition of high standards of welfare, equity, coaching and management which make community clubs safe, rewarding and fulfilling places for participants of all ages. The certificate, which is the result of much hard work by the Club's Accreditation Manager John Hawkins, is proudly displayed in the Club Room.

The Club, which is based on Moredon Playing Fields, is gearing up for the 2020 season and always welcomes new members so, if you would like to give croquet a try, please contact John Airey on 01793 873026.

Beverly Briggs



Mallet Merriment at Moredon

Highworth Town Football Club

A change of Manager over the Festive Period saw John Fisher return with Ross Adams stepping up from assisting the reserves to join him. Their first four games saw a win, a draw and two defeats although the 1-0 loss at Melksham was really unfortunate.



Returning Manager John Fisher

With 16 games left, the team are safely placed in mid-table with little possibility of finishing bottom and needing a play-off to stay up. Goal scoring remains an issue and both John and Ross have brought Ash Edenborough and Callum Parsons back, although early indications show the defensive problems of conceding goals has improved.

In the UHLSport Hellenic Two West Division the Town's reserves have maintained terrific form, only dropping two points from nine matches so far and sitting comfortably in second with two games in hand over leaders Letcombe.

Derek Lloyd

Grab Life By the Bowls

Highworth Bowls Club are seeking new members for the 2020 season. We are looking for full bowlers, novice bowlers, those who want to learn and social members. We are opening our

doors and the green, for an open day on **Saturday 16th May** when everyone is welcome to come along and give it a go. We provide full coaching and the opportunity to play both leisurely and competitively in weekly inter-club leagues, competitions and the Swindon and District mid-week leagues. Annual Membership fees are just £15 for social membership and £48 beginner bowlers.

For more information please email me and I will be pleased to provide you with more details. So come on, try something new this year and join us at Highworth Bowls Club. We look



forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to visit our stand at the Highworth May Day event on **Saturday 2nd May**.

Kevin Brown (Membership Secretary)

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Highworth Town Walking Football

Everything was happening at Brimscombe's 'Inside Football' near Stroud in January. We sent two teams to this twelve team Over 60's tournament.

Highworth Town were unbeaten in their group with two draws and a win but narrowly failed to qualify. Highworth Reds won their group with three wins and beat Cirencester in the semi-final to set up a final against Clevedon. Sadly, it was not our day and Clevedon ran out winners. January also saw round three of the Gloucestershire FA 50's league and as league leaders we started the day with a splendid 1-0 opening win over Wiltshire. A second half goal, on debut by Paddy Armstrong, sealed all three points. A well-deserved hat-trick from Paul Watling helped us beat Quedgeley 5-1 before being brought back down to earth with a 0-2 defeat at the hands of current champions Weston.

We did though earn a further three points by beating Chippenham Town 4-0 so we are still in the mix! A mixed day at Brimscombe for the Gloucester FA Over 60's; we just didn't get going against Abbeymead Rovers and slumped to a 1-3 defeat. We returned to winning ways against Hereford with a 2-0 win before Wiltshire scored



Battles at Brimscombe

with their only shot on goal of the entire game to run out 1-0 winners that leaves us still in with a shout as this competition progresses.

For more information on Walking Football please feel free to call me on 01793 745954.

Kevin Turner

Warneford School's Netball Teams

Warneford Comprehensive School celebrated a hat-trick of titles as Year 8, Year 9 and the Under 16's shot their way to victories in the Swindon School Play-offs. Fourteen Swindon-based schools were divided into two pools with matches played from September onwards, the winners of each pool going head-to-head in January's finals.

Whilst the school has enjoyed success in the past this was the first time Warneford had fielded



Warneford's Under 16 Champions of Swindon

four teams in the finals with Year 7 losing out by a mere three goals to finish runners up. The girls trained incredibly hard during the netball season and had such a wonderfully positive attitude it was terrific to see them convert this into such excellent results.

We have entered two tournaments in this month's National Cup and are hoping we can repeat our successes.

Alice Sharps

Wrag Barn Golf Club

More than 140 golfers joined new Wrag Barn Captain Andy Walsham for the traditional 'Drive In' that marks the start of a Captain's year. Also 'driving in' were Ladies Captain Christine Eaton, Seniors Captain Simon Warren and Junior Captain Ollie Clements who have the prestige of taking the helm in the club's 30th anniversary year. Andy, a local retailer in Swindon commented "I'm delighted to take over as Captain. We have had a great day and raised £2300 toward my chosen charity HFT who support adults with learning difficulties".

Exiting Captain Mark Keenan laments that one of the pleasures of being Captain is to raise money for your chosen charity, something he hadn't done before at scale and something he found one of the most daunting aspects of the year. However, Mark set himself a target of £5000 at the start of the year and, thanks to the generosity of WBG members, managed to achieve this from the raffles, auctions and other events held for the benefit of the charity Mind Swindon and Gloucester which everyone should be commended for supporting.



Anniversary Captains (L-R) Oliver, Christine, Andy & Simon

As well as the prestige of helping host and present the prizes at the prestigious County competitions, a particular highlight for Mark was the 1980's themed Captain's Day where everyone pushed the boat out, even if the sight of grandparents wearing neon tutus cannot be erased from memory. Handing over the mantle, Mark wishes Andy all the best for what he's certain will be another fantastic year supported by a wonderful committee providing so much encouragement.

Tracey Lee

Shrivenham CC Indoor Nets

Shrivenham Cricket Club Indoor Nets start on **Thursday 19th March at Nova Hreod School commencing at 7.30pm** for one hour for six weeks. This would be an ideal time for those thinking of playing cricket to come and meet some of our members and test out their skills.



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Royal Aeronautical Society, Wednesday 4th March

Our March talk will be on the 'The UltraFan – The Next generation of aero engine'.

Mr Andy Geer, Chief Engineer and Head of Programme Rolls Royce UltraFan, will provide coverage of the key stages and top challenges encountered in taking a new architecture of Gas Turbine engine from a conceptual design on paper to a fully developed set of component designs to enable a fully engaged supply chain to manufacture component parts for a vital first test engine.

The lecture starts at 7.30pm at Shrivenham Defence Academy. Before attending you must register via email at das@aerosociety.com or by phone 07740 136609.

Membership is open to all and costs £20 per person for the lecture season. Young persons aged 16-18 are entitled to attend branch lectures free of charge. They must be accompanied by an adult who will also be entitled to attend free of charge.

Highworth & District Floral Art Society, Thursday 5th March

The next meeting of Highworth & District Floral Art Society is on Thursday 5th March in Warneford School hall commencing at 7.30pm. Our title for this month is 'Ready Steady Flowers'.

Come and join us for an evening which is slightly different from our usual meeting! Visitors £5.

Teresa Hill, Secretary, 01793 766478,
E: hilltc@yahoo.co.uk

Upper Thames & Ridgeway National Trust Association Talk, Wednesday 11th March

Our next talk will be 'The Real Wolfhall' on Wednesday 11th March. The Speaker is Graham Bathe. The talk will be held at Highworth Community Centre, The Dormers, Highworth, SN6 7PQ at 2.30pm. £3 members, £4 visitors. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be served.

For details E: jandbozzy@gmail.com

Highworth Gardening Club, Monday 16th March

Our talk is entitled 'An evening with Reg Moule'. Horticultural guru, Reg Moule is one of Hereford and Worcestershire's best known garden figures, having spent many years broadcasting on BBC local radio stations, lecturing widely, writing articles and working within the horticultural industry.

Join us at 7.30pm in St Michael's Hall. For more info call Norman T: 762805.

Highworth Historical Society, Monday 30th March

On Monday 30th March our speaker John Stooke will be telling us about many of the pubs, now closed, which used to be in Swindon. The talk is entitled 'Last Orders' and John has just published a book of that name. Copies of the book, £10, will be available at the meeting.

As usual visitors are very welcome to attend for a charge of £3 payable at the door. We meet at the United Reformed Church in the High Street with the doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. For further details about this talk or the society in general phone Chris on 01793 764811 or visit our website.



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is a great opportunity to meet some of the team and look around our facilities. Please call 766646 or email hwpreschool@aol.com to register your interest.

Please call us on Visit our website www.highworthpreschool.co.uk. We are located in Newburgh Place on the path next to Westrop Surgery through the Yellow Gate.

Great British Classics Charity Night, Monday 9th March

The Crown at Stratton are hosting a Great British Classics Charity Night on **Monday 9th March** from 7pm. Main courses will cost £9.95 with £5 of this going to Swindon Guide Dogs. On the menu will some great favourites such as Fish & Chips, Pie & Mash, Sausage & Mash, Ham, Eggs & Chips etc.

To book a table please call The Crown on 01793 827530 or email thecrownstratton@gmail.com.

New CAP Life Skills course, starting Thursday 12th March

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effectively with these pressures. This eight-week course is about learning from one another in a friendly, fun, inclusive and confidential environment. We look at subjects including: money, budgeting, organisation, home energy, shopping, health & wellbeing and relationships.

This free course is being held at The Bridge Centre in Sheep Street. It begins at 1pm each week with a light lunch and finishes at 2.30pm. For more information, please contact Eoli Pieri T: 07753 627049



Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity. The Highworth branch offers free debt counselling with home visits. To book a free, confidential appointment call 0800 328 0006.

Lent Lunches 2020, Wednesdays during Lent

You may already know that during Lent the Churches of Highworth provide a lunch of soup, bread, cheese, biscuits and tea/coffee every Wednesday at St Michael's Church from 12noon-1.30pm. Lunches continue to be available on **4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March** and also **1st and 8th April**.

We ask you to make a donation in payment for your meal. This year the charity being supported with the money raised is Gloucester House. The last lunch on **8th April**, will be for Christian Aid.

Please come along and enjoy a meagre meal together.

Highworth Dementia Friends, Wednesday 25th March

Help make Highworth more dementia-friendly by learning about how dementia affects a person and about the small things we can all do to help the 170 people living with dementia living in our town. We are running an awareness session on 25th March at 7.30pm at the Council Community Room in Gilberts Lane, just off the High St. For more information contact Kevin at kevin_dfc@btinternet.com.



Highworth Country Market, Saturday 28th March

Join us in the Council's Community Room from 9am-12noon. We will have a variety of stalls selling local produce, homemade cakes, jams, honey and plants. Refreshments also be available.

'Reunions can be Murder' – a HADS Production

Performances will be on **Saturday 14th March** and **Saturday 21st March** and include a three-course meal. See the Arts Section for full details.

Scouts Quiz, Friday 17th April

This year's renewal is on Friday 17th April at the Scout Hall. The first question is at 7.30pm and it costs £24 for a table of four which includes bread and cheese during the interval. The evening is once again being sponsored by our long-standing sponsors, Simpsons of Highworth. We look forward to seeing all our regular teams and would love to see some new teams. If you have never been before why not try it and help to benefit our group funds.

For more information or to book a table please contact David Roblin on 763720 or david0410@btinternet.com

Scarecrow Trail 2020, 4th-19th April

As you read this entries are flooding in for the 12th Highworth Scarecrow Trail running over the school Easter Holidays again this year. The theme has been confirmed as book titles of the last 75 years (as a link with the VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations). They can be adult's books, children's books, fiction and non-fiction published since 1945.

We have lots of suggestions if you can't think of one to do and can arrange to display a scarecrow if you would like to make one but either live too far out of Highworth or can't display it yourself.

We are pleased that we have more new makers again this year and are anticipating lots of the Highworth businesses joining in either displaying or making scarecrows and of course donating the prizes.

Please contact us if you would like to know more or want to join in. Miriam and Jane, 01793 764614, highworthscarecrows@talktalk.net

Highworth Cinema Presents 'In Safe Hands', Friday 27th March

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The Band also supports a training band for those who are learning to play brass and who will progress to the main band. This group meets at the hall at 10.30am on Saturdays. The band is able to provide the learners with an instrument as well as tuition. Since January we have also started a beginners' group; six new people whose ages range from 8 to 40 years old. The beginners' class is from 10am on Saturdays before the training band teaching people musical notation and brass playing from scratch.

Please visit our Facebook page, www.highworthsilverband.org or T: 07525 704914 for further information.

Mark Cooper, Musical Director

'Reunions can be Murder' – a HADS Production

The latest production from HADS, 'Reunions can be Murder' is well underway. Rehearsals for our latest Murder Mystery are going smoothly (nobody has died yet!) and we are pleased to announce that performances will be on **Saturday 14th March** and **Saturday 21st March**. The show will be accompanied by a three-course meal and tickets, which include the cost of your food and entertainment, will be a bargain at £18 (concessions £15).

Tickets are available from the Highworth Emporium, or by contacting Vicky on 07704 188169, through our Facebook page ([Highworth Amateur Dramatics Society - Hads](https://www.facebook.com/HighworthAmateurDramaticsSociety)) or by email at: hads@highworth.co.uk. Tickets are limited and are only available in advance (due to food

preparation) so don't wait too long or you might miss out! Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Elanor Keeble, HADS Secretary

Strumming and Singing for Fun

Highworth Ukulele Club are holding a session on **Saturday 14th March** at the Highworth Council Rooms. The doors will be open from 10-12noon and you are warmly invited to pop in to listen or to sing along with the songs or even bring your ukulele along.



Sandie Kendall

Highworth Artists Society



Our group has continued with a range of activities and 2020 will be busy with three major exhibitions plus visits and demonstrations.

In the summer we will be hosting an Exhibition of Highworth Schools Art.

HAS recently held a workshop day with Paul Weaver, shown here with his quick watercolour painting of the Mill at Fairford, completed in 15 minutes with just 3 colours!

We have been pleased to support local Dementia initiatives, designing logos and raising over £400 during the past year.

Ian Miller, HAS Publicity

Open Mic Nights at The Wine Bar

Come and join in! All genres welcome. **Weds 25th March and Weds 29th April, 8.30-10.30pm.**

'The Hard Way' – An Interview with Louise Jordan

'The Hard Way' is an exciting new one-woman show which combines song and storytelling to explore the life of Hannah Mitchell. I caught up with the writer and star of the show Louise Jordan...

**1. How did you first hear about Hannah Mitchell?
How did she become the inspiration for your show?**

It was whilst coming to the end of my 2018 tour with 'No Petticoats Here' (telling the stories of extraordinary women of the First World War) that I was commissioned to write a song for UK Parliament's project Vote100. The research for this commission gripped me and urged me to look for lesser known aspects of the women's suffrage campaign. It occurred to me at a couple of conferences I attended (to share the resulting song 'Sooner or Later') that if academics had little knowledge of working-class women's experiences of the campaign for women's enfranchisement, then this aspect of women's history might be lesser known more generally. In the midst of all of this I heard the name 'Hannah Mitchell' and before long had managed to order a copy of Hannah's autobiography through Hampshire's inter-library loan service.

2. What is it about her that you find the most interesting?

Hannah Mitchell recorded her story with the specific purpose of capturing and sharing her experiences with future generations. Hannah's perspective is unique. She is honest, humble, witty and resourceful. Remarkably, Hannah describes herself as 'one very ordinary woman'. She is also a representative of many women who did not record their stories.

**3. Do you feel a special connection to Hannah?
Has she inspired you or changed your life in some way?**

Through her autobiography Hannah shares her life story. From her childhood onwards, Hannah faces knock-backs and is forced to overcome challenges. Leaving home at the age of 14 Hannah seems to realise that she exchanges one life of domestic drudgery and servitude for another and we follow her through various employments as an unqualified worker at the turn of the 19th century. We then follow Hannah through her transition into adulthood, her decision to get married and have a child, her continued employment and struggles with the household budget. All this alongside Hannah's increased frustration at her lot in life, her

inspirational encounters with political speakers and her decision to become a public speaker and eventually a city councillor and magistrate. Anyone who has ever had to overcome challenges in life can connect with the emotional ups and downs which Hannah faces.

4. Was this your first collaborative project? What has it been like working with another musician?

I really enjoy collaborating with other artists and creatives. I worked with theatre maker and director Lizzie Crarer on 'No Petticoats Here' as well as sound designer Jules Bushell. It was great working with Stephanie Jalland of Hoodwink Theatre on this show 'The Hard Way' and Jules also joined us on this project. As a solo artist touring one-woman shows, it's a wonderful opportunity to share the devising process with others – it expands my ideas of what's possible whilst also helping me to maintain a realistic understanding of what's practical!

5. How difficult is it to organise a production like this one? Where do you even start with organising such a thing? How do you pick the venues?

I produce the shows myself and I organise the tour and bookings. I have to keep a balance between making the travelling manageable whilst trying to reach audiences across the UK from Cornwall to Aberdeenshire and as many places in between as possible! The benefits are that I know my own limitations. The touring community is very supportive; I have even received gifts of free-range eggs at performances!

6. Why do you think you are so drawn to the lives of other women and feel so compelled to tell their stories? Are there any other women who inspire you enough to write a production about them?

I am fascinated by human resilience and the ways people manage to achieve positive social change. I am also keen to challenge perceptions of history and to encourage people to be empowered by their heritage. I enjoy understanding other perspectives and believe this encourages empathy and understanding both of the past and the present. I have piles and piles of books at home, many of them autobiographies so there are many shows I have yet to create! I am also a complete museum geek and enjoy travelling so there are many stories I have collected in recent years which could inspire new



shows. I'm currently working on a new show which will start touring in May 2020 with performances at Salisbury Arts Centre and Lighthouse, Poole. 'Florence' will celebrate the lesser known achievements of Florence Nightingale in the 200th year anniversary of her

birth. A pioneering statistician and social reformer for decades of her long life, why does Florence's name merely conjure up images of a lady with a lamp?

Louise's show 'The Hard Way' will arrive at 7.30pm in the United Reformed church on **Friday 3rd April**. Tickets cost £8 and can be purchased from The Lighthouse Bookshop or online at www.wegottickets.com/event/493562 Louise's website can be found at <http://louisiejordan.co.uk/>

Sarah Gardiner

Members of The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra to perform for Rotary Club charities



Swindon North Rotary Club are pleased to announce that some Members of The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra will be coming to Highworth to perform in St Michael's Church on **Monday 11th May 2020** with the concert starting at 7 o'clock.

The performers are Timothy Lines: clarinet, Nina Ashton: bassoon, Timothy Jackson: horn, Thelma Handy: violin, Alex Mitchell: viola, Ian Bracken: cello and Anthony Williams, double bass.

The programme for the concert is as follows:

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Tickets will cost £12.00 and they will be available to buy from the Lighthouse Bookshop in Highworth or can be ordered or reserved by emailing Terry Williams at terry.williams1@btinternet.com.

Please note that the tickets will be numbered but the seating in St Michael's church will be unreserved. Any proceeds from the performance will be used to support Swindon North Rotary Club's nominated charities.

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The Highworth Mayors' Charity and The Highworth Lions present a concert by The Swindon Male Voice Choir with special guests, The Wantage Male Voice Choir.

The concert will be held at St Michael's Church Highworth on **Saturday 14th March 2020** at 7.30pm along with light refreshments. Tickets are £10 each with children under 16 going free and

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Highworth Credit Union: every Tuesday 10am-12noon and Saturday 10-11am

Monthly Genealogy Group: Tuesday 10th March, 10am-12noon

Reading Groups: monthly adult reading groups meet on Tuesday morning and afternoon, and Friday evenings. Please ask at the Library desk for details.

CAP: free debt counselling. Drop-in sessions. Every other Tuesday. Please ask at Library desk for details.

Introducing Solid Food Workshops: 3rd Tuesday of every month 1-2pm You do need to book for these by phoning your health visiting team on 01793 465050. Next session 17th March.

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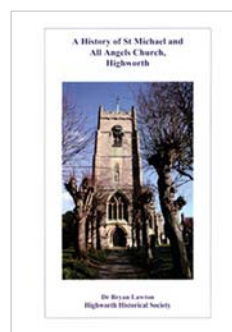
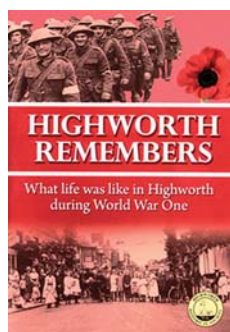
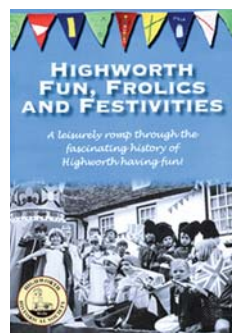
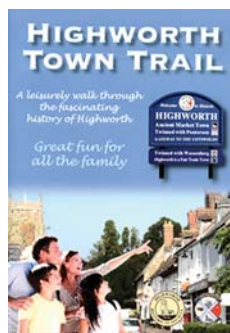
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The following is a statement from the Joint Public Issues Team, an organization of the Methodist, Church of Scotland, Quakers and URC. Since two of the Churches in Highworth are represented, we feel it is a well-balanced statement with a good contribution to the wider community during these times. We would therefore like the Link to consider printing this letter for the wider community to read.

Highworth URC

Statement from Church Leaders ahead of 31st January 2020

On Friday 24th January, Church Leaders released a joint statement regarding the UK's imminent exit from the European Union. This was accompanied by a letter from Church Leaders addressed to partner Churches and Church organisations in Europe.

Statement from British Church leaders and representatives as the UK prepares to leave the European Union.

We, the leaders and representatives of ten British Church denominations and networks, speak together as the UK prepares to leave the European Union on Friday 31st January 2020.

Three and a half years after the UK voted to leave the European Union, the point of departure has now been reached. The process of arriving at this point has been bruising and divisive. For some this date will mark the realisation of a long-held ambition and a moment of celebration. For others, however, it will be an occasion of great loss, marking the moment when deeply held desires for the nations of the UK are placed beyond reach.

Church members in good conscience continue to hold a wide range of views about Brexit. As Church leaders and representatives, we are united in wishing to seek God's guidance and a sense of common purpose as we move from this chapter of the Brexit process into the next.

As the UK leaves the EU, there are important choices to be made about the values that we as a country live out. As Christians, we affirm our belief that all people are equally created in God's image. Our country should be one that offers sanctuary to refugees and is intolerant of those who hate because of a person's race or nationality. Both Leave and Remain campaigns agreed on this and we must now make it a reality.

The continuing challenges of the climate crisis, global inequality and conflict will require both resolve and close international cooperation to be addressed effectively.

We greatly value the love and friendship of our sisters and brothers in other European churches, and *a group of us are writing to them publicly today* to assure them that these relationships will continue. We also recognise that 31st January will bring uncertainty and anxiety to many EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens living in the EU. Leaving the EU cannot mean abandoning our responsibilities towards these families.

Brexit exposed and exacerbated divisions in British society. The deeply-held convictions that fuelled the Brexit debate will not simply go away, but our Christian faith urges us to be people of peace and reconciliation. If the bitterness of the last four years is not to persist in polluting our national life, we will all need to resist the temptation to hold on onto the hurts of the past or to act in ways which will be perceived as triumphalist.

We will only be able to move towards having a sense of common purpose, despite our differences, when we choose to act with kindness, humility and respect towards those with whom we disagree. We call on our political leaders to set an example over the next weeks and months as we move towards negotiations which will require further decisions about priorities for the nations of the UK.

For our part, our Churches will be working and praying for:


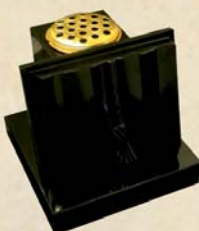

- a society where the poorest and most marginalised are at the centre
- a society that welcomes the stranger
- a just economy that enables the flourishing of all life
- a planet where the environment is renewed
- a world which actively works for peace
- a politics characterised by listening, kindness and truthfulness.

We pray for the people of the UK, for our leaders, and for the whole of Europe, as we mark this significant moment together.

Revd Dr Barbara Glasson and Professor Clive Marsh, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference; Revd David Mayne, Moderator of Council, Baptist Union of Great Britain; The Right Revd Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Revd Nigel Uden and Mr Derek Estill, Moderators of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church; Most Revd Father Olu Abiola OBE and Archbishop Fidelia Onyuku-Opukiri, Council of African and Caribbean Churches UK; Yvonne Campbell, General Secretary, on behalf of the Council of the Congregational Federation; Revd Dr Noel A Davies, Chair, Cytûn: Churches Together in Wales' Working Party on Wales and Europe; Bishop Simon Iheanacho, Overseer, UK World Evangelism Churches; Paul Parker, Recording Clerk, Quakers in Britain; Most Revd Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

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Members of the Churches in Highworth meet together regularly to pray for the people of Highworth and for the things that are going on in the town. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd March** at the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to join the group who meet for an hour at 8pm.

Regular Events at St Michael's Church:

Friday Morning Blessing at St Michael's: Friday Blessings are held in the Church at 9.15am.

Saturday's @ St Michael's: Family Drop-in at St Michael's on the first Saturday of each month.

Drop in any time from 10am until 12pm. There will be tea, coffee, bacon sandwiches, newspapers, craft and children's toys. Come and meet up with others while the children are occupied. The next one will be **Saturday 7th March**.

Tuesday morning Chat: in St Michael's Church Room on the first Tuesday in the month. The next date is on **Tuesday 3rd March** from 10.45am-12.45pm. This is an opportunity to relax over coffee, tea, play Scrabble, bring knitting/sewing or just chat!

Please come and bring anyone who you know would enjoy this time. Minibus transport is available.

Regular events at Highworth Methodist Church:

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Café Rendevous: charity coffee mornings every Saturday from 10.30-12 noon

Sunday Club: For 3-13 year olds every Sunday from 10.30-11.30am

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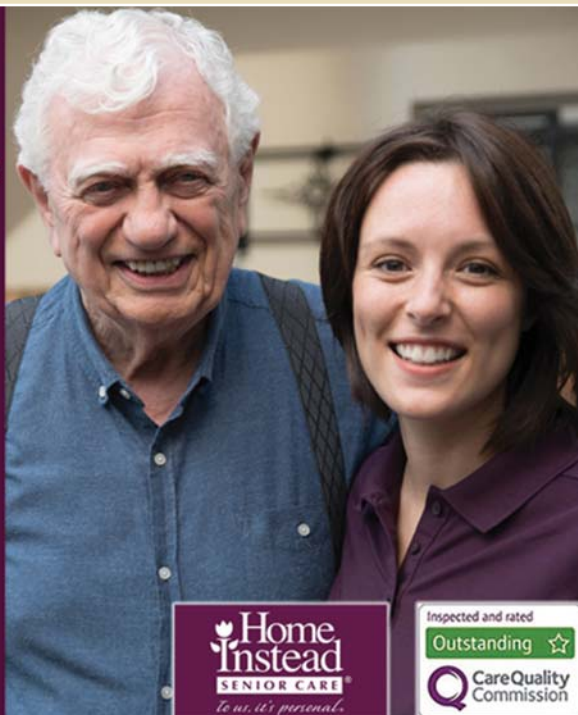
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The January Highworth Business Breakfast Group meeting was held at The Old Bakery.

As always, the attendees enjoyed a lovely breakfast and open Networking as well as the 60 second introduction round where everyone has the chance to introduce themselves and their business and explain who they are looking to be introduced to.

We also had a Networking workshop where we discussed Networking, how to prepare, what a good introduction looks like, what to expect and how to follow up.

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Then there are people who might be anxious, depressed, angry, or who repeat behaviour which they are not happy with and want to change.

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From our MP

In January, the Prime Minister delivered on his promise to get Brexit done. We have taken back control of our borders, laws and money, and we will once again have an independent trade policy. This is a fantastic opportunity for our country and I am pleased that we can move forward with confidence and certainty.

With the Brexit deadlock broken, the Government can now focus on other key areas such as the NHS, policing, schools and the environment.

The Government has brought forward The Environment Bill, an ambitious piece of legislation that will tackle climate change and better protect our natural environment for generations to come.

New powers will be established by the Bill to stop exports of polluting plastic waste to developing countries, which could prevent harmful waste from being shipped out of sight, whilst also boosting the UK's domestic recycling system. These new powers build on the work the Government has already done to tackle plastic pollution which includes: banning plastic straws, cotton buds and drinks stirrers; one of the world's strongest bans on beauty products containing plastic microbeads and the plastic bag charge, which has seen 15 billion plastic bags removed from circulation.

The new Bill will also require producers to take more responsibility for the products and materials they place on the market as well as introducing a consistent approach to recycling, tackling waste crime, creating powers to introduce bottle deposit return schemes and having more effective litter enforcement.

An independent Office for Environmental

Protection will be established to scrutinise environmental policy and law, investigate complaints and take enforcement action against public authorities and uphold our environmental standards. The office's powers will cover all climate change legislation and hold the Government to account on its commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

The Bill will also include a new commitment to review the biggest developments in environmental legislation from around the world every other year which will drive forward our environmental legislation and ensure that Britain remains at the forefront of efforts to protect our environment.

Tackling climate change and protecting the environment are two of the most challenging issues facing the Government right now and I am very proud of the work it has already done to address them. The Environment Bill is an ambitious piece of legislation and I am delighted that it can finally be brought before Parliament.

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Extracts from the minutes of a meeting of Highworth Town Council on 21st January 2020

73. CORRESPONDENCE Email from Cllr Saunders re: Facebook comments on overflowing bin outside the Golf Course Shop. SBC has refused to empty it, despite the Golf Course still being leased to Twigmarket by SBC. HTC is to empty it and take the bin. Cllr M Penny insisted the onus fell on Twigmarket to empty this bin and that SBC should be enforcing this. She will take the matter up with SBC.

75. REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES b. HCPG – the following projects are to be taken forward: To identify an overnight space for camper vans; to update the Memorial Garden to improve it; to encourage feedback on the Visitors' Centre and also operate a Visitors' Book.

76. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS b. Cllr N Gardiner: Residents have complained that pavements around HTC are in a very poor state and are difficult to manage, especially with walking aids or scooters. Cllr M Penny advised SBC does inspect periodically but problems should be reported to them. Work on the surface of the High Street will entail the whole of the High Street being closed to traffic. d.Cllr J Murphy: Fly-tipping in Sevenhampton is an ongoing issue. e.Cllr Bishop: Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop is to take up the unsightly mess at 48 High Street with the Conservation Officer at SBC. f.Cllr S Wolfensohn: The repairs to McColl's Newsagents are still outstanding. Regular updates are received from the Conservation Officer at SBC. The guttering has been cleared but the building repairs are yet to be completed.

The complete minutes from the Highworth Town Council meetings can be viewed online at www.highworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/full-councilmisc/

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COLESHILL

Coleshill Critters, Tuesdays from **3rd–31st March**, 10.30am–11.30am

Our pre-school toddler group Coleshill Critters is all about inspirational play, muddy puddles and a deep-rooted connection to the natural world. Each week we will explore the seasonal changes in the natural world through story, song, creative play and sensory exploration. £25 for 5 sessions, phone 0344 2491895 or book online

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-buscot-and-coleshill-estates

World Book Day story sessions and activities, **Saturday 7th March**, sessions at 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm

Join us for a family day of book celebrations with stories, children's tree trail and more. Celebrate World Book Day at Coleshill with our Tree Tales children's trail. There will also be storytelling and activities in The Old Timber Store. Exchange your World Book Day voucher (handed out in schools and nurseries) for one of eight exclusive World Book Day books (while stocks last). Why not set young treasure seekers a challenge to explore our second-hand bookshop too and find an inspiring pre-loved read to add to their collection? Free event, no booking required.

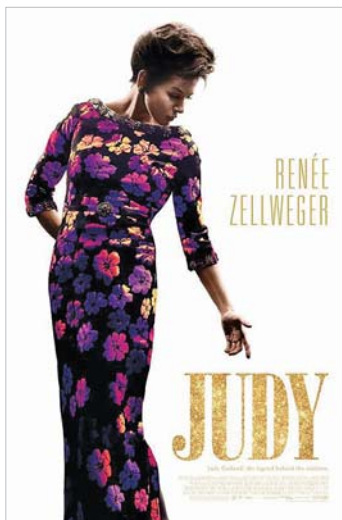
FARINGDON

Faringdon Regent Cinema

Faringdon Regent Cinema is pleased to announce it will be showing the following films in March 2020:

Wednesday 4th March:
Judy (12A)

Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968



to perform a series of sold-out concerts. Film duration: 1 hour 58 mins (no interval)

Matinee Club: Doors open 12.30pm, film starts at 1pm. Free tea/coffee and a biscuit

Tickets in advance £4 / £5 on the door. Matinee Club Membership Just £24 for 12 films (inc half price pre-booked Blockbuster evening cinema tickets)

Friday 27th March: Official Secrets (15)

The true story of a British whistleblower who leaked information to the press about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Film duration: 1 hrs 52 mins plus 15 min interval.



Blockbuster:

Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm Tickets in advance £3 U18s, £4 Adult, £10 Family. Tickets on door £4 U18s, £5 Adult, £11 Family. For more info or to join the mailing list, please visit

www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk/regent-cinema-2

Tickets can be bought in advance from Faringdon Information Centre, 5 Market Square, Faringdon SN7 7HL

Faringdon and District U3A, Thursday 12th March

In Faringdon Corn Exchange on **Thursday 12th March** at 2.30pm Dr Lynda Ware will talk about 'Evidence Based Medicine'. A GP in Oxfordshire for many years, Dr Ware now works at Cochrane UK, an organisation in Oxford which aims to raise awareness and knowledge by producing high quality research which is made available to health care professionals. Refreshments are available after the talk. All members are welcome but visitors are

required to pay an entrance fee of £1.50. Further information is available online at <https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/> or by phoning the chairman Margaret Brown on 01367 615385.

LECHLADE

Lechlade Community Library Spydus

You may think you are entering the world of James Bond or some such fantasy when you read this heading but you would be wrong. Anyone who holds a Gloucestershire Library card will have received notice that Gloucestershire County and Community Libraries will be taking on a new issue and return computer system which will negate the need for the existing programmes Alto and Soprano.

It won't affect those attending their libraries or those who use the internet but it does mean that all the volunteers librarians at Lechlade, and other libraries, have to receive training before 4th March when Spydus goes live.

We therefore ask that, on visiting the Library, you are patient with our staff who hopefully will be well versed in the new procedures but will still be on the early learning curve.

Lechlade Library window display for VE 75th anniversary 8th May

The Lechlade Community Library are considering a window display to honour this anniversary. To that end if anyone has memorabilia or photos that they think would be suitable for display they can contact the Library 01367 252631.

Lechlade Art Society

On **Tuesday 10th March**, from 2-4pm our demonstrator will be Paul Deacon 'Portraits in Charcoal – Demonstration'. Refreshments are available and the admission is £4 for non-members. We will meet at the Pavilion. Visit www.lechladeartsociety.co.uk for more info.

Lechlade Gardening Club

Our meeting this month is on **Wednesday 11th March** when Tim Walker, ex-Director of Oxford Botanical Garden, will be giving a talk entitled '21st Century Gardening'. He is a very informed and amusing speaker so this should be a very good evening. Do come and tell your friends.

Our usual meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the New Memorial Hall where there is ample parking. Membership is £5 per person per annum, after which it is £2 to attend each meeting, or £3 for Visitors, who are always most welcome. Membership also entitles you to 50% off Suttons seeds, 15% of their other products and 10% off plants at Burford and Bampton Garden Centres. For further info call 01367 253309 or 252286 or any member of the committee.

Lechlade Community Cinema Sunday 15th March

The film, Judy (Cert 12A) is being shown in Lechlade Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments. The hall has a large 5m wide screen. So enjoy films as they were intended to be seen; on a big screen with an all-round sound and an inductive loop system. Tickets cost £3.50 which includes a 50p voluntary donation to the charity which is responsible for Lechlade Memorial Hall.

Lechlade History Society

On **Monday 16th March** our talk will be 'WWI Prisoner of War Camps (with ref to Gloucestershire)'. The speaker is Colin Chapman. Doors open 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Memorial Hall. Guests

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Burford (Warwick Hall) on Tuesday evenings, Lechlade Memorial Hall on Wednesday evenings, Wanborough on Thursday evenings and Cricklade on Sunday afternoons. Private lessons also available. Contact Simon Paul for more details 01367 253633, or visit www.thamesschoolofdancing.co.uk

SOUTH MARSTON

South Marston Gardening Club

On **Monday 2nd March** we shall be holding our AGM by the talk 'Cottage Gardening for today's gardens, with emphasis on late colour.' The speaker is Tony Clear.

Tony trained in landscape gardening and nursery work in Surrey and has been involved in all aspects of horticulture for over 40 years. After moving to Worcester he took up a position as assistant gardener at Spetchley Park Gardens where he stayed for 17 years. He has been employed as Head Gardener at Brook Cottage Gardens in Oxfordshire for the past 20 years. He is now self-employed since the closure of Brook Cottage gardens.

We meet at South Marston Village Hall, between 7.30-9.30pm. Parking is available on Old Vicarage Lane, next to the school. Cost: £3 entry fee on the door or £12 full membership. A warm welcome awaits you along with tea and coffee. For more information please visit <https://southmarston.org.uk/clubs-activities/gardening-club/> or contact Angela Newton, M: 07789 068340.

SEVENHAMPTON

Carol Service

The community at Sevenhampton came together for a carol service on Saturday 21st December. A big thank you to Elaine Morgan for sending us a picture showing how lovely the Church looked.



SHRIVENHAM

Shrivenham Golf Club

March is a busy month. It is the start of the season and the 2020/21 Captains' Drive-in followed by a round of golf. This takes place at the end of the

month of March. The Junior Girls Stableford competition will also be played on **Saturday 14th March**. It will take place over the 9 hole Ladies course which is the holes 10-18 on the main course. It is open to non-members for an entry fee of £10 and £5 for Junior members. Food will be available from the bar at extra cost. Any player wishing to take part should contact cleefairways57@yahoo.co.uk, Carole is the Junior organizer for Shrivenham Park and the Playday organizer for Oxfordshire. The game will be a qualifier for handicap purposes and be entered on the HOW DID I DO SYSTEM.

An Easter Tea will be taking place at the golf club on **Saturday 11th April** from 2-4pm. £3 entry will include a drink and cake, etc. There will also be a Book Sale. Any donations of second-hand books will be gladly received and books can be bought on the day for a donation. Books can be brought to the club at any time and left in the small lounge. Thanks in anticipation. Social Putting will also be available on this day.

Social Putting runs from March to September and on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 2-4pm. All equipment is supplied, but flat-soled shoes need to be worn. £2 per session includes refreshments. Come and socialize. We hope to see you there. Forthcoming dates are **13th and 27th March**. Note in April it will move to Easter Saturday (11th April).

Carole

STANTON FITZWARREN

Services at St Leonard's Church

Rev. Phil Ashby has agreed to act as 'interim priest-in-charge' and he will work with our curate Mark Tidey. They both have other responsibilities so we are very pleased to have them until a permanent appointment is made.

Sunday 1st March: 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 8th March: 11am Family Service 'Moses crosses the Red Sea'

Sunday 15th March: 10am Team Service at St Margaret Stratton with Archdeacon Christopher

Sunday 22nd March: 11am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday

Saturday 28th March: 3pm Fellowship Tea. Join us at the Village Hall to celebrate all that has been achieved in 2019 and look forward to the future.



Make a mini-beast at our needle felting workshop

Sunday 29th March: 10am Team Holy Communion at St Margaret Stratton

The church building is open every Wednesday in school term time 10am-4pm. You are welcome for private reflection or to explore a beautiful historic building. Visits at other times can be arranged. For updates please check www.stantonchurch.info. Every week you are invited to leave contributions of non-perishable food in the plastic box just inside the building on a Wednesday for the Swindon food collective to help others.

Every Cloud Arts & Crafts at Stanton Country Park.

A big thank you to our 305 pothole petitioners who helped encourage Swindon Borough Council to repair the drive into the park, for the moment as temporary repairs to the worst potholes, but with a commitment to a permanent repair when the weather is settled, warm and dry for a few days. Thank you to the Parks Department.

The Park Farmhouse Tearoom is due to return to its normal opening hours from **Thursday 5th March** onwards. We welcome new and existing customers on Thursdays 10am-12noon; Saturdays 10am-1pm; Sundays 10am-2pm. Our shop has been replenished and our 'What's On' programme of events, activities and workshops from March to December 2020 is available from the Farmhouse or from our

website www.everycloudartscrafts.com and on our Facebook page. We are delighted to introduce new workshops in addition to our most popular ones over the course of the year and all our workshops aspire to help you to relax and enjoy being creative, whether you are a novice or experienced.

Our first workshop of the New Year commences on **Saturday 14th March** with needle-felting. Come along and make a mini-beast to take home. 10am-12.30pm. Please book on 07796 530560 or via our facebook page.

Why not visit us on **Mothering Sunday 22nd March** to treat mum to a slice of delicious homemade cake and a hot drink, and children can drop in to a free craft session in the Farmhouse craft room to make mum a small present between 10am-12noon.

SWINDON

Wessex Male Choir

The Choir goes from strength to strength with 18 new singers coming along to rehearsals since September. This boosts the number of likely members to around 70 (too many to get into the picture) Several told us that they want to join because of our reputation for combining high quality singing and fun. They were brave enough to jump in and give it a try and they are glad they did. They discovered that you don't need to be a super singer to join us. Typical blokes are welcome, so why not give it a go. What have you got to lose?

For more information please contact Nick Brown, T: 01367 253256 or 07956 270354, E: membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk or visit www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk



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To have your group entered in 'What's On Weekly' please use the diary at the library, email:

advertising@highworthlink.co.uk or contact us via our website at www.highworthlink.co.uk

MARKETS AND EVENTS

Highworth Coffee Morning for Prospect Hospice Thur 10.30-11.30am at United Reformed Church

Coffee Morning Every Sat 10am-12noon in St Michael's Church Room - serving Fairtrade Coffee and Tea - raising funds for specific charities. There is also, on the 1st Sat of the month, a Family Drop-In serving bacon rolls as well as the usual coffee and tea with fun and games and a get together for families. All are very welcome - info Church Office 762702

Lunch Together meets fortnightly on the first Wednesday every month at the Methodist Church and the third Wednesday at the Community Centre, Northview. Transport available. Please phone to book a place. Mary Swaffield 861173

Cats Protection Podium Sale Sat 18th April - 9am-2pm. A good mix of items on sale

Highworth Market Sat 9am-2pm

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Toddler Trampolining Mon 10am at The Rec - Call 762602 to book a space

Breastmates Mon 9.30-11.30am at the Methodist Church info 762341

878 (Highworth) Squadron ATC Mon 7.30-9.30pm - We parade at The Squadron in Newburgh Place - all aged 13-17 are welcome - info oc.878@aircadets.org

Rhyme Time for under 3s Tue 10.30am - Highworth Library 463500

Nursery Rhymes Wed 11am-11.30am at The Bridge (for under 5's accompanied by a parent/carer) - for more info contact Jon Hares 07701 303760

Tots'n'Toddlers Wed (In term time) 9-11am - South Marston Village Hall - Rachel Case 832719

Storytime and Rhymetime Pre-school sing-a-long Wed 11.30-12noon. Info. Lechlade Library - 01367 252631

Junior Trampolining Wed 3.30pm at The Rec - Call 762602 to book a space

878 (Highworth) Squadron ATC Wed 7.30-9.30pm - We parade at The Squadron in Newburgh Place - all aged from 12-17 are welcome - info oc.878@aircadets.org

Little Treasures Toddler Group Thur (term time) 9.45-11.15am Room 12, Highworth Community Centre, The Dormers. Follow on Little Treasures Facebook page or contact Lesley 07881 208528 or The Bridge 01793 765060

Storytime for under 5s Thur 10.30am - Highworth Library 01793 463500

Shake Rattle & Roll Tue 9.30-11am (Term time only) - Fun singing and play group for pre-schoolers. In room 1 at the Highworth Community Centre - info 07779 505077 or follow on Facebook Carole Farmer's Groups for Families with Young Children

Monday Fun Time 9.30-11am (term time only) Play group for children under 5. In the main hall, Highworth Community Centre - info 07779 505077 or follow on Facebook Carole Farmer's Groups for Families with Young Children

Toddler Splash Thur 11.15am at The Rec - Call 762602 to book a space

Tiny Tots Football Thur 1pm at The Rec - contact STFC. Tel. 07919 112982 to book a space

Highworth and Blunsdon Mothers' Union - Fourth Thursday of month (not Dec and Aug), 10am - St Michael's Church Room - Madeleine 766088

Jam Club Fri 9.30-11.15am Baby & Toddler Group - Methodist Church - info 763359

Family Drop-in First Sat of Month 9.30am-11.30am at St Michael's Church - bacon sandwiches - newspapers and coffee - games and craft for children - info. Church Office 762702

Messy Family Fun 4th Sun 3.30-5.30pm at Highworth Methodist Church

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Buscot Park Archers Buscot Park Archery Range - info www.buscotparkarchers.org.uk

Highworth Town Junior Football club Sat mornings at the Lower Rec Fields - Ages 4+ - call Mark 763160 www.highworthtownjuniorssc.co.uk

Pilates Mon 1.30-2.30pm or 2.30-3.30pm. Highworth Community Centre - admission £5 - info Lisa 07814 264562

Physiotherapy-led exercise for the over-60s every Tuesday 11.15am-12.15pm, Shrivenham Memorial Hall, contact Emma 07789 595754 for more information. All exercises sitting and standing

Table Tennis Saturday 10.30-12noon at The Methodist Church. Refreshments. All welcome.

Zumba Gold Tue 1-1.45pm (Slower paced low impact) - Highworth Community Ctr - info. Lorna 07582 612778

Highworth Amateur Swimming Club Tue 7-8pm & Thur 6-8.30pm membership@highworthasc.co.uk

Fitsteps Tue 7.30pm - Great fun, great way to exercise, dance yourself fit! First session FREE. Come and try it out at Lechlade Pavilion - Experience not necessary - info Sharon Wilson 07769 229084

Shrivenham Bowls Club Tue throughout the winter months, eyes down at 7.45pm for cash bingo in the clubhouse - info Roy Dixon 01793 782005

Highworth & Swindon Walking Club - Wed & Sun - for full programme visit our website <http://highworthandswindonwalkingclub.btck.co.uk/> or contact the Communication Officer, Mary Hewitt on 01793 780039

Fitsteps Wed 10am - Great fun, great way to exercise, dance yourself fit! First session FREE. Come and try it out at Lechlade Pavilion - Experience not necessary - info Sharon Wilson 07769 229084

Walking Football 50+ Thur 11am-12noon at The Rec - £2 a session - just turn up

Walking Football 50+ Mon 12.30am at The Rec £2 a session - just turn up

Walking Netball 50+ Thur 10-11am at the Rec. £2 per session. Although aimed at the 50+, ladies of all ages are welcome. It's a fun and gentle way to get some exercise and make new friends. No previous netball experience is necessary. Info. elainelloyd40@gmail.com

Highworth Running Club Wed 6pm (Beginners) and 7pm, meet outside Vorda Playgroup, Brewery Street

Scottish Country Dancing Club Thur (term time) 7.30pm - Lechlade New Memorial Hall (from September 13th) - Margaret Godfrey 01367 252581

Pilates Classes Thur 6pm - Lechlade Methodist Hall - Stott Instructor - 07773 080125

Gymnastics (4+) & Trampolining (8+) Fri 3.30pm at The Rec - call 762602 to book a space

Leisure Badminton Thurs 8-9.30pm at Highworth Warneford School. £5. All levels, all ages. Focus on fitness and fun. Just turn up or for more details call Graham Seeley on 07769 703702

Highworth DA Badminton Club Tues & Fri 8-10pm - at Warneford School Sports Hall - Social & League Badminton - first visit is free of charge - info racketbag72@gmail.com

Highworth Tennis Courts Fri 9.30-11am - Adult 'Drills & Skills' - pay as you go - improve your basic and team play with an LTA coach! - members/non members - <http://www.htc.org.uk/Coaching.html>

Junior Golf Fri 9.30am-12.30pm - Blunsdon House Hotel - Marc 07876 684645

Tea Dance Fri 1.30-3.30pm - Highworth Recreation Centre - No partner required - from £3.15 - Swindon Card Concession 1 - 762602

Highworth Tennis Courts Fri 7-9pm - Club Social Session - Members/non-members - three free visits before we talk membership - 07834 088038

Highworth Tennis Courts Sat 10am-12pm, Junior Coaching - info 07834 088038
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THE ARTS

Highworth Amateur Dramatics Society Mon 7.30-9.30pm (Rehearsals) - at Highworth Community Centre - info. hadshighworth@gmail.com

Highworth Choral Society Mon 7.30-9.30pm - rehearsals - Methodist Church - Tel: Brenda - 725928

Methodist Church Craft Group Third Tuesday of month, 10am-2pm - at Highworth Methodist Hall - Trisha 763453 or Val 07932 437416

TATT (Tunes at The Trout) Second Tuesday of Month, 8pm at The Trout Inn Lechlade. Fun Folk Music - Come and join in or listen - Free Admission - info Ian Andrews pesthouse@btinternet.com

The Regent Cinema - (Matinee Club) First Wednesday of month. Doors open 12noon - The Corn Exchange Faringdon - for details call information centre 01367 242191 www.visitfaringdon.info/cinema email tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Community Choir Faringdon Wed (In term time) 7-8.30pm - Ferndale School Hall Bromsgrove - £2.50 per session. Wide range of music led by Louise Woodgate - info genewebb@rocketmail.com or 01367 242222

White Horse Folk Club First and Third Wednesday of month, 8pm at St Michael's Church Room Highworth - Info Derrick 01793 762070 or Geoff 01793 706753

Community Voices Second and fourth Wednesday of month 7-8pm at Lechlade Baptist Church £2 - Why not come and join us? Contact Moira Cima on 01285 821935

Highworth Songsters Thur 10.30am-12.30pm - at Methodist Church - enquiries to Eira 762786 or Marjorie 762536

Kingsdown Woodcarvers Thur 7-9pm at Kingsdown School - from beginners to very clever people - tools and advice available - info Wayne 533720 or Nikki King 07525 245219

Highworth Silver Band Thur 7.30-9.30pm - Rehearsals at the Band Hall, Lechlade Road - Mark 07526 704914 email Highworth.SB@gmail.com
www.http://highworthsilverband.org

Highworth Amateur Dramatic Society Thur 8.15-10pm - (Rehearsals) - at Highworth Community Centre - info Shaun Smith 764337 shaunsmith1984@hotmail.com

Highworth Floral Art Society First Thursday of month except Jan and Aug, 7.30pm - Barbara 762697 or Michelle 827545

The Regent Cinema - Last Friday of month. Doors open 7pm - The Corn Exchange, Faringdon - info 01367 242191 www.visitfaringdon.info/cinema email tic@faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

River Folk Acoustic Second and last Friday of month, 8pm - £2 at the Trout Inn - jaymathews124@mac.com or 01367 860869

Shades of Silver - Jazz 8.30pm. 1 Westrop (The Highworth) every 2nd Monday of month - Free entry

SOCIAL GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Highworth Ukulele Club - We meet in the afternoon on every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. If you can play or want to play, come and join us. For more details email highworthukuleleclub@gmail.com or contact 01793 764522

Oxfordshire Grandparents Support Group Second Tue of month, for grandparents estranged from their grandchildren. Meetings over coffee and cake are held in Faringdon - 10.30-12.30pm. Contact Diana Dunk 01367 244636 or visit oxfordshiregsg@gmail.com

The Rotary Club of Swindon North Mon (other than the 5th Monday in each month) 6.15pm - Blunsdon House Hotel - call Terry on 762669 or Alan on 762914 or www.rotaryswindonnorth.org.uk

Fitness Classes all week starting at 9am at The Rec - for full weekly programme call 762602 or www.highworthrec.co.uk

Slimming World Highworth Thurs start times 5.30pm and 7.30pm at Highworth Recreation Centre SN6 7DD - Louise Preece 07717 681939. Fri 9.30am at Highworth Community Centre - contact Jo 07815 838944

FL - Exercise classes Wed 9.45-11.15am in St Michael's Church Hall - Classes graded to suit all abilities but particularly for the more mature lady looking to improve her fitness and make new friends - for more info contact Kathy Kirk 01993 882350 or Kathy.kirk@live.com

Highworth Historical Society Last Monday of Month except December and June - August incl, 7.30pm - United Reformed Church - Guests welcome £3. Contact Christine on 764811 or visit www.highworthhistoricalsociety.co.uk

The Royal British Legion First Monday of Month, 7.30pm - The King and Queen

Highworth & District Lions Second Monday of Month, 7.30pm - Blunsdon House Hotel - Rosemary 0845 8339831

Highworth Gardening Club Third Monday of Month, 7.30pm - St Michael's Hall - for full programme call Norman Jeffery 762805

Lechlade History Society 3rd Monday of month, 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Guests welcome £4. Contact

Alan Garnell 01367 253087 or visit www.lechladehistory.co.uk

Highworth United Charities - meet usually on Second Tuesday of Month to consider applications for funding

Highworth and District Probus Club Alternate Tuesday mornings, at The Cold Harbour - Blunsdon - new members welcome - info Clive 01793 721595

Family History Group Second Tuesday of Month, 10am - Highworth Library 463500

Highworth Methodist Church Bridge Club Tuesday, 2-4pm. All are welcome. Call 764350 for info

Highworth Camera Club Second Tuesday of Month, 7.30pm - Highworth Community Centre - Info. Facebook Highworth Camera Club www.highworthcameracub.com

Shrivenham & District Gardening Club First Tuesday of Month, 7.30pm - The Vic Day Hall - Shrivenham Memorial Hall - visitors welcome - 01793 782162

Highworth Wine & Beer Circle Third Tuesday of month, 8pm - at Highworth Council Room - for more info contact D. Holden 766093

Highworth Expert Patient Programme Second Thursdays - 10.30am, meet at The Bridge, Sheep Street - email: rjmorris49@gmail.com

Highworth Afternoon Women's Institute First Wednesday of month, 2.15pm. From April we will meet at The Highworth Council Offices. For full programme call Gill Pagan 762056

Bingo Wed 8pm at 'The Goldfinger'

Defence Academy & Swindon Branch Royal Aeronautical Society First Wednesday of month, at 7pm. Information on 07740 136609 or raeswindon@gmail.com

Highworth Community Partnership Group First Wednesday of month, 7pm - call Sandra Rendall on 762197 for venue

Highworth Evening Women's Institute Second Wednesday of month, 7.30pm at Warneford School. Contact Mary Swaffield on 861173

Highworth Job Club Tuesday 10-11am - Highworth Library 463500

Swindon Carers Centre (Highworth) Group Second Thursday of month, 10.30am-12noon at Westrop Surgery

Shrivenham Women's Institute Third Thursday of Month, 7pm for 8pm start - Memorial Hall Shrivenham - Mary Hewitt 780039

Tea & Cake Afternoon for Prospect Hospice - second Wed of month - 2-4pm in St Michael's Church Room

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PRAYER PLACE

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