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My parents didn't own a car, so I didn't learn how to drive when I was young. As a matter of fact, I never had to worry about driving until I was called as minister to my second charge. I was 32. The congregation was widely dispersed and public transport was not the answer so before taking up the rôle I had to learn how to drive. I was terrified. Nothing made sense. How to coordinate what my hand had to do with what my feet had to do. Keeping an eye open on what was in front, behind, on the sides. Parallel parking. You name it and it frightened me. But with time it all seemed to work and I passed my driving test. Talk about a miracle!

Unfortunately, on the first Sunday of my ministry, I miscalculated the width of the bus in front of me, and hit it. No damage to me or to the bus, but the car; well, that needed intensive care. The church was very kind and understood and I had a ten-year ministry among them.

Then in 2010, when we moved to the UK, I had to relearn; on 'the other side of the road', using

different hands. But thankfully no accidents!

What at one time in my life seemed utterly impossible and made no sense, today is part of my life. I won't say I'm the best driver, but I know I am not the worst!

All this became a parable of life; learning, experiencing, trusting, being cared for, caring, even correcting mistakes and discovering that after that first time, I never had to worry about the width of a bus again. I would be much more relaxed if all drivers used indicator lights when they plan to change lanes, but again, life is not perfect. Always on alert!

I never imagined that the most difficult of tasks would help me develop my journey of faith, which is often like learning to drive and putting myself in the hands of God and hoping other drivers will remember they aren't alone on the journey.

Don't forget the indicator, it helps all of us! It's the little things that sometimes make the difference, as in life.

*Rev. Robert Jordan*

*Minister of Highworth United Reformed Church*

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## Welcome to our October issue of Link magazine!



As I type this, there's a cool breeze blowing through the open window which carries the faint scents of autumn. The falling temperatures usher in a change in rhythm; you can sense it in the air. All around us, the natural world is getting ready to shift; not to sleep, but to move its focus. Despite how it can appear, autumn, and the winter that follows, are not seasons when the trees are dormant. No, no. Roots are still growing and taking in water and nutrients; this is most definitely a time of preparation, not sleepiness. Equally, autumn can be a time of change for us too: an opportunity to reflect or start new things.

Our children and younger people have been in school and college for a few weeks and students have headed off to university where new adventures await them. For those of us who are a little older, autumn can be a time to take stock and make plans. Like the trees, we need to cast off our leaves to allow new, healthy growth to come through. New challenges and adventures. New friendships and relationships.

Highworth is a town where you need not be lonely or feel stuck. Take a look in this issue to see all the groups available and all the places where events are happening. You'll see there's so much available if you'll just step out!

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## Community Larder scheme planned for Highworth

**It is estimated that around 6.7 million tonnes of food produced in the UK is wasted. Yes, in the UK this equates to the average family throwing away 22% of their weekly shop, which is worth £730 per year, whilst about 8.4 million people are struggling to afford their food bills.\***

One way of alleviating this problem is by making sure that some of this 'waste' can be accessed by consumers rather than thrown away.

We are looking at the possibility of setting up a Community Larder to receive surplus food from warehouses and supermarkets and make it available to the community at low cost. Similar schemes can be found in various towns in the area, such as Faringdon.

This project is only in the planning stage at present. We are in discussion with groups which collect and supply the surplus and are looking for suitable premises.

In the meantime, one way we can all avoid food

waste and excess surplus food is to use Olio. This is a free app on which anyone can list food, or other items, they do not need. Anyone else who has the app can then obtain the item.

If any of the other groups in Highworth which are involved in community support or reducing waste would be interested in cooperating with us, or if there are individuals who would like to help or get more information, please do get in touch with:

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**\*Sources:**

**<https://www.businesswaste.co.uk/food-waste-2022-the-facts/> and OLIO**



# Highworth Debt Centre Swimming Against Poverty so You Don't Have to Freeze this Winter!

This August saw 68 local people take part in a Swimming Against Poverty event at The Halo Rec centre to raise funds to help more people through this winter. They swam a total of 56km (that's nearly 35 miles) and raised over £7000.

The Highworth CAP debt centre is offering free debt help as the colder weather and the current energy crisis drives up fuel bills.

The Highworth branch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) also covers much of the surrounding area and is based at The Bridge Centre, Sheep Street, offering free debt help to local people struggling with rising energy prices or facing other money problems.

Kathryn Ford, CAP Debt Centre Manager, said, "During the pandemic, 37% of CAP clients told us they went without heating before seeking free debt help. That is already a very upsetting statistic and now we are facing a big increase in energy prices which we know will leave many more people in Highworth struggling to meet all their bills.

"Getting free help now can make a huge difference and it means that we'll be able to help

people keep their homes warm and the lights on. Our team is here to help with debt problems through our CAP Debt Help service and, because we're local, we can also support practically too. This includes linking people up with local food banks, arranging emergency shops, emergency fuel top-ups, support, encouragement and a friendly face. We don't want anyone worrying about how they'll manage to stay warm this winter."

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**'Rudolf Hess: A most curious life and death.'** This is the title of our talk on 26 October. We welcome back our speaker, **Peter Williams**, who was one of the interpreters at Spandau Prison in 1982. He has always had an interest in Rudolf Hess.

As usual we meet in St. Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Have a cup of tea or coffee and look at some of our artefacts on display.

The charge for visitors is £3. Or, why not become a member for £12, this covers our nine talks for the year.

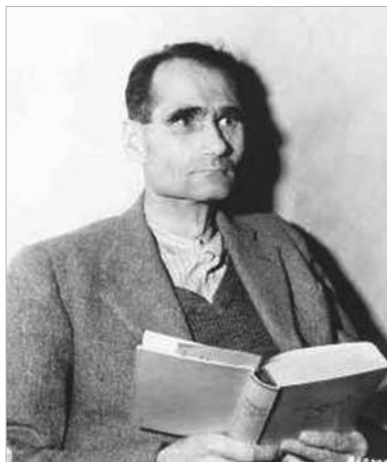
If you need further details, please contact Chris on 01793 764811.

### History Open Day

**Saturday 29 October** at Highworth Community Centre, The Dormers. 10am to 4pm. Admission free. Donations welcome.

Our collection of farm implements will be on show and due to their size will be outdoors. Paul or Ken will be on hand to chat with you about these.

The History Room has been re-organised and has



*Rudolf Hess, the subject of this month's History Society talk.*

some new items on show.

These include: the waiting room clock from Highworth Station, made by a town clock-maker; the clocking-in machine from Bartrop's and the railway sign from the Highworth Junction Signal Box. There will be other railway items and photos on display.

The main room will hold a general display of Highworth items. These will include medical items and the sale map of the cottages at Redlands (not Redlands Close!).

Our publications will be on sale as usual. This year we have a new book, 'A Concise History of Highworth'. Hopefully this will have its launch at the Open Day, otherwise pre-orders will be taken. There will also be a sale of second-hand history books on a wide range of subjects.

If that is not enough, there will be lots of photos, tea and coffee and the chance to ask your questions about the town or give us some information! Ann Marie, Paul and Chris will be on hand all day to help you.

We are looking forward to meeting 'old' friends and new citizens of the town.

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## If You Want To Get Active – Get Walking

**The benefits of walking to our physical and mental health are well-known. Highworth Wellbeing Walks will enable you to take part in free local short walks.**

All you need is to be able to walk for an hour at an easy pace and to wear good walking shoes. After our walks, we will enjoy refreshments at a local café or hall and a more social chat with new friends. Refreshments will be charged at cost.

We will launch the Highworth Wellbeing Walks in October (exact date to be confirmed) as part of the Step Out Swindon initiative. Look out for the posters around town. Once launched, the walks will take place every Thursday afternoon at 2pm, commencing at The Rec car park.

For further information contact Lesley at [lesley.muir71@outlook.com](mailto:lesley.muir71@outlook.com).

*Lesley Muir and Carole Clegg*





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## My experience at Strategy Camp 2022

Strategy is a multi-activity challenge hike consisting of 30 bases of varying difficulty and complexity set around our 3,000 acre site with 2-3000 Scouts and Explorers.

1st Highworth Scouts arrived at the camp held in Cirencester Park, dumped our kit at our tents and went off to explore the site. The field had a cafeteria where we got our meals and it also had a café where you could buy sweets, drinks, and ice cream as well as a disco where you could relax and make friends. Before we set off, we were given blue and white

wristbands with black boxes to mark our meal allowance.

We woke on Saturday at 7am for breakfast and were each given our lunch to go. After that we were given our team kit: a survival bag with a whistle, map, and compass. We were put into three teams and went into the forest to the checkpoints and hubs. The checkpoints included inflatable obstacle courses, climbing walls, air rifle shooting, cavebus and many more. The idea was to collect points during the hike by achieving different goals so there were three difficulties: easy, medium and hard. Whichever team gained the most points throughout the day would win.

The first part of my journey was through a beautiful forest and we soon came across our



first activity which was drumming. In drumming you had to replicate the lead drummer's beats. After that we went to do air rifle shooting. The maximum you could get was 150 points. My team got 39 (we weren't

particularly good at it). During the afternoon we headed for the inflatables but the line was too long and it was raining. We didn't want to stand

in the rain so we went to the climbing wall instead. My team went up the wall in a flash. After that, we made our way to the cavebus. No, this was not a bus that went into a cave, but a bus that simulated

caves inside. It was now 3.25pm which meant we had to start heading back (my least favourite part). We had to walk for an hour before we went back to camp.

When we reached camp, we went to the control tent and signed ourselves in.

On Sunday there were a fair, crafts, and sports going on around the site that we could take part in!

I really enjoyed this fantastic experience; it gave me confidence in my map skills and allowed me to get to know the people in my team a little better than before. Overall, I really enjoyed this camping trip.

*By Massimo*





# The Plough Inn



Highworth

## ARKELL'S

*Hello Highworth, many of you already know and have probably seen via social media, that we (Lara, Mike & Natalie) have recently taken over the running of the Plough Inn, Highworth.*

We want to say a MASSIVE thank you to all family, friends and new friends who have already visited and shown their support in our new adventure.

When taking over the pub we wished to create a 'special space' and atmosphere for people to visit over and over again. Whether you enjoy being outside with a hot chocolate, or inside by our open fire with a red wine, we want to ensure you enjoy your visit.

Over the coming months we will be hosting charity events, live music, karaoke (yes, we love it), halloween parties and much more. We are also able to host informal meetings, parties and clubs.

And we must not forget our accommodation, which has recently undergone a facelift; photos will be released as soon as we have an opportunity.

We recently had a review saying the pub was a 'hidden gem', which we think is completely true. Come and visit our secret garden or sit under the twinkling fairy lights next to a roaring fire.

We have tried to create a comfortable welcoming space for everyone including our 4 legged friends. Here's to the months ahead. Cheers!

*See you all soon.*

*Lara, Mike & Natalie x*

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## Forget Me Not Café Goes Magical

The August Forget Me Not Café really was a magical event as fifty of us watched John Williams perform table magic, which amazed everyone. Bob Jack provided some great background music on the guitar and, of course, we had a singalong session with him which is always great fun.

We were also pleased to welcome Rob Hanks from Thames Water. Rob explained WaterHelp which discounts water bills for those on low income. He also told us about their priority services register where, for example, they can deliver bottled water to your



*Rob Hanks from Thames Water*

door if the supply is cut off, prioritising those who are dependent on water for medical needs. If anyone wants to know more about these services, please call Rob on 07747 645610.

We are now planning our Christmas Café which will be a little different. It will be at St. Michael's Church on **Tuesday 20 December** starting at 2.30pm. Look out for further details closer to the time!

Thanks, as ever, to our main sponsors, Home Instead, and to our amazing team of volunteers, without whom these events would not happen.



*Bob Jack, on guitar, leads a singalong*



*'Magic John' Williams amazes us*

## Faringdon & District u3a

On Thursday 13 October, Martin Lloyd will talk on **Becoming a Famous Author in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm.**

Martin has returned by popular demand. He is an accomplished speaker across the country and has published more than ten books on a variety of topics. In this talk, he will expose step-by-step

what he had to do to get his first book published. Prepare to be shocked, amazed and amused!

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## Highworth Community Cinema

Highworth Community Cinema is an independent voluntary organisation, run by Highworth residents since 2006, which aims to bring world-class films to Highworth.

Friday 28 October

'The Duke' (95 mins Cert 12A)

St Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road, SN6 7HQ

Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly; he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge. Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage.

There is no membership fee. Admission £6 on the door. 50p for tea/coffee and biscuits.

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## No Shortcuts in this Trade

In my hometown, Rockhampton, the beef capital of Australia, the meat trade was a vast local employer. A key player was Vestey, a British firm that ran a large abattoir. They also owned Dewhurst, a chain of butchers whose portfolio included a modest store in Highworth which closed in 1995. The Andrews, who'd met while working together at a 'cutting' plant in Andover, convinced the bank manager, bought it and set up a partnership now 27 years old.

Today, there are two stores with an impressive payroll of 15. Andy Sears runs their Highworth shop and Andy Ayris another in Marlborough. I asked Andy (Sears) about the key to their success. "The clue's in the name," he responded without hesitation. "Andrews Quality Meats. There's no shortcuts in trade, whether cutting meat, building houses or making a cabinet; there is no easy route."

Discerning shoppers want to know the provenance of food products, especially meats. The Andrews partnership has a firm control over their sources of meat which is why Andrews' supply chain is carefully selected and as local as possible, such as the lambs (with 'yellow fat') from Richard Manners near Shrivenham. They also source from farmers local to both shops. Andy explains, "It's so important to know where the meat's coming from, know the abattoir and be confident that you can trace it from the farm to the shop."

Although initially shocked by the government's lockdown instruction to close shops in February 2020, Andrews adapted quickly with a 'phone and collect' service and home deliveries. Orderly queues formed outside as Highworth's shoppers learned yet another benefit of shopping locally, ensuring they had a reliable supplier of quality meats in the High Street.



*Andy Sears and his dad, Bob, who was also a butcher*

*Photo: Pauline Godwin, Highworth Camera Club*

It's common knowledge nowadays that the demand for meat is reducing a little as consumers 'go vegetarian' or wish to reduce reliance on meat, which is perceived to have a heavy carbon footprint. Andrews have observed this trend and introduced offerings of meat and vegetables such as stir fries. They've responded to the demand for fast foods with a 'food to go' service with prepared dishes on (recyclable) aluminium trays, perhaps what our former prime minister would call 'oven ready'. They also stock a lot of poultry (white meats) and seasonal game.

Andrews also serves a flourishing lunchtime trade with cold meat and salad baguettes as well as breakfast for workers such as builders.

The meat trade runs through Andy's family. His father, Bob, was a butcher and lived in Highworth until he passed away in 2016, aged 83. Andy's son Mark has followed the family tradition.

This autumn, as you pop another banger on your autumn barbie, raise a toast to Andrews Quality Meats, Link's October High Street Heroes.

*Adrian Young*

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## Forthcoming HAS Autumn Exhibition

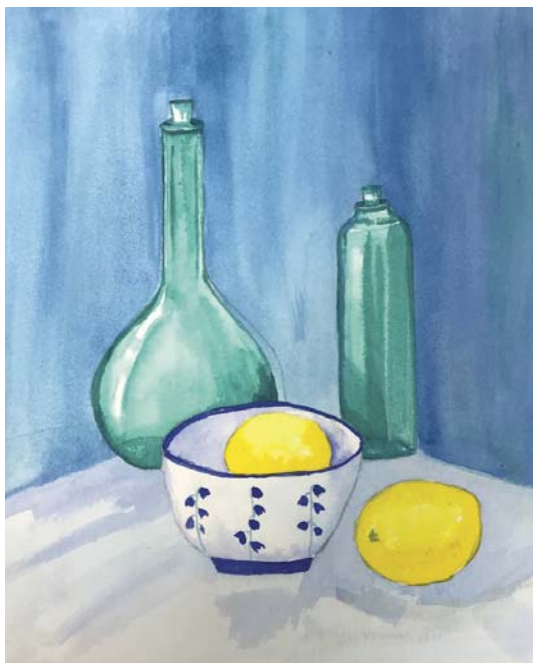


Autumn is a busy time for Highworth Artists' Society and we are now getting ready for the autumn exhibition. This will be open from **Saturday 08 to 15 October** in the Council Offices, 10am to 4pm every day.

There will be plenty of new work on display, as well as cards and, of course, refreshments!

In addition to individual projects, we have been experimenting with a monthly theme and have had some beautiful variations on still life and summer landscapes. Our current theme is 'What we love about Highworth'. Watch this space for further news!

We hope to have work from these projects on



view in October. Please come along we'll be delighted to see you.

You can see examples from projects on our Facebook page [@highworthartistsociety.com](https://www.facebook.com/highworthartistsociety.com)

*Hilary Sinclair, HAS Secretary*

## Highworth Poppy Project

**Wow! We have already collected over 1000 poppies, which is amazing!**

Thank you so, so much to everyone who is making poppies for us to display in St Michael's Church. We are now planning the main display which will be in St Michael's from **Saturday 05 to Friday 25 November**. We do hope you will all come to see the work that has been done in crochet, knitting, felt, paper, wood and glass. There will be a special coffee morning in the

church on **Saturday 05 November** and we hope to see you then or, of course, the church is open every day. We will also welcome donations for The Royal British Legion.

Thank you again to everyone who has already contributed. We will continue to collect poppies until **Tuesday 25 October**.

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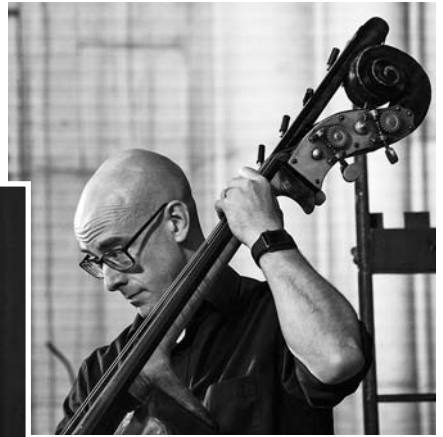
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## Rotary Club Concert for Downs Syndrome Group

Swindon North & Thamesdown Rotary Club present an informal concert of light classical music played by Anthony Williams (double bass), Rosie Burton his wife (bassoon) and accompanied on piano by Chris Williams. The concert will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 05 November at 3pm at Highworth Methodist Church.

Tickets, at £10 for adults, with accompanied school children free, will be available from the Lighthouse Bookshop or can be reserved by telephoning 01793 762669. All proceeds of this concert will be to support Swindon Downs Syndrome Group. Refreshments will be served after the performance.



Anthony Williams plays the double bass in the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Rosie is a freelance bassoon player and teacher who regularly performs with the RLPO and the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

## Harvest Home

*The barns are all filled, the haymaking's done,  
The farmhands have gone on their way.  
The cows are all milked and the chickens are fed;  
It's been a very long day.*

*Inside the farmhouse, the children are bathed  
Before the black leaded fire.  
A succulent smell from a large pan of stew  
Greets the farmer, in from the byre.*

*A string of onions hangs from a nail,  
A lantern hangs from a beam.  
The leaping flames from the kitchen range  
Sets the children's faces agleam.*

*The old dog stretches his length on the mat;  
The cat runs away to hide.  
There's a splatter of rain on the window pane –  
Everyone's safe inside!*

*They gather around the scrubbed wooden table;  
The farmer bows his head.  
'All is safely gathered in. Thank you, Lord,' he said  
'Thank you for an evening meal, and for our  
heavenly bread.'*

*A knock sounds at the kitchen door,  
A tramp in rags stands there.  
'Welcome, brother', the farmer said;  
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And steal from our hands  
Would you believe.*

*These dinosaur children  
Are beauty itself  
But don't be deceived  
If you value your health.*

*Now let us be honest  
And admit to their plight  
Because of our behaviour  
They are losing their fight.*

*They have moved inland  
To rummage our spoil  
And wheel overhead  
To join in our toil.*

*But this urban invasion  
Is not to their good  
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## Visit Highworth

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We have a number of craft workshops organised for the coming months. Please contact the visitor centre on the High Street to book your place.

**04, 11 and 18 October, and 01 November:**

Jackie Panting will be holding a four-week Felt Applique Embroidery course, all materials provided.

**01 October:** Drop-in children's hedgehog craft. Free event.

**05 October:** Paint and Prosecco. Create a colourful Highland cow with local artist, Christine Purdy. Places limited. 7pm.



**22 October:** Children's Halloween workshop. Small fee.

**16 November:** Art and Prosecco.

Produce a Christmas Robin. 7pm.

**26 November:**

Christmas Craft Fair in St. Michael's Church. 10am to 4.30pm.

**03 December:** Santa! Booking is essential as places are limited. Small fee. 10.30am to 2pm.

We will also be holding Christmas Storytime with popular author Neil Griffiths and a Pastel Workshop with Di Haines. Dates to be confirmed so please keep an eye on Facebook 'Visit Highworth'.

If you would like to learn more about the history of the High Street, providing a guide is available, you can book an entertaining Town Tour on a day and time to suit you. We are working closely with Highworth Town Council to help promote our town and all that it has to offer, with Town Tours being extremely popular with visiting groups.

Please remember to support your local High Street shops and Saturday Market. Pop into any of the shops for a warm welcome and start your Christmas shopping early to help spread the cost. We offer artists' and makers' Christmas items and gifts. Highworth calendars and Christmas cards are also available.



## Greetings from HADS!

Here at the Highworth Amateur Dramatics Society we are currently knee-deep in rehearsals for our latest murder mystery play, 'Movies Can Be Murder!'

We are very much looking forward to our performances on **Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November**. Keep your eyes peeled in Highworth for our posters with further details or contact us on Facebook, Twitter or by email at [hadshighworth@gmail.com](mailto:hadshighworth@gmail.com)

*Elanor Keeble, HADS Secretary*



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## Barbara Ann Lawton, 1943-2022

**Barbara Lawton, who passed away on the 25 May, was well-known for her love of flowers and was a very skilled arranger.**

For many years she was Chairman of the Highworth and District Floral Art Society (HADFAS). During her first two periods as Chairman, the Club was chosen to represent the South West Area at the Chelsea Flower Show. To her delight, the Club won Gilt and Silver Gilt Medals. Subsequently, she was elected President and made an Honorary Member.

In 1972, HADFAS approached the Vicar of Highworth and asked if they could raise funds for the church by holding a floral festival and, before long, the entire town seemed to join in. This caused a revival of the Highworth four-yearly Festival with pageants and all manner of other events. This proved very successful until Covid-19 came along.

Born in 1973 in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, at school Barbara excelled at her studies and later became head girl. She attended the Queens Road Methodist Church and also became a girl guide, choir member and member of the Methodist Guild and, after taking a secretarial course, she worked for the Co-operative Insurance Office.

Barbara first met Bryan when they both appeared together in a missionary play and they later married in 1964, settling down in Hyde, Cheshire. To their great joy, Sarah appeared in 1968 and later the family moved to Shrivvenham, where Bryan got a job at the College, before moving to Highworth where

they stayed for 52 years. Thereafter, Barbara joined the Highworth Floral Art Society, the Highworth Choral Society, the Garden Club and was a founder member of the Rambling Club. She loved arranging her pedestals as part of St Michael's Flower Guild and on other major occasions.

On hearing José Carreras singing in 1986, she became smitten by both the opera and the tenor's voice. She visited many opera houses both in Europe and America.

Although she and Bryan had a small garden in The Elms, it was well-stocked and she loved open days, either for the Garden Club or Floral Art Society, when she could open up her garden to visitors. On the last occasion, about 140 came in one afternoon.

For several years she maintained and re-stocked the planters opposite the Rose & Crown and in The Elms.

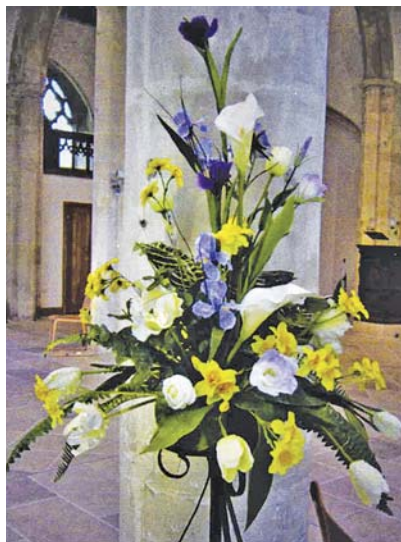
She was a great supporter of the Produce Show, the Upper Thames & Ridgeway National Trust and the Fine Arts Society.

A minute's silence was observed at a meeting of the Floral Art Society as a tribute to Barbara.

A memorial service for Barbara was held at St Michael's Church on the 29 June, led by the Rev. Emily Swinerd, when many friends and members of the Club attended.

She will be greatly missed by her husband Bryan, Sarah, Peter and all the family as well as by many in the community who recognised her hard work and skills.

*Mair Huband*



*Barbara's last flower arrangement (Easter)*



It is important to celebrate and support our community. This year we have been actively involved in our community, including: the Jubilee Parade; planting trees, and regular visits to the local area to litter pick. Highworth churches are regular visitors to our school, as are we to St Michael's church. Within our school community, we have passionate educators who strive to support all children, and in addition to this we have our very own Mental Health and Well-Being Lead, Trained ELSAs, and a Learning Champion to support children and families.



We make sure we have a range of activities to match our topics. This year, each year group had at least one fantastic trip. Year 3 visited Stonehenge. Year 4 took two trips: British Museum in London, and Cadbury's World. Year 5 ventured to Winchester Science museum, and Hampton Court, and Year 6 spent a day at Coleshill, visited the cinema, and went on a residential trip to Osmington Bay.



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We have welcomed visitors and trips back to our curriculum this year. The children share their ideas of what they would like to experience and we try to make it happen. The highlight this year was the climbing wall and caving experience that happened on our very own school field. Year 5 also enjoyed a morning of archery as part of their Tudor topic. After two years, we were able to wave Year 6 off to Osmington Bay where they took part in dragon boat racing on the sea amongst many other activities—they loved it so much we have booked the same for July 2023!



Our children are dedicated to looking after our four chickens and our sensory garden. The chickens are Southfield's very own celebrities, and everyone we show around asks to see them. The children help them to thrive by creating homemade treats, adding new parts to their enclosure, as well as cleaning their habitat and collecting eggs. The sensory garden is created and maintained by the children and is a popular working space.



The learning always has a clear purpose and the children have had truly wonderful experiences this year. This year, they have been fashion designers for a twisted fairy tale, Tudor chefs, Stone Age villagers, and WW2 soldiers in their very own bunkers. They have also visited their very own French café, where they ordered croissants and orange juice.



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## Dear Editor,

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I have already received some flags and have other clubs interested, so if any Link readers from other Highworth clubs/groups would love to get involved, they can get in touch with me at [sandra.rendall1@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.rendall1@gmail.com) for further details on size, etc.

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## Thursday Kitchen and Bags of Hope

The people of St Michael's would like to say a huge thank you to Andrews Butchers for partnering with us to help provide meat vouchers in bags of fresh food given to families who needed a little extra help over the summer holidays.

The Bags of Hope were distributed anonymously through the schools and contained meat vouchers, fresh fruit and veg, bread, cheese, milk and some treats to help give a little boost. The Churches of Highworth have worked together to deliver this scheme five times now and each time Andrews have subsidised the cost of meat vouchers so people can have high quality meat, eggs or other delicious things.

We would also like to thank Aldi who very

generously donated the food needed to cook for people each Thursday during the summer holidays. People came and ate with us for many different reasons: for company, they are already struggling with the cost-of-living crisis or because it was a treat not to have to cook. Aldi helped to make this happen and so did our many volunteers from within the church and the community.

St Michael's Church and the other churches in Highworth are often on the lookout to see how we can best help people who are struggling. If you want to get involved or you have an idea you think would be worth doing, please do contact us on [office@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelshighworth.co.uk)

*Rev. Emily Swinerd*

## Sale of Christmas Trees for Downs Syndrome Group



Swindon North & Thamesdown Rotarian, Terry Williams, will be selling Christmas trees on the podium on Saturday 10 and 17 December on the run up to Christmas.

This year he will be raising funds for the Swindon & District Downs Syndrome Group. Please support him if you are able.

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## **Sport** *Compiled by Jason Daniels*

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### **Wrag Barn Golf Club**



*Junior drivers*

Junior Week 2022 at Wrag Barn was a nine-day marathon, starting with a competition between the Captain, James White, and Vice Captain, Ollie Webb, and ending with the hard fought needle match between the Men and the Juniors. This year the result was an honourable half and the closest score since 2009. The week combined a mix of tuition and competition, often with the Juniors playing with different sections of the club and there were some amazing results. Our Junior Champion this year is Louis McDiarmid with a gross score over 36 holes of 153 and Ellie Webster won the net prize with net total of 145. The Cadet Champion was Oscar Furneaux-Reed with a gross score of 90 who won on countback from Hamish Ogilvie who also scored 90. Halfway through the week we had a visit from Tom and Dom from Performance54 who took photos and video footage for an England Golf membership campaign.

Thank you to everyone who tolerated the disruption, performed for the camera and played some amazing golf so that a huge amount of footage could be collected in a relatively short time. Andy and Riley Banks played an 'in the rough' challenge; you couldn't hit your ball onto the fairway! An easier challenge for some than others and, as always, they demonstrated how

much fun golf can be. Thank you to everyone who makes it happen, in particular Alan Kavanagh and Brian Drane who lead the way, all the parents who drive/spot balls/encourage and our golf pros and staff who impart their knowledge and keep everyone fed and watered. Presentation Night for our Juniors celebrates the achievements of a group of awesome individuals. Some win, others support and the atmosphere at the end of the week is heartwarming.

*Verity Manners*

W: [www.wragbarn.com](http://www.wragbarn.com)

### **Highworth Town Walking Football Club**

The Over-50's travelled to Wales in August to play in the Caldicot Over-50's Tournament. They played over nine games in all in extremely hot conditions. Conceding one goal all day, they came out as eventual winners. Spurred on by the success of the Lionesses in the Women's European Championships, we have welcomed quite a few new players to our ladies sessions on a Sunday morning. Congratulations to Becky Gammon who represented the Southern Region



*Over-50's Winning Team*

Ladies in July in the WFA Regional Tournament at Wellingborough, whilst Justin Lowe trialled for the England WFA 50's on the same day. Well done to both and good recognition for the Club.

If you are interested in playing competitive or just social walking football, the men's sessions are held on Thursdays and Sundays, 11am to 12pm, with ladies session Sundays, 10am to 11am, all at Grange Leisure in Stratton with an additional Friday session 11.30am to 12.30pm at the Highworth REC. Please contact me for more details.

*Graham Seeley*

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## Swindon Croquet Club

SCC's Handicap Golf Croquet team narrowly missed out on winning the South West Croquet Federation Central League, finishing a worthy second. The team recovered from a sluggish start to the season to steadily climb the table with impressive victories over Nailsea CC at home, and

away over Camerton and Peasedown B restoring the team's confidence. The final match of the season was at home against Camerton and Peasedown A. Swindon raced ahead to lead 8.5/4.5 at lunchtime before Camerton and Peasedown A staged a strong comeback, winning 4 out of 5 singles games in one round to leave the match resting on the last game.

Swindon's pairing of Dave Booth and Colin Bailey didn't buckle under pressure, playing magnificently to record a superb 7-2 victory and secure match victory overall by 10.5/9.5. Dave was Man-of-the-Match, remaining unbeaten throughout the day. This victory meant a three-way tie at the top of the table but Swindon were edged out by Weston-super-Mare B due to having lost to them earlier in the season.

Captain Clive Smith said, "We're disappointed to miss out on the title in this way. However, we are already looking forward to next season and have high hopes of clinching the top spot."

*Beverly Briggs*

*W: [www.swindoncroquetclub.org.uk](http://www.swindoncroquetclub.org.uk)*



*L-R: Dave Booth, Martin Briggs, Beverly Briggs, Clive Smith (Captain), Colin Bailey, Jeff Hannath*



## Highworth Running Club

After a summer of heat-hazed runs along the Ridgeway, toasty trots along Thames towpath and the odd sweltering saunter from Shrivenham, the Highworth Running Club has now brought its Wednesday night sessions back to the town in readiness for the winter. Meeting at 6.30pm each midweek evening, runners, joggers and plodders will soon enough be enjoying the street-lit misty rain as they ascend St. Michael's Avenue, a regular conclusion to most Wednesday training runs and our best kept secret for helping runners develop. All abilities are welcomed and anyone new will be assigned a group matching their abilities; unless you're super quick and then you might be running on your own! Please turn up ready to run and as illuminated as possible. We look forward to seeing you.

*Jason Daniels*

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## Highworth Town Football Club

HTFC played their first competitive game in the FA Cup vs lower league Reading City at home and lost 0-2 in a disappointing performance. However, the first league game saw us beat Hadley, a club based in Barnet, 1-0 with a Tom Rejic strike; our skipper Liam Haines picking up Man-of-the-Match (pictured). Alas, the midweek trip to Dunstable resulted in a 0-3 loss against a strong AFC Dunstable side who are likely to be one of the promotion favourites, but a point was earned in our third league game away at Kempston.



With the new management team still seeking to strengthen the very young squad, we will see how we adapt to our new league and the challenges it brings.

Please keep in touch through social media, or pop into the club for details of upcoming events

*Derek Lloyd*

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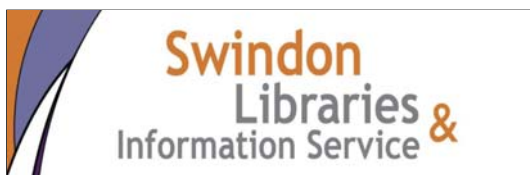


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**Sunday 02 October** will be our Harvest service, 10.15am.

**Please see our website for more details of what's on, including Midweek Church, Tuesday Meet Greet Eat, and our Monday Toddler Group.**  
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As a family church of many generations, we come together on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to share time like any family. We offer a variety of activities you can join, whether it's chilling out together over coffee and the morning newspapers, crafts, challenging

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**We welcome in Holy Baptism:**

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05/10/2022

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Please send all church lighting requests to St Michael's church office, Vicarage Lane.

### IMPORTATION SUBMISSION UPDATE:

Please note the submission to the Church Office date is changing to ensure floodlighting requests can meet the Link deadline. We now need submissions by the last Friday of the month, 2 months prior as any submissions must be with the Link on the 1st of the previous month with no late submissions now possible. It's hard to get that in writing so please do contact the Church Office on 01793 762702 if you need clarification.

Submission dates for the remainder of 2022 are:

**30 September** for November publication

and **28 October** for December 2022/January 2023 joint publication



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The eagerly awaited new urgent treatment centre (UTC) and radiotherapy centre opened their doors to patients at the GWH and I was lucky enough to enjoy a tour of these impressive new facilities. The £15million UTC is an important expansion of urgent care facilities in Swindon, able to treat double the number of patients than the previous Clover Centre. Since we have seen a significant increase in the number of patients seeking urgent treatment, the new centre will significantly increase capacity and free up space for the most ill and injured to be treated in A&E.

The new radiotherapy centre is the first of its kind in Swindon, able to offer cancer patients treatment in Swindon meaning they no longer

need to make a 70-mile round trip to Oxford for treatment. The new centre was only made possible thanks to an incredible fundraising effort by the Brighter Futures charity who raised a staggering £3million, adding to the £16million of capital funding from the Government to see the centre become a reality.

The next key project is the planned brand new A&E, with works expected shortly. These projects have been a long time coming and will help futureproof the Trust as Swindon continues to grow.

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New members are welcome.

For more information contact our MD, Grahame Jones, on 01793 884017, or check out our website: [shrivenhamladieschoir.com](http://shrivenhamladieschoir.com)

## Shrivenham Park Golf Club

The summer of 2022 has been one to remember! Brown fairways have become the accepted colour with very little rough and most pleasing green greens! This has been the case in many clubs, and the year that Oxfordshire County celebrated 100 years of existence. Special events have been held to celebrate this milestone and at the end of September, Shrivenham had the pleasure of hosting the Oxfordshire v Gloucester match.

Shrivenham Park members supported the Prostate Cancer scheme by playing and raising over £1000. The Ladies were represented at Cirencester in the England golf Coronation Foursomes Area final by Molly and Carole and they played a good round scoring 32 Stableford points. The winning pair in the Southern Area scored 38 points and came from a club in Devon.

Shrivenham Ladies had an away day at

Denewood at a club in Berkshire where they played 9 holes followed by an excellent chip and sandwich lunch! Everyone enjoyed the day, including lunch. The winning team combination was Bran, Pam and Carole with Carole also winning the individual prize.

We are holding a book sale in aid of the Macmillan appeal on **Saturday 30 September**. There will be coffee, etc. and an opportunity to social putt on the putting green. (Flat-soled shoes must be worn). Donations collected on the day will be sent to the charity. Please support us to help others.

*Carole Lee*

## Church Services at St Leonard Parish Church Stanton Fitzwarren

**Sunday 02 October:** Morning Praise, 9.30am

**Sunday 09 October:** Family Harvest Celebration Service, 11am, starting with coffee and cakes and chat


**Sunday 16 October:** We are welcomed at a Team Service here, 10am

**Sunday 23 October:** Holy Communion, 9.30am

**Sunday 30 October:** No service. We are welcomed at a Rosemary Service for the team at St Margaret's church, 10am

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