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**Are there things in your life you never thought you would do?**

Little did I know that I would be part of a team skipping round the village of Stanton Fitzwarren in the pouring rain on Easter Monday morning in a bunny outfit delivering Easter eggs. It was in the company of lovely caring neighbours – children and adults variously dressed up as chickens, bears, sheep, and even as the much-loved character Tigger.

Sometimes getting older can mean that I say no to things before really thinking about the invitation being offered. This is sad; who knows what God has in store for us.

I was glad that I said yes to the Easter egg delivery. Even at 80, even after getting soaked to the skin, it was fun working in a team, doing something with and for others.

We all need each other and we all have something to give and to share: A wave of the hand; a smile; a telephone call,

email, or chat. It is good being part of a community.

By the time you read this June edition of Highworth LINK magazine, King Charles III will have been crowned. New beginnings. His role has a long and continuing history and tradition. No doubt some things will change as he tries to keep what is good from the past but seeks to be relevant in today's society.



Here in Stanton we try to make the village church relevant in today's society while maintaining those traditions which reflect the love of God because everyone is special, unique, precious, and loved by God.

Take care, God bless.

*Liz Hillman*

*St. Leonard's Parish Church,  
Stanton Fitzwarren*

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## Welcome from the Editor

I was recently reminded of a word I once knew but haven't heard for such a long time: marginalia. Marginalia refers to scribbles and notes made in the margins of books and documents, little observations or notes about the text or just a word that stands out; small significances that are perhaps meaningless to other people. I'm not ashamed to admit I'm a raving marginalianist myself – how about you?



It's fair to say marginalia is an endangered art in these times of digital literature and yet I was thinking how some people can be marginalianists in life. Watching, observing, noting, and changing. As I walked around the town at the May Day Fair I saw the little things on the edge of life: The smiles, the kindnesses, the conversations, the gestures. All such beautiful and noteworthy things that create friendships and community. As you read through this June issue, you'll see there's something very special indeed about Highworth if you choose to notice life on the margins.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rachael".

Now, you may think it's positively sacrilegious to write in a book, but I've always found it helps a book to feel more personal and cherished, like a friend. In fact, other people's marginalia in secondhand books or library books can be like stepping into a secret world.

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## Visit Highworth



It's nearly time to start ordering your tickets for the first Highworth Art and Literature Festival – our inaugural HALF! Tickets for all the events go on sale this month. So, if you would like

to learn more about the importance of storytelling for children, know more about Highworth's own geologist and palaeontologist William Joscelyn Arkell, or enjoy an evening with Jasper Fforde, don't forget to book. More details to be announced.

Visit Highworth is working with National Trust Coleshill to provide a joint event in both Highworth and Coleshill on the history of our town, Coleshill and the links between. This will be a monthly event commencing at the end of June and running in July and August. Contact us for more information!

You can also book our Town Tour and our Wildlife Walks with a camera. The Town Tour is informative and fun and you might find out something about Highworth that you didn't know before. We take group bookings if you're part of a club. And you can also visit one of our

wonderful cafés or pubs when the tour ends to refresh and refuel. Our Wildlife Walks have begun with Neil George Photography, and there's lots to spot so come along with your camera to see what creatures you can find in Pentylands Country Park.

**Don't forget our craft centre is open Tuesday to Saturday.** We have over 40 local artists and makers on display so if you need a gift or are looking for a treat, pop in. We look forward to seeing you!

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## Shrivenham Allotment Gardens Association [SAGA]

SAGA is running a coach trip to the Malvern Autumn Show on **Sunday 24 September**. If you are interested in coming with us please email johnpat13@btinternet.com for further details.

# Highworth Historical Society

**Our last talk of this season is on 28 June. We are welcoming back John Dymond to talk on 'The History of Aldbourne'.**

Aldbourn is an attractive little village well known for its duck pond. Perhaps this is how the locals came by the name of 'dab chicks'. In the Middle Ages it was a much larger and wealthier place. There was a cloth weaving industry and, until about 1826, a bell foundry. Many local churches, including Faringdon and Great Coxwell,

still have Aldbourne bells.

As usual we meet at St. Michael's Hall, Lechlade Road, with the doors opening at 7pm. Pick up a tea or coffee and look at a display of some of our artefacts. The talk starts at 7:30pm.

Visitors are always very welcome. Pay £3 at the door.

If you need more information please phone Chris on 01793 764811.

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## Highworth Holistic Health Open Evenings

**At Highworth Holistic Health we are mindful of the huge numbers of people who have chronic diseases which often have at least part of their roots in our lifestyles. These include, among others, diabetes, osteoarthritis, and osteoporosis. These conditions are increasingly common, partly as a result of our increased life expectancy, but also partly because of the ways in which we live our lives now.**

Compared to how our forebears lived two or three generations ago, most of us have access to enough calorie-rich foods and we don't have the levels of daily activity that used to be built into our lifestyles. Unfortunately, we are now in the situation where the conditions that our bodies developed to cope with and our lifestyles don't match and, for many of us, this results in chronic diseases.

I am a McTimoney chiropractor and a nutritional therapist, so my interest lies mainly with the chronic diseases that I see in clinic that increase levels of aches and pains. Diabetes can result in changes in body chemistry that make osteoporosis and osteoarthritis, among others, more likely, so addressing the diet and lifestyle root causes of these conditions gives me another level at which I can work.



I am offering quarterly, free-of-charge, group evening sessions at Highworth Holistic Health and the next dates and topics are **13 July, 5 October and 11**

**January, from 7pm**, covering arthritis, osteoporosis, and diabetes. At these sessions we will discuss the biology of how these conditions develop and how the lifestyle and dietary recommendations work, and spend some time working out how putting them into practice might fit into your life. Places are limited to ensure that we can have a meaningful discussion so please drop

me a line at [highworthholistichealth@gmail.com](mailto:highworthholistichealth@gmail.com) to reserve your space.

*Jane Faulkes*

### A Fantastic Night with Richard Digance

**A crowded audience gathered in late April to enjoy two hours of humorous songs and funny stories from Richard, who also spent time chatting to the audience during the interval. We ran a raffle and a bar and raised £1,003 for the British Heart Foundation. Thank you to all who attended.**

Everyone enjoyed the evening so much that many asked when the next performance will be. Therefore **20 April 2024** at Highworth Community Centre has been booked, so save the date! Tickets will be available in the New Year.

## Eco Church at St. Michael's Church

The Church of England has committed to being carbon neutral by 2030. Our diocese, Bristol, has stated that reducing the effects of climate change in its churches is core to the five marks of mission and their undertaking to safeguard the integrity of creation.



Eco Church is a national scheme to help grassroots church communities of all denominations to improve their environmental impact. It was developed by A Rocha UK which is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

### Scouts Quiz

**19 teams took part in this year's Scouts Quiz. Clutter and Bling were never headed and finished with an impressive score of 105 points out of a maximum of 120.**

Congratulations to Deborah and Kevin O'Donoghue, and Sheila and Bob Portch. The Toddletons were three points further back in second place, and three teams tied for third place: Serendipity, The Jammie Dodgers, and The Sons. Thanks to everybody who took part and helped to raise £547 for the group's funds. Thanks also to Simpsons Cars for their continued sponsorship of the evening, which we very much appreciate.

St Michael's first became involved in Eco Church about two years ago and our former curate, Emily Swinerd, championed and supported initial projects including the young people's wilding of the church yard. This work is now being co-ordinated by a small team led by a member of our PCC.

As part of our current work we have identified a small wildlife garden outside the church offices in Vicarage Lane. A poll amongst congregation members has named this EcoEden and our intention is to make EcoEden an accessible place which promotes opportunities to learn, share and enjoy wildlife.

To date we have:

- Built a large church-shaped bug house and planted 30 wildflower perennial plug plants in the grass.
- Acquired four bird boxes and feeders, a squirrel house and two hedgehog houses which we are in the process of locating.
- Appointed two young people as rangers to take responsibility for researching and promoting specific habitats for pollinators and hedgehogs.
- Liaised with the council to cut the grass in this area in late October when natural seeding of the wildflowers and grasses will have taken place.

This is just one example of the range of developments that we are exploring. The Eco Church project is multi-faceted, ongoing, and there is never a dull moment for everyone involved! We look forward to sharing more of our adventures with everyone in future months and to hearing about similar projects which are happening in our parish.



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If you want to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> method; HMRC provide examples online – but they are complex. I recommend that you ask your accountant to do the calculation.

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## Raine Conquers Snowdon

Eight-year-old Southfield Junior School pupil Raine Gough, along with her parents and three grandparents, climbed Mount Snowdon on 17 April to raise funds for Coeliac UK.

Raine was diagnosed with coeliac disease last autumn following concerns about her behaviour and concentration levels.

Although Raine's grandmother also has the genetic condition, it was still a surprise to discover Raine has it too. Raine's mum, Ella, explained, 'Raine didn't suffer from any of the digestive issues associated with coeliac, but I've discovered there are more symptoms to look out for, including behavioural and neurological issues.'

Raine has dealt with her diagnosis incredibly well and is much happier as a result of a strict gluten-free diet – the only way to treat coeliac disease.

Raine and her family took the Pyg track to the top of Snowdon and came back down the

Llanberis path, an almost-eight mile walk which took six hours and 45 minutes to complete.

Raine had originally planned to get the train back down with 'Boppa', one of her grandads, but

a few days beforehand the family discovered that the train didn't reach the summit. This meant Raine had no choice but to walk the entire way.

'However, she absolutely nailed it,' said Ella. 'And I'm convinced she could have done it all again the next day! She took it all in her stride and led us all to the top with no issues or complaining whatsoever! The same can't be said for the rest of us!'

Raine has always been a lover of walking and the outdoors and therefore loved the idea of both



At the summit

climbing a mountain and raising money at the same time. She has so far raised £1154 for Coeliac UK.

If you would like to support Raine and donate to Coeliac UK, go to Raine's Just Giving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rainesnowdon](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rainesnowdon)



Raine with her parents

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## Fairford and District Choral Society Review

Fairford and District Choral Society sang their Easter concert to a near-capacity audience in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Parish Church on Saturday evening, 1 April.

The concert opened with Stainer's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat. Marysia Gorska-Saj skilfully directed the choir, producing a range of suitable dynamics and well-tuned singing. The soloists, David McKee and Nicholas Drew, each sang songs by Mendelssohn and Wolf respectively, and both are professional singers as was clearly apparent in their performances.

The main piece in the programme was Stainer's Crucifixion, an

excellent choice to mark the start of Holy Week. Bass David McKee immediately captivated the audience with his opening solo, The Agony, and the well-disciplined choir sang with clear diction

and great feeling. The audience joined the choir for the integral hymns and became a valuable part of this uplifting performance. Nicholas Drew (tenor soloist) produced a spine tingling moment just before the final hymn, singing so very quietly, 'And He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.'

Bravo to organist Robin Baggs for superb accompaniment throughout.



Marysia Gorska-Saj,  
Musical Director

Simon Clark

## Support Swindon Carers Centre During Carers Week



At Swindon Carers Centre we are inviting you to support unpaid carers during Carers Week.

An unpaid carer is anyone looking after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of an illness, frailty, disability, mental health condition or an addiction, and cannot cope without their

support. Carers Week is a national week (5 to 11 June) raising awareness of unpaid carers and ensuring that they are recognised for the vital work they do.

Swindon Carers Centre is a charity that works to improve the wellbeing of people with caring responsibilities in the borough of Swindon so that they can live a healthy, fulfilling life alongside their caring role.

At 11am on Saturday 10 June we are holding the Walk A Mile event: a circular walk around Swindon town centre, which anyone can join. The walk starts and finishes at The Swindon Hub, The Parade, Swindon SN1 1BA.

The charity also has an online raffle and tickets cost £1 each. The prizes include hampers of goodies, beauty vouchers and restaurant vouchers. You can take part in the raffle online by going to [www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/swindon-carers-centre-carers-week-2023-affle](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/swindon-carers-centre-carers-week-2023-affle)

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## Educación Plus Event

Come and meet Juan Carlos Ramírez, International Director of the Educación Plus charity (originally co-founded by Highworth Community Church) and hear about their continuing work with children and families in the shanty towns of Costa Rica, Central America.

Juan Carlos will be with us on **Friday 16 June, 10:30am**, at Lechlade Baptist Church, Sherborne Street GL7 3AH.

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## Highworth Afternoon WI



We had a very good speaker in May who talked about the work she does for disadvantaged children. Our outing was to Stanton House where we had a Cornish cream tea followed by a very interesting tour of the church, and we are looking forward to our Coronation – good food and conversation.

If you want to join us, please contact Margaret on 07843 967260 or Pam on 07799 136373.

## Letters to the Editor

*I would like to say a big 'thank you' to the people who have been litter-picking along the side of the A361 Swindon Road.*

*I was shocked by the amount of litter along there after the verges had been cut, but bit by bit these folk have been clearing them up – an awful lot of full black bags!*

*Well done – it looks so much better now!*

*Yours*

*Berit Aherne*

Note from Editor: I've received a number of emails about this very topic and the unsung heroes who make this place better for us all.

## A Hand to Lend

I recently came across the following message adorning the wall of a scout hut:

**This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. *'There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.'***

An excellent mantra to be instilled into the young that public service (which volunteering is) is a truly honourable and worthwhile venture. I thought it was an excellent reminder to us all that a lot of what happens within the community is driven by those willing to give a little bit, or a lot, of their free time for the benefit of others. Much of what happens for your pleasure is organised and run by a dedicated and, by and large, silent legion working behind the scenes so others may benefit, enjoy, engage or learn from their efforts. Some groups become an essential local resource

for those with disabilities and various other difficulties.

Much of the graft that goes on is unheralded: No awards, no personal gain, but the satisfaction of knowing that you've done your bit and given the community a service is reward enough.

I know of no voluntary organisation, club or community group that has enough volunteers. The Lions, Scouts, charity shops, WI, and a plethora of sporting clubs and community groups to name check just a few – this magazine has featured so many over the years – and all can only survive by someone stepping forward to lend a hand. In most cases having experience is always helpful but not essential, just a willingness to assist. Meeting and working with new and like-minded people and having a lot of fun doing it. You're never too young or old to get involved.

Next time you're at any community run event, shop or stall, please go out of your way to thank a volunteer, it means a lot. Better still get involved, because if you don't... who will!

*Simon French*



## Fairford's Literary Festival has a New Look

Formerly known as the Fairford Festival of Fiction, everything about Fairford Festival Book Fest is new... even the name! Come and join us on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 June.

Children's authors and illustrators, Jo Empson and Steve Antony, will be reading stories and holding creative workshops for children on the Friday, with the main Book Fest being opened on Saturday by young Reading Ambassadors from Fairford Primary School. Seven more exciting authors are scheduled to appear throughout the day until 6:30pm.

All-day tickets are available so you can come and go throughout the day to hear Anne de Courcy, Sandra Howard and Michael McCarthy talk about their books and their careers as authors. Also included in the all-day ticket is Paul Martin, TV presenter of the new Channel 5 *The Great Auction Showdown*, author and antiques expert, who will be bringing some 'props' along for the audience to see, feel and discuss.

Following on from last year's successful interview with Clover Stroud (*The Red of My Blood*), three authors will be interviewed this year.

Emma Reeves will be interviewed by Isla Beadnell – a Year 10 Media student from Farmor's School – and will answer questions about her adaptation of well-known books for screen and stage, including the latest CBBC series, *The Beaker Girls*.

Jessica Fellowes, the niece of *Downton Abbey* creator Julian Fellowes and author of books about *Downton* under the title of *The Mitford Murders*, will be interviewed on stage and encourage a Q and A session.



Finally, comedian and travel writer, Dom Joly, will be interviewed by Steve Knibbs, the BBC TV Points West Gloucestershire reporter.

Also new for this year is a well-stocked Book Shop, selling many of the books written by the Book Fest authors at discounted prices. The Book Shop is open all day to non-ticket holders and ticket holders alike.

The only thing that hasn't changed is that this literary event, sponsored once more by DCO Systems Limited, is a brilliant opportunity for book lovers to see, hear and meet the authors.

Both Friday and Saturday events are being held in the Literary Marquee in the grounds of Fairford Cricket Club, Park Street, Fairford GL7 4JJ.

Tickets are now on sale from 7a Coffee Shop, Fairford Primary School, or online at Eventbrite (search for Fairford Festival Book Fest).

For more information about any of the authors or Fairford Festival, visit [fairfordfestival.org.uk](http://fairfordfestival.org.uk)



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## Latest News from Big Highworth

Big Highworth is a local community organisation founded by Highworth resident Alison Boucheron-Cross in 2021 and we aim to organise a programme of events throughout the year that brings the community together and raises funds for local good causes in the Highworth community area. Our tagline is Community Together Matters because we truly believe feeling part of a community is important and we can all do something big or small to make our community a place everyone feels part of.

Highworth is such a great town already but, like everywhere, small charities struggle to raise the funds they need to keep doing what they do. It's so important for us to be able to support charities and community groups. Since starting we've raised over £3000 for good causes.

Our charities this year are:

*Highworth Historical Society*  
*Uplands Enterprise Trust*  
*Royal British Legion, Highworth*  
*Highworth Community Shed*

We've planned a variety of events already, including charity coffee mornings as well as two charity craft fairs. Please see our advertisements through this magazine for events planned for June and July, including our 70s, 80s and 90s Charity Fancy Dress Disco provided by Doubletops Roadshow.

Later in the year we'll be welcoming



Britain's Got Talent (BGT) semi-finalist Dennis Demille. He has since played in venues across the UK, including Wiltshire, and was on the big stage for Westbury Christmas Lights switch in 2022.

We're also excited to be welcoming back James Williams who performed last year in Highworth. Earlier this year James performed at his sell-out concert at St David's Hall and he performed to an audience of 5000 at the King's Coronation Festival at Beacon Park in Lichfield in May. James is very much looking forward to returning to Highworth this year and supporting our four charities.

For more details about our events or for details of how you can purchase tickets please find us on Facebook by searching Big Highworth.

We're always on the lookout for people to get involved with us. You can volunteer at specific events, help us organise future events, or join our management team. If you'd like to join our Big Highworth team, then please email us on: [bighighworthevents@gmail.com](mailto:bighighworthevents@gmail.com).



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## What's Happening at National Trust Buscot and Coleshill Estates?

The Heritage and Rural Skills Centre is now officially open. It's so good to see everything come together and to share our enthusiasm for it with visitors. It's an evolving project with more (sympathetic) improvements to come. I do hope you'll come and see for yourselves. Perhaps take a guided tour at one of our Coleshill Village Open Days.

Our summer programme is now in place. So far there are courses and workshops in willow trug making, stained glass, block printing, wood carving and blacksmithing. All available to book now on our Heritage and Rural Skills Centre website. More will be added so why not bookmark the webpage now or follow our Facebook page?

The Timber Store at Coleshill is getting more use as an exhibition space. As part of Oxford Art Weeks, we have an exhibition of pieces from our

craftspeople supporting the Heritage and Rural Skills Centre. There's time to see it until **4 June**. A quick change on **5 June** will see a Women in Welfare exhibition being installed so plenty to see throughout June.

At the end of the month on **30 June**, we are hosting a production of Romeo and Juliet at the Great Coxwell Tithe Barn. Tickets are available directly through The Lord Chamberlain's Men Theatre Company.

We're continuing to work out the details with Visit Highworth to join up our respective tours. Keep a lookout on our social media for updates on this and more.

*Sarah Hannis*

*Senior Volunteering and Community Officer*

*Facebook: The Buscot and Coleshill Estates NT  
www.nationaltrust.org.uk search Heritage and Rural Skills Centre*

## Sustainable Shrivenham

In March we saved a grand total of 150 kg from going into landfill. Our refill station is proving to be popular now people have got used to the products we stock. We are also conducting a survey to see what other products people would like to see, e.g. bio laundry detergent, hand soap, and all-purpose cleaner.

Our AGM will be held in the Hub on **5 June**. Whilst this is for members only, you can become a member to support us by visiting our website [www.sustainableshrivenham.com](http://www.sustainableshrivenham.com), where you will also find details of upcoming events.

The next Repair Café will be on **24 June, 9:30am to 12 noon**. Please bring only one item for repair. In April we mended everything from a birthing pool to a jacket, and a plasma ball. Also in April, we held our first talk in the Hub by local nurserywoman, Rebecca Brain, when she gave us an enlightening talk on Sustainable Gardening.

We now have over 700 followers on Facebook which is very encouraging. Please feel free to email us with any comments: [sustainableshrivenham@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableshrivenham@gmail.com)

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Here are some photos to show you just what I mean. If you were there, you know just what I mean and perhaps you'll spot yourself in the crowd. Thank you Highworth Town Council for all the creative energy and hard work you dedicated to the organisation of the day.

Photos from the Coronation Celebration will be in our next issue.



## News from Southfield Junior School



### Celebrating World Book Day

Southfield Junior School kicked off with a bang this year when the amazing author, Nicki Thornton, came to visit.

She delivered a whole school assembly that tested the children's ability to spot 'red herrings' in detective fiction, alongside informing us about her journey to becoming a celebrated author. Her magical series was enjoyed by the children during their reading slots prior to the visit and they were eager to ask her questions about the characters, settings, and any future books that she had lined

up to write. Nicki then kindly stayed to sign copies of books for the children, and managed to squeeze in a quick catch-up with them too. The afternoon consisted of more book-based activities inspired by Nicki's visit, but also by our staff's passion for reading. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for the day through their character costumes and their excitement to talk about their favourite books. It was a lovely reading and book-filled day and we are already looking forward to celebrating next year!

Happy reading!

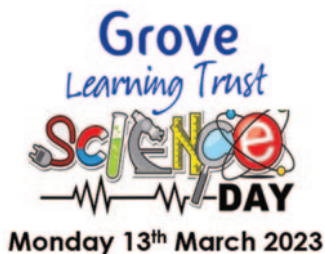
*Mrs. Courtney and Miss Ayres*

### British Science Week with a Difference

This year, Southfield Junior School's British Science Week was a little bit different and wider-reaching than ever before, demonstrating this year's theme: Connections.

Southfield is part of Grove Learning Trust, along with Eastrop Infant School in Highworth and Wroughton Junior and Infant Schools. The science leaders from each of these schools met and planned a trust-wide Science Day on 13 March.

All the children at Southfield entered a Connections poster competition to win a place to visit



Wroughton Junior School to take part in some science activities for the morning, whilst some pupils from Wroughton Junior School came to visit Southfield where they each had a Southfield buddy to help them during their visit and science investigations.

All year groups took part in a Connections themed science activity. Year 3 were detectives, investigating how best to collect fingerprints Year 5 designed and built rockets, experimenting with different sized rockets, tails, and fins to find out which flew the furthest, whilst the Year 4 and Year 6 classes challenged each other to build the strongest bridge that spanned 20cm using only eight pieces of A4 paper and one metre of sticky tape. The winning bridges from

each class took part in a grand final with Mrs. White (our science leader) in assembly.

The strongest bridge held nearly four kilograms! The winning bridge was from Year 6, Oak class, who built their bridge with a team member from Wroughton Junior School.

During Southfield's Science Week each year group also had a variety of visitors who talked to the children about how they use science in their jobs. Our speakers included: A veterinary pharmacist; an RAF engineer; a GP; a railway design engineer; a microbiologist; an engineer for Historic England; a specialist in manufacturing and testing in the food industry; a representative from The Natural Environment and Research Council and many more.

Our Connections science week truly connected Southfield's children to science, building bridges with another school, working scientifically together, and learning about careers in science.

*Mrs. White*



## STFC Project Me

At Southfield Junior School we have been extremely lucky to take part in the Swindon Town FC Project Me scheme. The sessions are run by the STFC coaches and focus on skills like resilience, teamwork and confidence. As well as the school sessions, the children have been invited to take part in training sessions at the County Ground. They have already watched a match and one lucky child was also chosen (out of all the Project Me schools) to be a mascot for a game and meet the players.

Recently we attended the graduation ceremony at the County Ground where the children were awarded certificates, medals and a Swindon Town ball for participating. The feedback from the coaches on our pupils has been excellent and we are looking forward to the next group of children beginning their course.

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## Love to Move and Friendship Fridays One Year On!



In May and June we will be celebrating one year of Love to Move and Friendship Fridays – both different ways of bringing people together in Highworth with great benefits to all.

Love to Move is a seated exercise session that uses cognitive stimulation therapy. This brings great benefit as we get older or struggle with mild cognitive impairment. We have great fun at the sessions with lots of social interaction around the room and routine movement, rhymes, themed alphabet games and well known songs. Our regular attendees enjoy a fab afternoon together. We meet on the **second Wednesday of each month**, from **1:45pm to 3:15pm**, at Highworth Community Centre (except August, due to holidays). We have now brought this popular session into our Friendship Fridays for a slightly shorter version on the third Friday of the month, with great uptake from that group too. Come and join us at either or both sessions.

Friendship Fridays has become extremely popular during its first year and is a great weekly get-together across the community. It brings together a mix of folks living alone as well as couples, and is dementia friendly too! We share our weeks news over coffee and biscuits, crafts, games, word searches and our popular themed picture bingo with our prize basket of treats to win. We have a large touch screen table for individual or group



interaction featuring music, puzzles, pottery, model aircraft flight simulation and sensory stimulation apps, and we still have lots more interactive apps to discover. We are seeing great friendships forming and we all love our Fridays. We now have transport from the Highworth Lions Minibus so don't let lack of mobility get in the way of meeting up with others. We meet from **10am to 12 noon** each week in the Town Council Community Room in Gilbert's Lane, just along from the Co-op and library. A warm welcome awaits you every week.

We will be updating you on our new choir and allotment progress next month.

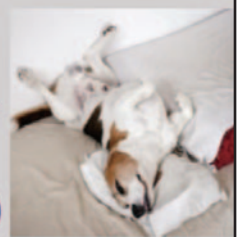
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## News from Highworth and District Lions Club



It's been a busy April for us, so here's what we have been up to.

We had an Easter stall on the podium with a huge tombola and a 'name the bunny' competition. We raised a lot of money from that so we're grateful to everyone who supported us.



and thank her for her service in the Highworth and District Lions Club.

The first of our monthly car boot sales at The Goldfinger Tavern car park was held on **15 April**. There will be a car boot sale each month until September so please do join us and grab some amazing bargains from all the sellers.

This month we have donated money to the following:

- Wiltshire Disabled Games £250
- Mayor's Charity (Prospect Hospice) £60

This was from donations from the Mayor's event at Wrag Barn where we used our minibus to give lifts home to people at the end of the night. We have passed these donations on.

- Forget-Me-Not Café £800
- This is to help set up their new allotment. They can now buy a shed, tools, benches, and anything else they need. We wish them the best and look forward to seeing how they get on.

- Donation in memory of a past Highworth Lions President, Jane Jones £50

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A misty morning in April saw nine photographers from Highworth Camera Club gather on the old seventh green to take some pictures and to talk about photography. The mist gave the course an ethereal feel which was interesting to photograph, although the morning cleared slowly and we did see the sun on occasion. By the time some of us repaired to the Rose and Crown for lunch it was quite a nice day!

Some of the pictures from the morning are reproduced below. We would like to do more

sessions using the Old Golf Course for the benefit of the community, so watch this space for future announcements. If you have any suggestions for subjects we could run a session on, please email us at [highworthcamclub@gmail.com](mailto:highworthcamclub@gmail.com).

If you are interested in photography, new members are always welcome. We meet at Highworth Community Centre in The Dormers on the **second Tuesday of each month**, starting at **7:30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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## Highworth Amateur Dramatics Society

Greetings all from HADS! Following on from the success of our latest performance, *Movies Can Be Murder*, we are hoping to get stuck into another show as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, we find ourselves very low on members and would welcome anyone who would like to get involved in our group. Whether you'd be keen to tread the boards or prefer to help out

behind the scenes; whether you can commit to rehearsals or can only help out on show nights or if you're interested in helping with sound and lighting... we'd love for you to get in touch. You can email us at [hadshighworth@gmail.com](mailto:hadshighworth@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook by searching HADS - Highworth Amateur Dramatics Society.

## Highworth Artists' Society Spring Exhibition Success

Thanks to everyone who came to our Spring Exhibition held in Highworth at the end of April. It was lovely to see so many people and to showcase our most recent paintings. Having such positive feedback about our work is always encouraging and, despite some wet days, there was a great atmosphere – with a final flourish on May Day Saturday!

We were delighted to welcome Rachael Laing Smith, editor of the Highworth LINK magazine, who opened



*Burnished by Hilary Sinclair*

the exhibition on the preview evening. Rachael also had the honour of choosing her favourite painting from the exhibition. This was awarded to Sarah March's linoprint, *Nestled in the Corners of Time*. Sarah comes from Highworth and is studying for a Masters in Fine Art at Newcastle University with a particular interest in the Neolithic period. Sarah explores sites all over the United Kingdom as part of her research and the Wiltshire landscape with its ancient histories has been a particular inspiration.

Sarah is pictured here receiving her award from Rachael. Also pictured is the oil painting by Hilary Sinclair, 'Burnished', which received the highest number of votes from the public over the course of the week. Always a close run (and lighthearted!) competition given the choices available!



*Sarah Marsh and Rachael Laing Smith*

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### St George's Day at Wrag Barn

The weather forecast couldn't decide whether there was going to be driving rain or sunshine for St George's Day at Wrag Barn. On the day, the sun shone, the birds sang and the club members showed huge support for our Junior Section; either taking part, buying raffle tickets, or attempting to 'Beat the Junior'. The day was run by our Junior Organiser, Alan Kavanagh, with support from Brian Drane, and this is how he summed up the day:

'What an amazing day. Thank you all for coming out and really supporting our junior fundraiser, the St George's Day team event. 'Nearest the Pin on 16' and 'Beat the Junior' were a superb bit of fun and well done to the 25 who managed it! Well done to Ollie (Junior Captain) and Louis (Junior Vice Captain) for beating the other 112. The results were as follows:

'Nearest the Pin on 16' winners were Katie Walls and Norman Jeffery.

Team 3rd place with a score of 115, Katie Walls, Pete Bignel, Daniel Head and Clive Morten.

Runners up with a score of 116, David Devine, Lee Flanagan, Paul and Michael Rivett.

Winners with a score of 118, Alan Kavanagh, Brian Drane, Noah and Ian Ridsdale.

### Highworth Town Walking Football Club

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## Highworth Bowls Club



Competitive bowling got under way at Highworth with a game for the Men's Swindon and District Team in a home match against Rodbourne Cheney Bowls Club. On a freezing April

evening the league campaign got off to a great start with three rink wins and a narrow loss by one shot in the fourth to pick up 12 of the available 14 points. This was followed up with another hard fought win away to Purton Bowls Club. Although winning only one of the four rinks, the men drew another and lost very narrowly on the remaining two to pick up nine points. Meanwhile, the first games for the Men's Swindon and District Monday Afternoon Triples B and C teams fell foul of a downpour and were postponed.

In the Wiltshire league, the men played at home to Holt Bowls Club from near Melksham and, although fielding a team with some new players and players playing out of position, they put up a very spirited fight keeping all rinks close right to the end before falling short and losing 12-2, picking up just one of the four rinks.

The Ladies' season in the Swindon and District Afternoon Triples and Evening Rinks leagues started in May and full results to date will be included in the next report. If you are interested in playing bowls please pop in and talk to any members or give us a ring.

*Christopher Davis*  
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## Shrivenham Cricket Club

Indoor nets have been held for eight weeks at Pinewood School and they have proved to be both popular and successful with good attendance on all weeks. On Friday, a few staunch members gathered to erect the new sight screen which was purchased last season but arrived too late to be used. It is now assembled and ready for use. In April we had a pre-season get-together at the Memorial Hall followed by an excellent meal in our local favourite restaurant. Our league season commenced on 6 May; I know,



*SCC's New Pavilion*

an unfortunate clash with Coronation Day! This was a home fixture, before the schedule saw us playing away to Bradford-on-Avon, hosting Bathford CC, playing away to Calne's 2nd team and this month we entertain Allington on **3 June**. In the meantime, we look forward to our Junior sessions at the Recreation Ground on Saturday mornings, with our sessions for our All Stars (5 to 8 years) and Dynamos (8 to 11 years) being held between 10:30am and 11:30am; all details can be found on our website. We are always on the lookout for new players, so if you fancy your chances wielding the willow, please get in touch.

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*Swindon's winning team*

## Swindon Croquet Club

The croquet season starts traditionally with a short croquet tournament at Nailsea Croquet Club at which most clubs from the South West and South Wales compete, with most of the best players from these clubs taking part – the

competition is in five divisions. In 2022, Swindon were champions of Division 3 and promoted. This year they went one better topping Division 2, therefore earning back-to-back promotions having won 12 of their 16 matches. Maybe next year they will emerge as overall champions! Captain Tony Mayer said, 'It was a great team effort with everyone contributing to our success.' Very well done to the SCC team of Harvey Smith (the youngest player in the tournament), Tony Mayer (Captain), Andy Smith (Harvey's father) and Terry Clement (pictured L-R).

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

## Highworth Town Football Club



HTFC finished the season in slightly disappointing fashion with a loss in their relegation play-off against Malvern Town, second place in the lower Hellenic League. In a tense first half Highworth took the lead in the twenty-eighth minute thanks to an Ashley Edenborough header. However, just three minutes later, the visitors equalised leaving it level at the break. A penalty to start the second half gave Malvern the lead, then two goals later on sealed the game with a superb hat trick from Matt Turner in a dominant second half for the visitors.

Josh Fisher

In a difficult season, only six wins were achieved in 40 games, clearly insufficient to hold on to step five status. The FA's decision to move the team into the Central Division based around London and the Home Counties clearly had an effect on player recruitment, retention and support, both away and at home where far less travelling

support was seen. The club returned to a much-changed Hellenic League, which is now based around Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire and the Avon area, but with more local derbies to look forward to. Follow the club on social media to keep up-to-date with all things HTFC.

Derek Lloyd

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## Shrivenham Golf Club

The new captains began their year in April with a Drive-in and a team event for all – good luck to Molly Garrett and Chris Spicer – and, now that the lighter evenings are here, we have extended our opening hours. Come and enjoy your evening golf as well as daytime rounds. We are holding three opens this summer, and the details are on the Empire Golf site and on the Club website. Junior coaching is available on **10 and 17 June, and 8 July from 10am**. The session lasts for one hour and costs £5 (cash only please). Please just turn up if you want to join in.

Carole Lee

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Refreshments and homemade cakes will also be available. Cash only please.

We will be joined by Anne Luder on **Monday 3 July, 7:30pm to 9:30pm**, who will talk to us on the topic of Naturally Native. The talk is about gardening with British Natives at home, taking a look at about 30 plants (and their cultivars) that are native to the British Isles and suitable for garden use, helping you to attract nature and work with our climate.

Anne worked as a garden designer for over 25 years, designing both public and private gardens,

and specialising in allergy-free and challenging gardens. She likes to incorporate edible plants into her planting designs and, when planning a garden, encourages and involves the owners so that they learn how to maintain the garden they created.

£3 entry fee on the door or join the Gardening Club for £12 (annual membership).

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Both events will be held at South Marston Village Hall where parking is available on Old Vicarage Lane, next to the school.

For more information, visit our Facebook page @southmarstongardeningclub, or contact Angela on 07789 068340.

## News from Shrivenham Park Golf Club



The Social Putting Group was launched for 2023 on 14 April and was combined with a Parkies Pals event. A superb cream tea was enjoyed by all and prizes were won in both Parkinson's and non-Parkinson's sections. There

was also a treasure trail raffle which was a huge success.

Thanks to Catt for creating all the jewellery treasure items, to Kerry and Shirley, Parkies Pals organisers and friends, for the lovely tea, and Denise and everyone supporting. Parkies Pals made approximately £280, and the Club made £80.

The next Parkies Pals meeting at the Shrivenham Park Golf Club is on **5 June at 10am**.

Social Putting dates are **12 and 26 May, 16 June, and 14 and 28 July**. There is a small £2 cash charge which includes refreshments and the putting. All ages are welcome. Juniors can join us at the end of the school day. Just remember to wear flat-soled shoes.

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*Constance Davenport*

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(Lucky for me, Rachael (Highworth Link Editor) checks my work so there's no mistakes.)

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**As you may realise, I was unable to submit my monthly update due to the elections, but now that they are over I am pleased to share what's happened since.**

If you read my last column in April's LINK magazine, you will remember that Miriam Boston had hosted a 'girls' night' where an amazing £385 was raised for my chosen charity, and you will also recall that we had hosted a very successful civic service in St. Michael's Church attended by Deputy Lieutenants who represented the monarchy along with many other town mayors from places such as Salisbury and Ludgershall.

The Mayor's Charity Event at Wrag Barn in March was a great success and I want to thank everyone who made it happen. The evening was well attended and we had lots of fun with the silent auction, fun photo opportunity, cash grabber competition, and disco. Thanks to Wrag Barn for the use of their venue, to New Dimension Mobile Disco for the complimentary disco they provided, and to everyone who donated equipment, prizes, services, and to those who attended.

I recently hosted Highworth's May Day Fair, a day which was clearly enjoyed by many. It was a beautiful sunny day with lots of entertainment, stalls, food and drink – Highworth at its best. Thank you to Bounce'r'Us for donating the Beat the Buzzer game and to my partner for making the wooden stocks, all to raise more money for Prospect Hospice.

At the time of writing, with the Coronation less than a week away, I hope it will be a memorable day.

I have attended 50 local events throughout the year and it has been an honour to serve as your mayor and to meet so many amazing people along the way. I want to express my appreciation for all the donations and support I've received during my term, not only from residents, businesses and organisations, but from Deanne, our town clerk, and her team at Highworth Town Council, and to the councillors who have supported me.

I will be excited to provide an update on the total funds raised for the Prospect Hospice, hopefully in July.

Thank you all for being part of this wonderful community.

*Julie Murphy  
Mayor of Highworth*

## Highworth Town Council Receives Award in National Scheme

**Highworth Town Council has received a prestigious award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This achievement recognises that the Council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement, and council improvement. Moreover, Highworth Town Council goes above and beyond in leading their communities, in meeting their legal obligations, and by continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.**



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In terms of the future, the Council is now reviewing ways in which it can keep on improving its offer to the local community and welcomes input from local people and partners on this. Highworth Town Council, and other local councils like it, are at the front line of the government's localism agenda and are doing as much as they can to deliver services whilst being efficient and cost-effective.



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

### IMPORTANT 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 date: **26 May for the July/August 2023 publication.**

## St. Michael's Church

The church is open daily for private prayer.

The **10:15am Sunday Service** is held in Church and streamed live, and can be found at [www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth](http://www.twitch.tv/stmichaelshighworth) or on YouTube by searching St. Michael's Church Highworth.

Other services include **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of each month at **8:45am** and The 3 (**Family Service**) on the third Sunday of the month at **3pm**.

**Tuesday Prayers** are held every Tuesday morning at **9:30am** and Friday Blessings are held every Friday morning at **9:15am**. **Prayer Hour** is held in the Church Room on the second and fourth Monday of the month at **8pm**, with the Online Prayer Hour, on the fourth Monday of the month, being available through Zoom via the email link obtained from the church office.

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 others to board games, or tucking into a bacon butty or pastries. All are welcome.

Our **coffee morning** runs every Saturday (excluding the first Saturday of each month) from **10am** until **12pm** in the Church Room. All are welcome.

## We remember those who love and miss

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**4 June** Henley Drive and High Street  
**11 June** Hannington, Sevenhampton and Inglesham villages  
**18 June** Home Farm and Islay Crescent  
**25 June** Kilda Road and Kings Avenue

## St. Leonard's Parish Church, Stanton Fitzwarren

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<b>Sunday 11 June</b>	Family Service, 11am
<b>Sunday 18 June</b>	Team Service at South Marston, 10am
<b>Sunday 25 June</b>	Holy Communion, 9:30am

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