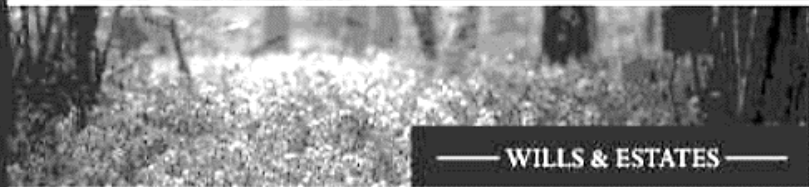


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Editors Piece

From one extreme to the other, that's how you could have described April's weather. We started with some gloriously warm days that went on for nearly 2 weeks then just as the school holidays came round, in came the northerly winds to not only freeze us but the tender buds as well.

I suspect I'm similar to most people reading this, I love this time of year. Its full of hope, enthusiasm and plans. The young shoots are bursting through and the birds are flat out getting nests and young in order.

Its exciting to have revealed more and more the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. This is obviously going to be a fantastic time where we can all meet up and have fun, laughs and toast Her Majesty. It's unlikely this will ever happen again or if it does it won't be for many centuries hence so let's make the most of it and take plenty of photos for future generations.

Allotment Article

We spent our early years helping family and friends with their gardens and vegetable patches and always hoped that one day we would be able to grow our own. Our search for a new home from the city, hoped would provide us the opportunity with either a garden or allotment – fortunately we were lucky enough to find Tockenham and were soon allocated our allotment space.

Having stumbled our way through our virgin year with our allotment, we are ready to tackle our full growing season with enthusiasm and, hopefully, a plan! Our early and main crop potatoes are in and appear to have escaped the late frosts. Our pea, tomato, leek and onion seedlings are doing well in the potting shed. A certain young lady's good appetite for fresh fruit and veg mean that we hope these and our beans, carrots, strawberries and raspberries do well.

Of course we hope the process will be a lot easier this year with an extra pair of hands on the allotment!

Happy growing.

Claire, Keith & Amber

For Sale / Free / Wanted

For Sale -

Rangemaster Excel duel fuel 110 stove. Can use bottled gas. Large conventional and fan ovens with separate pull-out grill and a multi-purpose warming draw that can double as a slow cooker. Five gas hobs including an attachment for a wok and an electric griddle plate. Reluctant sale as it doesn't fit in our kitchen. An absolute bargain at £650.00. Vilna Woolhead 07890306949.

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez !

Villagers - Have you remembered that the Village Hall Coffee Morning has come round again. We are growing quite a group of us now. Anyone can join us.

Tuesday, 3rd May from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the village hall and then again on Tuesday, 7th June.

P.S. Janet will also be with us in the hope that she can entice you to support the Village Fair by buying some Raffle Tickets.

Deadline for the next addition is 7 working days before the end of the month. Please send all correspondence in Word format to the editor, Martin@marmoy.com

Tockenham Village Fair 2022

The preparations for the 2022 Tockenham Village Fair are progressing at a pace and we are all looking forward to restarting our 80+ years of tradition after a two-year COVID break. Our supported charity is a local organisation called Wiltshire Search & Rescue – the charity exists to find vulnerable and missing people. They have a voluntary specialist search team made up of 70+ members who respond across Wiltshire and surrounding areas.

The fair date is scheduled for Saturday, 25th June 2022 so please update your diaries. We are all working hard to make this another great event for the village and if you can spare any time to help then please contact Ali Bennett on alipinniger@gmail.com.

The Tockenham Village Fair is a wonderful community event for the village and is heavily reliant every year on the commitment and dedication of our residents, family and friends. Your help before, during and after the fair is very much appreciated and everyone is welcome. Please volunteer if you can spare the time – your community needs you!

In the meantime, we are erecting the new storage shed next to the village playground over the coming weeks and have scheduled an event on the 21st May 2022 to fit-out the shed and move the current event equipment from a local barn into it. We have booked the village hall in preparation and would love as much help as possible on the day. Refreshments will be provided.

And finally a reminder to all villagers that we will be giving full details of drop offs times in the Village Hall for their village fair donations in the June Parish Magazine and by village email.

Andrew Burke
Chair - Tockenham Village Fair

Parish Church Information

1 st May 3 rd Sunday of Easter Philip and James	Bradenstoke Communion - 10.30am Broad Town Communion - 10.30am	Clyffe Pypard Evening Worship - 6pm
8 th May 4 th Sunday of Easter	Tockenham Communion - 9am Lyneham Communion - 10.30am Hilmarton Communion - 10.30am	Bradenstoke Evening Worship - 6pm
15 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	Lyneham Communion - 10.30am Tockenham Service TBC	
22 nd May 6 th Sunday of Easter	Clyffe Pypard Communion - 10.30am Lyneham Communion - 10.30am Hilmarton All-Age Service - 10.30am	Broad Town Evening Worship 6pm
26 th May Ascension Day	Hilmarton Communion - 7.30am <i>Followed by breakfast</i>	
29 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter	Broad Town Communion - 10.30am	

News from St Giles' Church

Here is the schedule for all the services planned for May: we are all welcome at any of them. You'll see that our Tockenham Communion in May is at 9am on Sunday 8th – not our usual time. If there are any changes to the Tockenham services, we'll let you know by email. We recently had our annual church meeting; once again nobody stood as churchwarden so all the church council members continue to share the responsibilities. The members are: Robert Cutler (chair), Ernestine Sizeland (secretary), Tom Horwitz (Treasurer), Mandy Cook (lay minister in training), Mike Cook, Sara Cutler, Pauline Arnold, and our rector Revd. Rachma Abbott.

Easter has come and gone. The next major festival is Ascension – we mark this with an early morning Communion service on Thursday 26th May at 7.30am in Hilmarton church, followed by breakfast. We have been troubled lately by crows getting into the church and making a dreadful mess with the twigs and debris they have brought inside for their nests. We have taken steps to keep them out, and we

would ask you to keep both doors closed if you go inside the church. We are continuing to open the church on Wednesdays for private prayer, so if you come along and the doors are closed, please open them (they should be unlocked) but pull them shut behind you. We are still waiting for official approval to start the urgent repairs to the bellcote (the little turret on top of the roof). We will keep you posted!

Busy Bees for babies, toddlers and their carers – two Tuesdays a month in Lyneham Church Hall – ring Mandy Cook on 01793 853504 for details, or email mandy.cook@talktalk.net
Our Rector is Revd Rachma Abbott; she can be contacted on 01793 731114 or email reverendrachma@gmail.com

Parish Council.

One of the roles of a Parish Councillor outside Parish meetings is to try and attend further meetings within our area to help enhance the profile of Tockenham within the County. An example are the monthly Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Meetings.

Below summarises topics discussed at recent meetings I have attended.

14th Jan

Guest: Representative from Wiltshire Police Contact Management centre.

Forum discussed: Concerns about getting through to 101 when reporting a crime and ways in which this could be improved.

Police update : Issue of drug warrants, speeding and road safety work.

Fire Service : Fire investigations with family safeguarding. Encouragement to defrost windscreens before embarking on journeys.

Community round up included : Vehicle noise pollution.

Positive response to Police action on speeding.

Jubilee planning assistance.

11 Feb

Guest: Representative from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Forum discussed: ways in which the operation of Community Speed Watch (CSW) can be improved within the County. CSW leaders to improve awareness via social media, campaigns, support and training. CSW links with the Police. Problems recruiting volunteers to join CSW.

From Gina and Ellen

Many of us, our friends and family have been unfortunate enough to be touched by cancer, however some of us have been lucky enough to use the service of Maggies during those difficult times.

This is why we decided to raise money for this charity with our Ladies Lunch on 21st April.

Many many thanks to everybody who donated, attended, bought raffle tickets or gave the most wonderful raffle prizes.

Thanks to those who guessed the weight of the great cake made by Janet Newman. Special thanks to our hard working husbands who were great at pouring drinks and, of course, to Ellen and Andrew for allowing us to have the run of their home.

The great news is that, with Gift Aid, we can donate the sum of £775,00

Thank you again

Ellen Sara Diana & Gina



Facts – 45,000 speeders identified by CSW teams with only two staff to issue letters. Very bad through Latton.

60 mobile speed cameras in Wiltshire. Audit is required to deploy them in most effective areas. Some parishes buy their own. Cost £3000.

Police update included: Drug dealing, vehicle seized at Jubilee Lake, RWB.

Recent Police speed checks. Lyneham and Latton.

Police, dirty number plate check.

Cannabis factory discovered at Whitehill Lane, Industrial estate, RWB.

Increasing number of dumped tyres.

11 March

Guest: Volunteer with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Forum discussed: Data gathered from Speed Indicator Devices (SID). CSW teams, SIDs and traffic surveys create 'heat maps'. This enables police to deploy their resources more effectively.

CSW is a good deterrent only while active, but a SID is permanent.

SID is useful in small communities where CSW is not practical.

Police update included: Fallout from closure of Lyneham Banks.

Community round up: Concerns still exist regarding Police response to 101.

Cricklade E-scooter nuisance.

Lydiard Tregoze – public still parking in passing places.

I have tried to give you a feel of the types of topics discussed and limit the information to areas that may be of interest. Should anyone wish to obtain more details of these meetings please contact any of the Tockenham Parish Council.

Kevin Woolnough

Dogs in the Park

The Parish Council would like to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed in the Play Area. You should, in fact, know that they are banned from all children's parks in the UK for health and safety reasons. The main one of these being a disease called Ocular Toxocariasis. This is caused by the embryonated eggs of roundworm, often found in dogs, and excreted in their faeces. Contact can lead to serious eye conditions in young children – even to blindness.

We appreciate that most dog owners are very responsible in picking up after their animals – but there can always be "left-overs"!

Therefore, we thank you for your co-operation in this.

Always keep your dog on a lead, even when out walking ? Ed.

Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



Our plans to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee are coming together and we really hope that as many villagers as possible can join in the gatherings, details below:

Thursday 2nd June Lighting of the 'Beacon'

We don't have a traditional 'beacon' but not to be left out we are going to light a Tockenham Bonfire!

To officially announce the lighting of beacons across the country a unique piece of music has been written entitled 'Majesty'. Finlay Dove, who lives near Corsham, a former member of the West of England Youth Orchestra and a recent music graduate from Oxford will play the piece for us before we light our 'beacon'.

Timings: Proclamation 9.38pm
Trumpet Solo 9.40pm
Lighting of the Tockenham 'Beacon' 9.45pm

Location: The farmyard behind Manor House Farm. Access via the footpath that runs between Barton Cottage and Stanton House, or through the yard alongside Manor House Farm.

Bring along something to toast Her Majesty if you wish! Plastic glasses only please.

Thank you to the Gaisfords for allowing this gathering at the farm.



Saturday 4th June Diamond Jubilee Tree Planting

Timing: 3pm

Location: Orchard Lane (by the Memorial Trees)

Sunday 5th June

The Street Party

Timing: 12.30 for 1pm. Friends and Family welcome!

Location: Orchard Lane, between the Church and the Playground.

What to Bring:

Please bring food for your group of friends or family. (Traditionally food is shared at these events but we are mindful of the current climate)

Bring your own liquid refreshments or the Village Hall Bar will be open. Please bring plastic glasses only.

If you have an easily portable chair please bring one. We do have some but maybe not enough for everyone to sit down. We will have napkins, paper plates and paper cups.

Dress: Dress in your most patriotic outfits! Red, White and Blue (or Vintage dress if you wish !) There will be a prize for the best dressed man and woman.

Raffle: Julie Marshall will be holding a raffle on the day with the funds to be donated to a charity, yet to be decided.

Wet weather plan:

In the event that the weather is unkind the Gaisfords' have said that we can use one of their barns, if we need to move the event Di will send out a note via email.

Music: Sounds from the 50's through to today.

The Parish Council have purchased a commemorative mug for all the children in the village.

Tockenham has a long tradition of celebrating royal events, let's look forward to making this the most memorable one yet!

If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Carpenter at rosiecarpenter214@gmail.com.

