

News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

July and August 2026

Welcome to our 2 month summer edition. Special thanks to all our contributors for articles from the worlds of Farming, The Church, some gastronomy from France and Spain and an interesting perspective on local History.

There are some important local summertime community events too, so please be sure to look inside for details. Our online edition carries more (mostly wider) news than there's space for in the paper edition. See the wonderful article on bees!

What great news that the community-run car boot sales are again proving to be successful fund-raising events to help maintain our local facilities. Many thanks and congratulations from all of us to Sherwood Elcock for organising them so effectively, and to all those involved in volunteering for these mornings. It's a fun session when you can catch up with your neighbours as well as help the community - extra pairs of helping hands are most welcome.

Many of us are enjoying the 'refurbishment' of the river bank at Jubilee Gardens, and we owe our thanks to the Parish council for completing this important work. Have a great summer!

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Charlton-all-Saints Church collection box 10:15; Odstock Church Carpark 10:30-11:15

**Farewell and adieu - and au revoir, we hope - from the Chitty family -
Giles, Clare, James, Luke, Brendan, Daniel, and Aidan:**

After 40 years of living in Nunton, raising five sons and other livestock, loving the village, the Ebble and the downs, we are leaving to join our sons and grandchildren on the Moray Firth in North East Scotland. We carry with us many warm memories and want to express our thanks and good wishes to all our friends and neighbours.

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On Local History

History seems to be a theme in the valley recently. The Chalke History Festival is just round the corner, sharing and re-enacting much of our social, literary and military heritage. I hope you will be able to support this wonderful festival in some way. At the other end of the Benefice, both Charlton All Saints and Britford recently hosted talks by local historians about the land and their church buildings. We were reminded of our deep heritage, both agricultural and ecclesiastical and we noted how linked they are - how the church calendar revolved around what was happening on the land, from where our predecessors earned their living, sourced their wealth, food, clothes and materials. We heard that many fields locally are still laid out in the same way and called the same name as they were 400 years ago. Although much has changed about the landscape and the way we live, the information helped us to feel connected to our forebears.



Our churches tell us so much about what was going on in the country at different times - both in the layout and decoration which mirrored patterns of faith and liturgy, and in memorials, which spoke of the wealth and influence of the local people. In Britford there is a tomb purporting to be that of Henry Stafford, the Duke of Buckingham who was beheaded in Salisbury in 1483 (outside Debenhams!!), as well as huge plaques, and even a mausoleum, erected by local estate owners.

Charlton All Saints was built in and for the village, so despite having the Nelsons of Trafalgar House as patrons, has fewer, and smaller memorials. Yet this small church celebrated its 175th anniversary at the end of April making recent history as it was the last service in the Diocese at which the latest Bishop of Ramsbury, The Right Revd Andrew Rumsey, presided before going on to be Bishop of St Albans.

It is important to have a sense of what has gone before, not only to learn but also as it helps to remind us of our responsibility to those who will come after us. The land and our buildings will be here a long time after us and our descendants will no doubt wonder at decisions we made - why some churches have pews and some don't, or what is depicted in the stained-glass windows for example.

I wonder how the legacies we leave, seen in our land and our churches, will demonstrate our religion and our interpretations of God. How will our children's children, reading our churches, know what and who were our priorities?

Revd Maggie Metcalfe

Trinitea on Trinity Sunday at Britford

Hot on the heels of the brilliant history and topography talks in Britford, we had a giant feast of scones, home-made jam in the church yard. Chequered cloths held on with clothes pegs; bunting bouncing in the breeze; buttercups, honeysuckle and daisies on the tables; and plenty of sunshine with no rain! Thank you to all those who came, and especially to all those kind supporters from Bodenham and Nunton and further afield! It was a terrific afternoon. Huge thanks to Shelagh, Sarah and Maggie for organising!

Victoria Sturgeon

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Get involved to help, or come to the pop-up café that serves hot drinks and bacon rolls, all helping to support and maintain our local facilities.

Contact Sherwood Elcock

**There may be no Ebbfest this year, but the
GREAT DUCK RACE is STILL ON!!**

In aid of Morning Star, a Salisbury-based charity for Homelessness

<https://morningstarsalisbury.co.uk>

Saturday 18 July at 10am

from the bridge in Odstock to the Jubilee Gardens

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23rd August '26

27th Sept '26

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**A number of people from the five villages have already visited,
we would love to see you down here – Martin Simcock**

Downton Memorial Hall family film showing

Future TX, a PG -rated Sci-Fi film -Monday 24th August, 2.30pm & Saturday 29th August, 10am in Downton Memorial Hall, in aid of refurbishment fund. Refreshments available. No unaccompanied children please.

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Monday July 13: A Talk on Nelson's Wife, Fanny by Christine Mason

Doors open at The Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road at 10am for refreshment

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham W.I.



A Mad Hatters Tea Party for our WI - what could be better? Well, the weather – awful, electricity – non-existent, but we weren't fazed. From the doom and gloom rose a most amazingly decorated room with fab funny flower arrangements and Alice in Wonderland table and room decorations. The food was wonderful and included the requisite cup-cakes and jam tarts amongst other delicious treats. A drink of bubbly, non-alcoholic sadly, greeted each member and our ten visitors from local WIs on arrival and tea appeared later, care of husbands and thermoses. Our thanks to them because you can't have a tea party without our national drink can you! The electricity came back on at 3.50 and everyone cheered...

Debs Marrison-Wood show-cased her millinery business, 'Marrison Millinery', by making and providing hats for all in different styles, sizes and colours using different techniques, which she gently explained to us uninitiated. Her enthusiasm and skills in millinery had been rewarded with several prestigious awards. The hats / fascinators were beautiful and whether on an alic band or wire supports were so comfortable to wear. Debs was great fun and added to the hilarity as members showed off their chosen headwear. Everyone had a lovely afternoon so grateful thanks was extended to the cake makers and the catering and decorating teams for their hard work. Our next meeting on July 13th will be an open coffee morning showcasing our WI. There will be stalls selling cakes, produce and plants. As there is no fete this year we will give a donation to Ebblefest. Contact Hatty Hillier 01722 324788 for more information.

Photo Competition



Thank you to Katie Gardener of Nunton Drove for her lovely photograph of summertime in Nunton Fields, taken by from the trailer ride on Open Farm Sunday, and to Christine Hayward who says she was privileged to catch a barn owl in Bodenham with her phone camera and wanted to share it with us.

Please keep your photos coming in!





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Focus on Food- a letter from West Wales

Not so much a letter from West Wales, more a missive from Northeast Spain and Southern France. I mentioned last month that Bee and I were travelling down to Barcelona and back in our newly purchased, very old Vauxhall Movano bus. Well, at time of writing, we're still travelling. I haven't driven across France for over thirty years, so it was exciting to be back. The first thing we noticed is that it's completely empty. We plugged a route into Google maps, avoiding tolls, which took us through beautiful countryside once we had emerged from Cherbourg. It's still June & the peninsular is as burgeoning and bountiful as the Cameroon jungle, just devoid of people. It's like a sci fi movie, driving through deserted little roadside villages as if everyone had been beamed up to a distant planet, no movement, breath or life.



Four days later we arrived at the south-east coast, ready to traverse the Eastern Pyrenees between Banyuls-sur-Mer and Cadaques, a death-defying route winding this way and that through hairpins and narrow bridges spanning huge ravines, sometimes close to the cliff face, sometimes precariously flapping against the low wall that divides tarmac from thin air and a thousand meter drop. All relatively terrifying until we crossed the French/Spanish border when the road narrowed by a full meter, and the comforting outer wall was replaced by a series of metal poles and a horizontal bit of wire. Standards had clearly dropped, we just hoped we wouldn't follow suit as a white Luton van careered towards us, clearly having misjudged the bend and heading for God's own country and an early grave. He barely grazed us and we swore we would laugh about the incident in later life, if that was even an option given the route ahead

Every kilometre of the trip was a joy, travelling slowly through each region of these two lovely countries, with each bend offering a vista, each hilltop a panorama of verdant splendour and then of course there's the food. There's the Super Marchés on the roadsides of France and the Supermercados, supplying Spain.

Having lived in Wales for the last 15 months I've been weaning myself off supermarkets, but the joy of European versions is that they team up properly with local, regional artisans and proudly sell their goods on their shelves in a way which suggests true partnerships. The other joy is that they are fully air-conditioned, so the pleasure of spending a fat, recreational hour or so out of the 35-degree heat is ravishing, yet a temperature which clearly shrinks into insignificance given the alarmingly record-breaking highs in the UK.

We're in duck country at the moment, around Toulouse, surrounded by the unmentionable pate de foie gras. I love it, Bee hates its whole principle, as do most people, so I haven't even had a sniff and have survived on Magret de canard confit (slow-cooked duck breast) with giant couscous and a rich jus, or pan-fried duck breast cooked rare with butter, garlic and rosemary - delicious over sauteed leeks with bacon, garlic, white wine and a side of thinly sliced, sauteed red pepper. Or a cold cut of smoked duck breast with those massive delicious, unctuous heritage tomatoes swimming in olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice and Dijon mustard.

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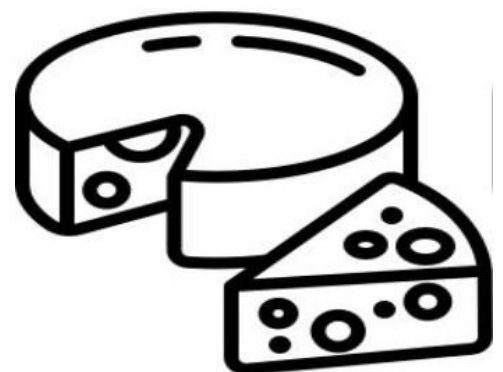
And tonight, a proper cassoulet from a tin, I'll say it again, from a tin, you can even get it from a jar. Needs must when on the road with only a little saucepan, a sauté pan and a gas burner - it's delicious. And at 19 euros a tin, heady prices but a supreme quality product.

Every new day, every new region, every new delicacy. You have to get into a decent sized town to find proper artisanal food growers and suppliers, but the quality of fresh fish counters in the supermarkets here is outstanding - live crab and lobsters scuttling around in large, aerated water tanks.

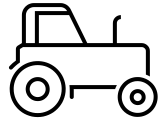
And the wine, OMG, obviously we're in wine producing country and I hear that down here in Bordeaux, they are pulling up the vines as they can't give the stuff away these days. So I tried a Bergerac, a light red, served very chilled, delicious with a little foraged, French blue cheese, a slice of baguette, un petit beurre, concombre, salad verte, oops I'm slipping into la langue. Probably too much of the chilled red. Was it any good for the price? Yes, it was delicious, and the price was 2 euro, just £1.70 a bottle - 28p a glass if anyone has a calculator.

Obviously, I'm looking forward to coming home and getting back to my farm gate vegetables and meat in Pembrokeshire. I'm not looking forward to the scarcity of fresh fish in Fishguard but happily will be dropping in on my old supplier, Premier fish, Salisbury to pick up the Gurnard, Mullet, Snapper and Monkfish for a Bouillabaisse I'm cooking next week. As for wines in the shops at home, scouring the lower shelves disappointingly reveals soulless mass-produced generic liquids, none of which taste of actual wine, but low spirit & a watered-down sugary grape compote, and an ennui that lacks any joy, all at about £6-£7 a bottle. These days £15 is probably the entry point for a decent, drinkable bottle of wine in the UK. If you took the equivalent €17.5 priced bottle of wine to dinner at a friend's house in Europe, you'd be invited back for life!

Martin Simcock



On the Farm: Mud, Milestones, and Milking Robots



Well, what a spring we have had! As the days stretch out and summer rolls in, we are finally pausing to wipe the dust off our boots and look back on what can only be described as a beautifully manic spring. Spring is the ultimate seasonal gear-shift for us—moving from the cozy, structured winter routine indoors to the fast-paced and fast growing time of a new grazing year. This is a little summary of the past few months and some of the highlights!

Following last year's drought summer and a thoroughly soaking winter, the grass has barely stopped growing over the winter.



Thanks to this, and our free draining chalk land, we managed to turn the herd out to pasture on the 5th of February! It's a truly joyful sight watching 400 cows kicking, bucking and sprinting around a field at turnout after 3-4 months in sheds over the winter months!

The weather stayed on our side into April and May, giving us a window of glorious sunshine during the spring grazing period and leading up to our first-cut silage. This meant that the grass

was packed with sugars when we cut it, ensuring that the girls will be eating high quality grass silage over the winter months.

Meanwhile, our calving team has had a frenetic spring calving season, with 290 bouncy new calves being born over a 6 week period! While the calving shed was buzzing, we also introduced a brand-new bit of kit to the milking parlour; a specialized robot whose entire job description is cleaning the cows' teats before milking. It's high-tech, incredibly hygienic, keeps the cows relaxed, and has officially saved our team hours of manual prep work. We haven't given the robot a name yet, so suggestions are very welcome!

At the Radnor arms, Wilton and old Sarum, our vending machines have some exciting new additions! We are keen to offer a great tasting selection of local and our very own seasonal spring honey right alongside your milk bottles.



We've also teamed up with some brilliant local faces, adding crunchy granola from Nourishing Nibbles and delicious seasonal Jams from Jamatilier.

Even better, we've started supplying a few more local businesses with milk, and looking for more customers! So, next time you order a flat white in and around Salisbury, there's a very good chance you're drinking a little bit of our Wiltshire pastures.

Easily the crowning moment of the season, though, was Open Farm Sunday. We expected a crowd, but we were absolutely blown away when 1,400 of you flooded onto the farm from Salisbury and the surrounding villages. Showing off what we do—and watching kids realize that milk doesn't just magically appear on a supermarket shelf—is an incredibly rewarding part of the job.

Because you lot are incredibly generous, we managed to raise a massive £7,000 for charity on the day. Every penny is being split between two fantastic causes: Horatio's Garden, who build stunning, therapeutic spaces at NHS spinal centers, and The Farming Community Network, the absolute lifeline for farming families across the UK.

Now, the focus shifts to summer management and keeping the herd cool and comfortable. If you see us out and about blocking a lane in a tractor, thank you in advance for your patience—and do give us a wave!

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Odstock and Nunton

Greetings from your churchwardens! It is such a lovely time of year, the churchyards are full of wildflowers and the churches are pleasantly cool in the hotter weather. We've had a good spring clean at both churches but the spiders still seem to like the nooks and crannies in our old buildings!

Do look out for our Duck Race, that will be held on 18 July from Odstock Bridge to Jubilee Gardens. We will be fundraising for Morning Star and ducks can be sponsored through Caroline Cooper and at the Radnor Arms on the evening of 17 July.

Our services continue to follow their regular pattern which includes our Family Communion at 11am on the second Sunday of the month at St Andrew's and we will be enjoying CreativiTea on the third Thursday of the month (16 July). We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

Stephanie Elcock and Mary Boyd camps

Charlton All Saints

7 June was World Swift Day. It was also the day that we held our *Swift Talk and Nature Count*. Swift enthusiast Richard Reed came to give us more information on this enigmatic bird, and to encourage us to do what we can to save our swifts before it is too late. After the talk, about 10 children and 30 adults made their way outside to count all the wildlife they could find. This information will be passed on the National Biodiversity Network Atlas. There were hot drinks, cakes, scones, jam & cream to reward our counters afterwards.

Saturday 11 July is our annual *Village BBQ*, this year with an *Auction of Promises*. The bar will be open from 5pm, food ready at 6pm and the Auction starts at 7.30pm. For a bit of extra fun, we're having a Guess the Location of the Photograph competition. Tickets are £12 for adults 15+, children 5-14 are £6 and under 5s are free, available from NewsandNotes.net/event-list and Chris on 01725 510891. Do come and join us. We have meat and veggie options and lots of fresh salads. Any profit will go towards mending the hole in the roof of the Church. *Clare Penny*

Britford

On 25 July we welcome back Ben and Cathy Lamb from Lichfield to give an organ recital, to include an eclectic variety of music ideal for a summer's evening. A really wonderful opportunity to hear these accomplished music professionals. Tickets from newsandnotes.net or on the door.

On Sunday 2 August we will be celebrating Lammas in our 9.30 service. This is the first of the traditional harvest celebrations when the first ripened grain is offered to God. It also marks the halfway point between the summer and autumn equinox. Do come along as we rejoice in our historic and beautiful countryside.

Pets and their owners are all welcome on Sunday 6 Sept at 10am when we will be celebrating our faithful animal friends and giving thanks for and to them! Chaos likely and fun ensured. As ever, thanks to all who make these events possible.

Rev'd Maggie Metcalfe



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For Britford, Charlton All Saints,
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July and August 2026



BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

05 July – 5 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
12 July – 6 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoddy Voremberg
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
19 July – 7 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
26 July – 8 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
02 August – 9 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
9 August – 10 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoddy Voremberg
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
16 August – 11 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
23 August – 12 th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
30 August – 13 th Sunday after Trinity			
10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley

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05 July - 5th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S, Maggie M
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
12 July - 6th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhoddy Voremberg
10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Janet Roe
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
19 July - 7th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Vernon White
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
3.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)	Stratford Tony	Maggie Metcalfe
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Lay Led
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
26 July - 8th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth H-S
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Ruth H-S
02 August - 9th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth H-S
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Sunday 2nd August - 9th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Maggie Metcalfe
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
Sunday 9th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Rhody Voremberg
10.30am	Worship Together	Broad Chalke Hub	Janet Roe
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
Sunday 16th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Alison Waterhouse
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	Berwick St John	Alison Waterhouse
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
4.00pm	Sunday Praise	Coombe Bissett	Don & Ruth Morgan
Sunday 23rd August - 12th Sunday after Trinity			
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth Howlett-Shipley
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Alison Waterhouse
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Homington	Alison Waterhouse
Sunday 30th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity			
10.00am	Benefice Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ruth Howlett-Shipley

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Bees, beekeepers, and honey



There are 24 species of bumble bees in the UK, and over 240 species of solitary bees, but only one species of honey bee: *Apis mellifera*, the western honey bee. The nests of bumble bees and solitary bees die out at the end of the season, and the new queens find somewhere to hibernate through the winter, in order to start new nests in the spring. In contrast, honey bees form large, permanent nests. The way honey bee colonies establish new nests is by swarming; the old queen leaves the nest in a swarm containing around half the bees in the colony, and the remaining bees stay in the old nest until the new queen (or queens) emerge. A honey bee colony can swarm several times in succession, first with the old queen, and then with each of the new queens as they emerge, until there are not enough bees left to form another swarm.

Every time a swarm leaves, the individual bees fill their stomachs with honey before setting off. This is why the main aim of most beekeepers is to prevent their bees from swarming: if as a beekeeper you lose a swarm, not only do you lose at least half the bees in the hive (leaving you with a much depleted colony) you also lose the crop of honey you were hoping to take as the reward for all your hard work. Every week from around the beginning of April, beekeepers anxiously inspect their colonies for signs that the bees are preparing to swarm, ready to leap into action as soon as they spot the special 'queen cells' which contain potential new queens.

If, by a combination of luck and experience, you manage to discourage your bees from swarming, and if the weather has been good for flowers and foraging, there may be surplus stored honey in your hives by the end of May. The honey which comes from spring flowers tends to crystallise (set) very quickly. If as a beekeeper you don't get around to extracting it soon after the end of May, it is likely to solidify in the comb, making it impossible to get out without melting down the comb. Assuming

that you have succeeded in taking off your honey while it is still in a liquid state, you now need to extract it. When honey bees convert flower nectar into honey they evaporate most of the water content. Honey which contains more than 18.5% water is at risk of fermentation, so once the bees have reduced the water content below this level, they seal each full cell with a cap of wax, to keep moisture out. If your honey combs are all sealed, you can be confident that your honey is ready to extract. First you need to slice the wax cappings off both sides of each comb, and spin the honey out in a specially designed centrifuge with a tap at the bottom. You then open the tap and run the honey out through a strainer (to remove the little bits of wax), into a bottling tank.

All honey will crystallise into set honey eventually, but warming the honey after bottling, to dissolve the fine crystals which are present in the honey, keeps it liquid for a lot longer. Otherwise the bottled honey will quickly set rock-solid and you will need a chisel to get it onto your toast. Unless of course, you eat it all before it has time to set....

Sally Nelson



BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

July 2026

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Village Hall Café opens every other **Thursday** and is a great place to relax and catch up with others in the community.

Upcoming dates are the **2nd, 16th and 30th of July** and the **13th and 27th of August**. Opening hours are from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**.

Refreshments are currently offered free of charge, with donations welcome.

As ever, the bookshelves offer a wide range of titles available for a modest donation. Perfect for stocking up on holiday reading!**MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

Friday 24th July.

The last film of the season on **Friday July 24th**, will be ‘**Hamnet**’.

“William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes, celebrate the birth of their son, Hamnet. However, when tragedy strikes and Hamnet dies at a young age, Shakespeare is inspired to write his timeless masterpiece, Hamlet. This highly acclaimed film stars Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal, Jacobi Jupe, and Emily Watson, and will provide a spectacular finale to the Bishopstone Moviola season.”

The film will begin at **7.30pm**, and entry to the film is **£7.00**. A cash bar with ices and

snacks will be available.

As is customary for the last event of the season, there will be an **optional summer buffet** starting at **6.00pm** for an additional **£7.00**. **Please book in advance** with Caroline Ash on (01722) 781044 or Sue Taylor on 01722 780316, stating any dietary requirements if taking the supper.

A trailer for the film can be seen in the Events section of the village website at www.bishopstone-salisbury.co.uk.

‘SAVE THE DATES’

Saturday 24th October. Quiz evening.

Saturday 21st November. ‘The Sunset Café Stompers’.

Further details of both events will be in the October edition of Village Hall News.

BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A home-cooked lunch is served monthly from October until April.

Lunches will resume in the autumn.

BOOKINGS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Both halls are available for hire. To enquire or make a booking, please contact the bookings secretary, Margaret Barter (01722) 780471

BISHOPSTONE PLAYGROUP

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term time from 9.30 – 11.00 am.

Breastfeeding support is available from qualified breastfeeding counsellor

Cally Edwards and trained peer supporters. Find further information on our

Facebook page, *Bishopstone Playgroup* or contact

Cally callyedwards@me.com or 07968 797 168.

“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES

For further information about these exercise classes, contact Jenny on 01722

780863, email: jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk

PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE

For further information, contact Claudine on 07788 587937 or email:

claudineblake@aol.com

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FUTURE TX - a new PG film not yet released in the UK!

Future TX is a fun and fast-paced sci-fi thriller for all the family.

Two kids, Dylan and Molly, get their first mobile phones when they both receive a call from someone who claims to be from the future. He needs their help if the world is going to survive. Dylan and Molly agree to get involved. Their mission is to find a botnet that has initiated nearby in their area. They must disable the botnet in the present before it becomes too powerful and destroys the future. Our brave heroes follow various clues (and dodge the bad guys) to try to find the elusive botnet. But can they save the day and the world?

The Film is being shown during the summer holidays in Downton Memorial Hall:

Monday 24th August, 2.30pm

Saturday 29th August, 10am

Tickets £5, available at the Borough Cafe from 1 August (cash only), by texting 07760 415818 to pay by BACS or on the door.

Refreshments available. ***No unaccompanied children please.***

All profits will go to refurbishing the Memorial Hall kitchen.

City Council invites expressions of interest for future use of Devizes Road Chapel

Salisbury City Council is inviting expressions of interest from organisations and community groups regarding the future use of the chapel within the grounds of Devizes Road Cemetery. The chapel has stood vacant for some time, and the Council is seeking to understand whether there is local interest in establishing a sustainable and beneficial future for the building.

At present, the chapel is a consecrated space, however, should a suitable and viable proposal be received, the Council would be open to exploring whether de-consecration may be possible to enable alternative uses.

Organisations and community groups are encouraged to submit details of their group along with an outline of their proposed use for the building. The Council is particularly interested in proposals that demonstrate community benefit, sustainability, and sensitivity to the building's character.



Expressions of interest should be submitted by 31 August 2026 by email to facilities@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk.

Following the consultation period, all submissions will be reviewed as part of the Council's decision-making process, with further updates to be provided in due course. Cllr Sam Foster, Chair of the Commercial Services Committee, said, "Ensuring the chapel continues to be part of and benefit the community is important. Therefore, we welcome all ideas for the chapel's future that can demonstrate those long-term benefits for both the building and the wider community. If you have a proposal, please get in touch."

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Drop-in to the Climate and Environment Summer Showcase on 7 July

Residents across Wiltshire are invited to attend the Climate and Environment Summer Showcase, hosted by Wiltshire Council in partnership with a range of local organisations.



Date: 7 July

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Location: Atrium (next to the library), County Hall, Trowbridge

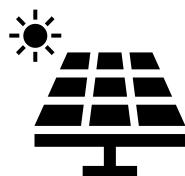
Free event – no booking required

This drop-in event offers an opportunity to explore a variety of exhibitions and interactive stands, meet experts, and connect with community groups that are helping to drive positive environmental change across the county.

The showcase aims to inspire and empower visitors by providing practical information on how to reduce carbon footprints, improve energy efficiency, and make more sustainable choices at home, at work, and in the community.

- Learn about installing solar panels and battery storage
- Discover grants and schemes to support energy efficiency
- Speak directly with experts
- Find out how to get involved in local initiatives

A wide range of organisations and project representatives will be present, including Let's Go Zero, West Mercia Energy, Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy, Switch Together, Wiltshire Warm Homes: Local Grant, Wiltshire Climate Alliance and Wiltshire Council teams working on climate and ecological issues.



Wyatt home building proposals at Harnham

- Harnham Housing Steering Group reminds residents **Wyatt Homes feedback form closes Wednesday, July 8th, at 12 noon** regarding proposals (traffic, infrastructure, countryside/pathway loss).
- HHSG will launch independent Community Survey later this week on planning issues and Masterplan refinement.
- Reminder to sign/share community petition: <https://c.org/rRFqp2yyWd>.

If you object to the proposals, or have concerns about traffic, infrastructure, the loss of countryside or the proposed **loss of the long-established community pathway** behind Thompson Close and Andrews Way, please make sure Wyatt Homes hear your views before the consultation closes.

The feedback form is quite long, but you don't need to complete every question. If you're short of time, **complete the final section** of the feedback form shown below.

<https://wyatthomessouthharnham.co.uk/feedback/>

Thanks to our reader who took the trouble to email with a reply to the article on dog mess on Nunton Field, pointing out that whilst there are undoubtedly inconsiderate dog owners who do not pick up their dog mess, some if it could be fox mess and other mess not created by dogs. So the odd inconsiderate dog owner should not be blamed for the whole problem.

Salisbury City Council brings the seaside to Salisbury this summer

Soak up the seaside vibes this summer as Fayre on the Square returns to the heart of Salisbury! Running from Friday 17 July to Sunday 6 September, the popular annual event will transform the Guildhall Square into a seaside-inspired hub of activity, providing family-friendly entertainment, games, food and drink, and live music.

This year's event features more activities than ever before, giving visitors plenty of ways to get involved. Play a range of classic games, including boules, skittles, mini golf, table tennis, table football, chess and swingball, with each activity costing just £3.50.

Visitors can also save with an Activity Card, offering 10 activities for the price of 9! Activity Cards are available to purchase now from [Salisbury Information Centre](#).

For those looking for free entertainment, Connect 4, giant Jenga, and sandpits, can all be enjoyed at no cost throughout the 7-week event.

With options to suit all ages and budgets, and no advance booking required, simply turn up and make the most of what Fayre on the Square has to offer.

Alongside the activities, guests will be able relax with a refreshing drink at the bar, operated by Columbia Events, enjoy a variety of delicious street food from Charter 1227 Catering, and indulge in sweet treats from Symonds Event Catering – no seaside experience would be complete without an ice cream. There will even be the opportunity to pick up a stick of traditional rock!

For the latest information and updates, visit the [Salisbury City Council website](#).

Bringing a taste of the seaside to the city, Fayre on the Square offers a summer packed full of fun, food and entertainment for the whole community.

STARS APPEAL

Boys' Treasured Toys road run returns for ninth year in support of the Stars Appeal

A charity road run featuring an array of classic and modern cars is expected to raise over £15,000 for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity. The Boys' Treasured Toys took place on Tuesday, June 23, and was attended by around 250 people in 100 cars. This is the ninth year the annual fundraising event has been held and brings the total raised to date to over £70,000.

Drivers turned out in a range of vehicles, including Humbers, Alfa Romeos, Bentleys, Morgans, Jeeps and vintage Land Rovers. Stars Appeal President, the Earl of Pembroke, welcomed the event's participants to Wilton House before setting off on a 100-mile route. Drivers of older cars had the opportunity to take a more sedate route. Patient Ambassador Louise Bennett, whose baby received care on the Neonatal Unit, spoke about how Stars Appeal-funded projects, including the parents' accommodation, supported her and her son and inspired her own personal fundraising efforts.

During the road run, participants enjoyed a picnic with the panoramic views at Martha's Down before heading to Breamore House for afternoon tea and a visit to the Countryside Museum. Drivers and passengers made donations to take part in the event, which was organised by Louise Hall, Matthew Pickford and Nick Combes. Lead organiser and Stars Appeal Fundraising Committee member Louise Hall said: "We were delighted to see such a strong turnout this year, with even more participants joining us. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event, including our wonderful hosts, for making the day so special. We are

delighted to continue helping patients and their families at Salisbury Hospital when they need it most.”

Cancer Consultant and Stars Appeal Ambassador Dr Tracey Parker, who also spoke at the event, added: “Every single day, my colleagues and I see the difference that Stars Appeal-funded projects make to the care we are able to provide to patients and their families. We are incredibly grateful to the organisers and to everyone who has supported this event so generously; their kindness will help us achieve extraordinary things at our hospital.”

Money raised by the event helps fund Stars Appeal projects across Salisbury Hospital including state-of-the-art equipment, enhancements to buildings, and the charity’s ongoing work, such as Stars Appeal Wi-Fi and support for people with cancer.

Three-year-old’s fundraising challenge for Stars Appeal after dad diagnosed with cancer

A three-year-old boy, whose dad is being treated for cancer, has set himself a challenge to walk 3km to support Salisbury District Hospital’s Stars Appeal. Kip Martin, his parents Simon and Rosie, and his 16-month-old sister Pandora (Panda), will join over 1,800 walkers already registered to take part in Walk for Wards on Sunday, July 5 at Wilton House. The sponsored walk is the Stars Appeal’s flagship fundraising event.

This will be the first time the family, who live in Baughurst, Hampshire, have taken part in Walk for Wards. Simon, 40, said: “Kip’s been absolutely amazing while I’ve been undergoing my treatment. He is really excited about doing Walk for Wards and wants to help people in hospital.”

Kip adds: “I wanted to run a marathon to raise some money for the hospital but it’s too long for my little legs. So I am walking 3km.”

Simon was diagnosed with bowel cancer in March and has been undergoing treatment at Salisbury Hospital.

“It was awful when I was diagnosed with bowel cancer. I had cancer when I was 22, Hodgkin lymphoma so since then, any mention of cancer has made me really anxious. I had been getting sicker and sicker, lost about four stone in weight, and was constantly getting infections so it was a relief when I got my diagnosis,” admits Simon.

During his treatment, Simon has been helped by projects funded by donations to the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital’s Charity, including the hospital’s chaplains and Stars Appeal Wi-Fi.

He said: “I can’t emphasise enough how impactful the conversation with the chaplain was in helping me get to grips with what I was facing. My wife was with me and we were in tears, the worst thing had happened, but the chaplain’s visit was transformative. From that moment, we have been really positive about what’s been happening.

“Having the aromatherapy massages from the Stars Appeal aromatherapist takes the sting out of having my immunotherapy treatment. It makes a horrible experience much more bearable. It’s also those human conversations that help take your mind off what you’re going through.”

“I wouldn’t have coped without the Stars Appeal Wi-Fi during my three weeks in hospital. I watched a lot of TV and films. I didn’t get mobile phone reception, so it meant I could have video calls with Kip, Panda, and my wife. Being able to stay in touch was huge for us as a family, and it made me feel less alone when I was in hospital,” continued Simon, who grew up in the Salisbury area.

“I’m just in awe of Salisbury Hospital and the Stars Appeal. What makes the hospital so special is all the extras that the Stars Appeal offers, which make a massive difference to people like me. Thank you to everyone who supports the Stars Appeal.”

To support Kip’s fundraising

visit <https://salisburydistricthospitalstarsappeal.enthuse.com/pf/simon-m>

Join Kip and his family at Walk for Wards by registering for free on the Stars Appeal website, www.starsappeal.org

Trekkers raise nearly £92,000 for the Stars Appeal in support of Salisbury Hospital



A group of 29 local people who completed a trek in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas are celebrating after raising £91,973 for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital’s Charity.

The trekkers journeyed from McLeod Ganj, home of the Dalai Lama, and over five days wound up and down steep mountain trails, reaching altitudes of 3,000m.

A special celebration evening was held on Tuesday, June 2, at the White Hart Hotel in Salisbury to announce the total raised by the trekkers.

First-time trekker, Adrian Abbott, from Salisbury, who was cared for at the hospital after a cardiac arrest in 2023, said: “I’m really proud to have played a part in raising this fantastic total, and I feel very fortunate to have met such an inspiring group of people. The trek was tough, and definitely not a holiday, but reaching the camp together as a team and seeing those incredible mountain views was really special.

“The Stars Appeal is incredibly important to me and projects funded by the charity supported me after my cardiac arrest. We are so lucky to have the hospital and the support the Stars Appeal provides - you can’t walk through the hospital without seeing the difference the charity is making.”

Colin Ford, from Salisbury, who has been treated for three separate cancers and completed three Stars Appeal treks, added: “The trek was challenging but the camaraderie and support of everyone was incredible. It’s been 10 years since my last cancer, and taking on this trek is my way of thanking all the staff at the hospital for the life-saving care I have received. I wouldn’t be here without them.

“I have benefitted from so many facilities funded by the Stars Appeal during my treatment, from CT and MRI scanners to the free Wi-Fi and tea and coffee trolleys on the wards. The charity has made the care I’ve received even better and this money raised will help people like me, now and in years to come.”



During the celebration, Stars Appeal Fundraising Committee member Louise Hall gave the committee's thanks to the trekkers. Staff from the hospital, who volunteer as Stars Appeal Clinical Ambassadors, spoke of the difference funds raised for the charity make to patients.

Louise Hall said: "A huge thank you to all our trekkers for their incredible commitment and determination, and to everyone who has so generously supported their fundraising. Their dedication is truly inspiring, and our hospital wouldn't be able to offer everything it does for patients, their families and the incredible staff, without supporters like them. Their efforts make a difference to many people every day."

The Stars Appeal also revealed its next trek destination. In February 2028, supporters can set out on an 100km adventure across the Sahara Desert. To find out more, and sign up for the launch event this October, visit www.starsappeal.org/event/stars-appeal-trek-2028/

Police and Crime Commissioner News

The **Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Action Fund** supports voluntary groups to deliver activities in line with priorities 2, 3 and 4 of the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029.

Opening: Monday 22nd June 2026

Closing: Monday 17th August 2026

Decisions: late-September/early-October

Grants are up to £5,000 for one year and can be used to fund activities which will address the following **priorities**:

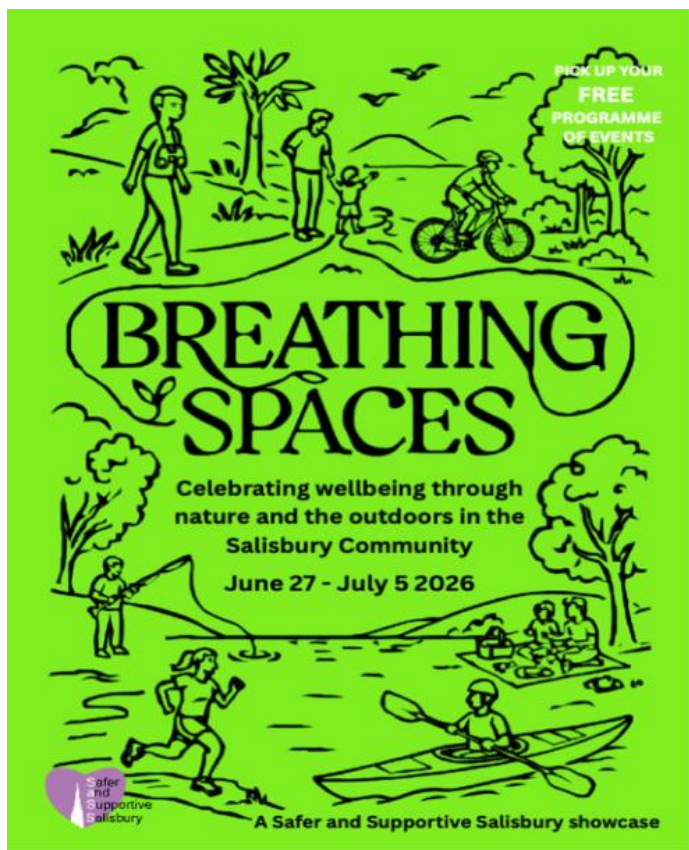
1. Reduce violence and serious harm (e.g. reducing gang/knife crime, reducing vulnerability of victims)
2. Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities (e.g. increasing residents' feelings of safety, reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing rural crime)
3. Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice (e.g. victim support, reducing the risk of reoffending)

Link to detailed criteria and to access the application form: [Police and Crime Commissioners Community Action Fund](#)

Please note: This programme is regularly oversubscribed. Strong applications will demonstrate a highly targeted approach and impact e.g. supporting known victims or offenders or working with individuals or groups identified at high risk of exploitation, involvement in criminal activity or becoming victims of crime.

If you would like to discuss your project before starting an application, please contact the Grants Team via applications@wscf.org.uk or **(01380) 738985**.

Salisbury Breathing Spaces



Organisers are encouraging residents of all ages to explore Salisbury's parks, rivers, nature reserves and community spaces as part of a unique ten-day celebration of wellbeing, nature and community connection.

Running from **Saturday 27 June to Sunday 5 July**, Breathing Spaces brings together more than 30 free and low-cost activities designed to help people enjoy the outdoors, improve their wellbeing and discover new opportunities to connect with others.

The opening day on Saturday 27th June featured events as diverse as wild swimming, dog walking as well as the much anticipated **Wild and Green Family Festival** at the **River Bourne**

Community Farm in Laverstock.

This **free** family event running from 10am to 2pm will feature river-themed activities, botanic art, birds of prey, volunteering opportunities, environmental organisations and hands-on activities for children and adults alike.

The festival is expected to be attended by representatives from across Wiltshire's voluntary, community and public sectors.

Over the following ten days, participants can enjoy guided nature walks, yoga in the park, wildlife talks, gardening and conservation activities, paddle sport taster sessions, fishing experiences, cycling events, wellbeing walks and opportunities to learn more about Salisbury's rich natural environment.

Breathing Spaces has been created by Safer and Supportive Salisbury (SaSS), a partnership dedicated to improving wellbeing, reducing isolation and strengthening community connections across the city.

Anne Trevett BEM, Chair of Safer and Supportive Salisbury, said:

"Since announcing Breathing Spaces, we've been delighted by the positive response from local organisations and residents. This programme showcases the incredible green and blue spaces we have in and around Salisbury and the many friendly groups that help people enjoy them.

"We hope people will use Breathing Spaces as an opportunity to try something new, meet new people and discover just how beneficial spending time outdoors can be for both physical and mental wellbeing."

New footbridge for Queen Elizabeth Gardens

At its meeting on Tuesday 26 May, Salisbury City Council's Full Council approved the transfer of funding to replace a footbridge in Queen Elizabeth Gardens.

The report presented sought to approve the transfer of the remaining £39,830 from the Queen Elizabeth Gardens S106 funding into the Council's general reserves, to go towards the replacement of at least one of the footbridges in Queen Elizabeth Gardens. This transfer of funds will provide a revenue budget in the 2026/27 financial year.

Since the £45,550 of S106 funding designated for the maintenance of the footbridge was transferred to the Council, officers have incurred costs of £5,720 relating to structural surveys, drawings, and associated plans for the bridges.

The date the bridges were installed in the park is unknown but predates the 2010 park refurbishment. Replacing the footbridge maintains public access through the park and supports the longevity of the recreational open space, as well as discharging the Council's legally binding planning obligation.\

Cllr Sam Charleston, Leader of Salisbury City Council, said, "Starting this work now will help to ensure the future of Queen Elizabeth Gardens as a community hub for residents to enjoy."



NOT a picture of Queen Elizabeth Gardens but it fills the space and you get the idea of a footbridge....Ed

Message from Wiltshire council:

ARE YOU LOOKING AFTER SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD?

You may be able to get financial help and practical support

What is the Kinship Allowance Pilot?

Wiltshire is one of only seven local authorities trialling a new government-funded scheme offering financial support to people who step in to care for a child who cannot live with their birth parents.

You may be eligible if you are:

- Caring for a relative's child or a child you already know
- Providing a stable and safe home when parents cannot
- Involved with Wiltshire Council's children's services.

What support can I receive?

- Regular financial allowance to help with the cost of caring
- Practical support from our Family & Children's Services team
- Advice and guidance tailored to your situation
- Clear information about your rights and options.

(Eligibility is assessed on a case by case basis)



Find out more
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A photograph of a man and a woman embracing warmly. The man is on the left, wearing a white t-shirt, and the woman is on the right, with her arms around his neck. They are both smiling and looking at each other.

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Would you like some support communicating as a couple?

Do you need help to understand each other and be better listeners to make positive changes in your relationship?

If so, then come along and join our group of like minded couples.

Call us for more information or to ask for a space on: 0800 970 4669 or use the code opposite to sign up directly.

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The Spurgeons logo, featuring a stylized figure of a person with arms raised above the word "Spurgeons".

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The "All Together" logo, featuring a stylized 'A' made of two overlapping shapes.

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FREE course for parents and non-mobile babies from 6 weeks old

Baby Massage

Massage helps you and baby learn to communicate with each other.
Learn about baby's subtle cues and be responsive to them too.
Increases your confidence as a parent. Studies show it can reduce postnatal depression.
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