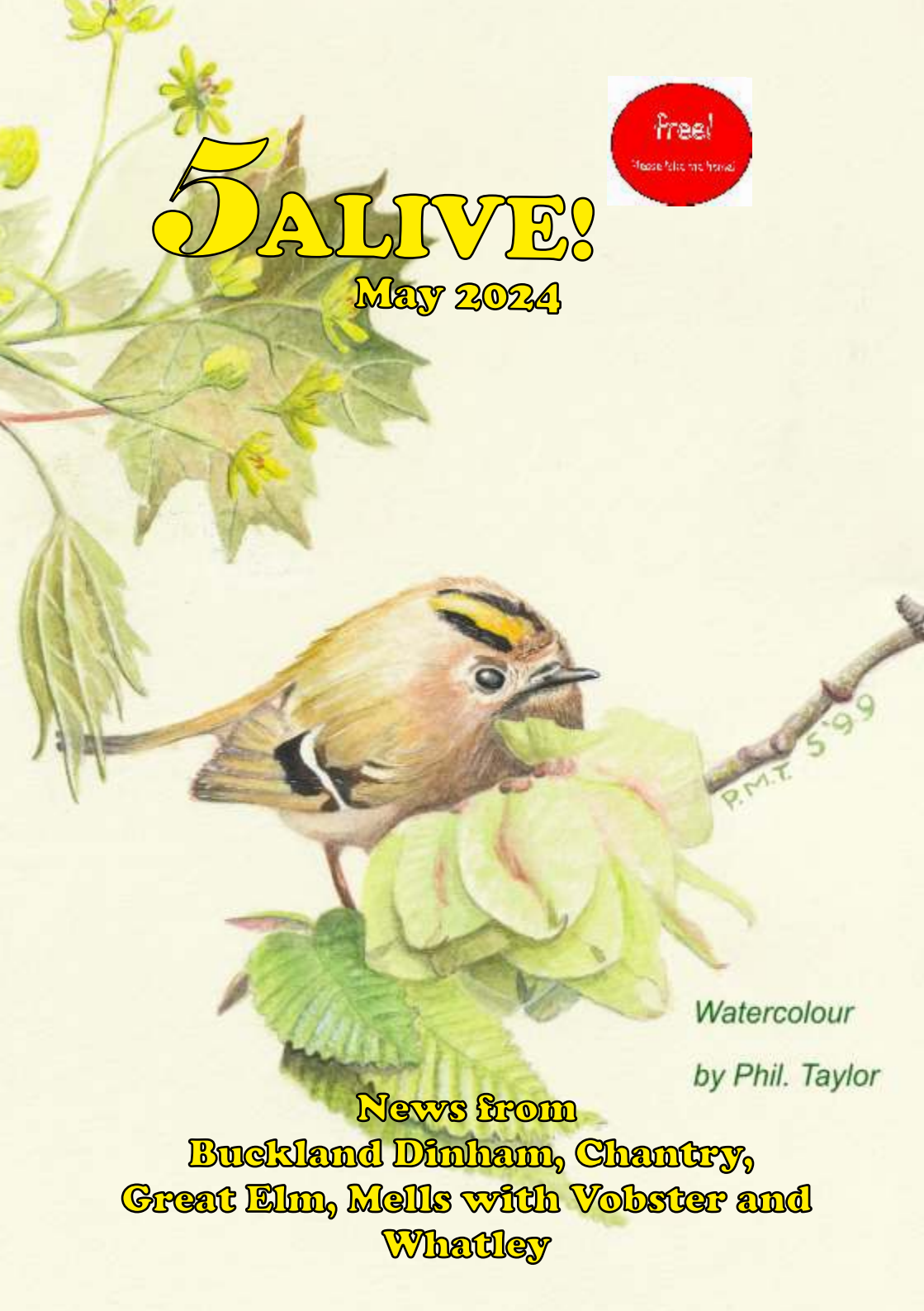


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FROM THE EDITOR

VERY MANY THANKS, first of all to Robin Isherwood for his contributions over the past several months. As you will see later that this issue is the last one in which his column will appear. I am, no we are, very grateful to him and we hope that it won't be long before the Mells benefice has a new incumbent. However, as Longfellow might have written, the mills of the Church of England grind slowly so maybe we will have a new rectory resident by Christmas – though not necessarily this Christmas.

Also, many thanks to Phil Taylor for the picture on the front cover of this issue. I knew he was an accomplished photographer when I asked him if he could let me have a photo to use but had no idea he was also a talented artist. Nice one, Phil! Many thanks!

Peter

FROM THE RECTORY, WELL ALMOST!

TWO PEOPLE, WALKING HOME to their village, are joined by a stranger. The crew of a fishing boat look toward the shore, where someone's lit a barbecue. A woman in a cemetery talks to a man she takes to be the gardener.

In the Bible's stories of the risen Jesus, his friends don't recognise him. At least to start with, he's someone they don't know. He's changed. And his friends only get to know him when they change too.

The 'miracle' here is that trick of time, familiar in countless households, of the children leaving as girls and boys and coming back as women and men. A couple of weeks ago my wife and I were in Corsham. A woeful cry scoured the High Street. No, not my anguish on finding the deli had sold out of pasties, but a peacock strutting and fretting his hour upon the stage of Corsham Court boundary wall. This gorgeous creature, shimmering emerald in the brief sun, some five kilos of dandified poultry, first

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presented to the world (perhaps as long as 50 years ago) as an off-white egg, dull as a pebble.

The world is full of change – as often from the grand to the grey as from the grey to the grand. The towering beech tree, host of an entire ecology: ashes in my grate; the delicate sculpted pinnacles on our exquisite church tower slowly crumbling to dust.

We can't really grasp Easter until we stop holding ourselves apart from what we call Nature, observing it, manipulating it. Easter dawns when we stop regarding Nature as something we record, something we use, and begin to understand that it's what we are.

We all change. That's what life is. Few of those of us who are into the old gittage of our seventh decade are recognisable from our childhood photographs. Our church, too, may one day be as unrecognisable as the stranger on a country road. For those who later broke bread with Jesus, that's not where the story ended, but where it began.

I'm signing off now. I promised two years to Mells during its interregnum – a time hopefully more of ministry than of meddling. It's been a privilege to work alongside the tiny Parochial Church Council whose dedication to the church is remarkable. I hope that between you, the inhabitants of the village will find more and more ways to keep St Andrew' open and alive. My thanks to Peter for the hospitality of these pages.

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JOTTINGS FROM A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD

WELL, SPRING IS “BUSTING OUR ALL OVER” as the old song goes (that dates me, doesn't it?) in spite of the dreary wet weather we are still having up to the time of writing in mid-April. With all the ground saturation and flooding and gales, not only in our area but everywhere, there can be few who doubt the effects of climate change and global warning. We shall just have to accept it and work round it as best we can – perhaps digging drainage ponds (good to attract wildlife) and collecting rainwater in barrels against the inevitable droughts which our hotter summers will bring. I read recently an article which encouraged us all to befriend our garden visitors – even those we regarded as pests (I don't mean any neighbours who borrow tools and forget to return them). We all know that wasps do as much pollinating as bees, that worm casts on the grass mean the lawn is being well aerated and that snails are wonderful thrush food but slugs! If I tell you a secret, please promise not to pass it on lest I be regarded as cruel and heartless. I HATE slugs!! Last month I mentioned that only my white and pink hyacinths had been slug eaten. The very next morning after writing that I discovered rows of stalks where my blue hyacinths had

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bloomed. This is hurtful, not only because the poor bulbs had put a whole year's effort into their beautiful annual display but also they were special to me because dear friends have for some years given me a bowl of blue hyacinths at Christmas and, later, planted out have become an increasing garden display each spring. And now, all at once, totally gobbled up. Just wait till next spring, I might just surprise my friends the slugs!!

I was complaining last month about the fewer varieties of small garden birds coming to my feeders. Meeting local friends after a group service recently several said they had noticed the same thing – scarcely any greenfinches or chaffinches, and thrushes we rare too. I haven't seen my regular woodpecker for a few weeks, but the nuthatch is so bold and fearless he practically demands that I replenish the nut feeder when it is low. He sits on the table beside it and stares at me till I go out and refill the hanging container. But otherwise I can only be sure of robin, blue tits and blackbirds coming regularly to feed. And usually each flies off in the direction of a particular area of tree or shrub where I am sure they are nesting – some already with hungry beaks to feed by now.

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	5 th May	9 th May	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May	2 nd June
		Ascension Day				
Chantry		10.00am Ascension Day Service Martin Weymont	11am: Holy Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am: Holy Communion	10.00am Group Service: Holy Communion
Great Elm	10.00am Group Service: Holy Communion Martin Weymont			9.30am Holy Communion Rosh Isherwood	9.30am Informal Service Richard King	
Mells			9.30am: Holy Communion Rosh Isherwood		9.30am Morning Prayer Janet Caulicwell	
Whatley			9.30am: Marna Hazel Toxey		9.30am Holy Communion David Carliffe	

**can check the schedule on the mens Group website,
www.mellsgroup.church/whatson.**

Hardington Vale Church Services – MAY 2024

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LEADER
Wednesday 1 May	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 2 May	6.00 pm	Norton St Phillip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 5 May	9.00 am	Norton St Phillip, Informal Breakfast	B Day
	10.30 am	Rode, Holy Communion	C Walker/M Harrison
	11.00 am	Laverton, Holy Communion	S K Veltt
	6.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Meeting Place	
Tuesday 7 May	9.45 am	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Holy Communion	
	5.00 pm	Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8 May	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 9 May	8.00 am	Norton St Phillip, Holy Communion	
Ascension Day	6.00 pm	Norton St Phillip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 12 May	9.00 am	Tellisford, Matins	
	9.00 am	Rode, Informal Breakfast	B Day
	10.30 am	Norton St Phillip, Holy Communion	C Walker/P Bennett
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins	
	11.00 am	Buckland Dinham, Iona Service	
Monday 13 May	9.00 am	Norton St Phillip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 14 May	5.00 pm	Tellisford, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 15 May	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 16 May	6.00 pm	Norton St Phillip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 19 May	9.00 am	Farleigh Hungerford, Morning Worship	C Walker
	10.30 am	Rode, Holy Communion	C Walker
	10.30 am	Norton St Phillip, Informal Worship	R Stewart/F Stewart
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins	
	11.00 am	Buckland Dinham, Holy Communion	D Gardiffe
Monday 20 May	9.00 am	Norton St Phillip, Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 21 May	5.00 pm	Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22 May	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 23 May	6.00 pm	Norton St Phillip, Silent Prayer	
Sunday 26 May	9.00 am	Tellisford, Holy Communion	J Perrett
	10.30 am	Rode, Informal Worship	B Day
	10.30 am	Norton St Phillip, Holy Communion	J Perrett
	11.00 am	Laverton, Matins	
	6.00 pm	Buckland Dinham, Evening Service	
Tuesday 28 May	5.00 pm	Laverton, Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 29 May	8.30 am	Hemington, Morning Prayer	
	5.00 pm	Rode Chapel, Ecumenical Informal Prayer	
Thursday 30 May	6.00 pm	Norton St Phillip, Silent Prayer	

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Recently scanning my bookshelves for something to re-read I came across a book by Monica Edwards who lived close to us in the wilds of the unspoilt Surrey hills in the 1950s. She wrote many children's adventure books, based on the exploits of her three children in the wild surroundings of their old farmhouse. She also wrote about their family life and problems restoring between them the almost derelict 16th century farmhouse. She describes the countryside as I remember it still when we left there in early 1970s – scything by hand their fields, all flower meadows “putting to the sword flower, grass and weed alike, moon daisies, small scabious, yellow hawk bit and rusty sorrel, all giving up their essential goodness to the haying.” And, later, “there are few things more enchanting on a fine spring evening than to sit under a mist of new leaves, listen to the sundown concert of the bird, in which the nightingales so exquisitely played solo.” And, later in the dark, “tawny owls in the dark ravine make their loud reiterated statement above the perpetual snoring of the nightjars.” I wonder if any of this is still found there today, in spite of the region being listed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. I believe these AONB areas are re-classified as something about countryside which probably means they have less ecological legal protection. Apologies! Not one mention of the churchyard. All is awakening there – the grass is covered with a carpet of golden celandine and white daises, sprinkled with patches of blue speedwell and violets and a drift of delicate windflower beneath the old conker tree. Oh! And a local fungi enthusiast found what he named as a St George's mushroom growing under the cedar tree which he cooked and ate (the mushroom not the cedar tree). See you in June. Rejoice in Ascension Day, May 9th. *Hazell*

MENDIP COUNTRY PRACTICE NEWS

Appointments – a note to our patients, please contact us if you are unable to attend your appointment at the surgery. Last month we had approx. 25 hours, which equates to two days' worth of GP, Nurse and HCA appointments that were not attended by patients who did not inform us. If you let us know we could offer the appointment time to someone else.

Help with Hearing Aids – The volunteer-run hearing aid repair clinic is available at Shepton Mallet Community Hospital. The free clinic is for patients of RUH's audiology services and can help with replacement tubing, cleaning as well as advice on how best to look after your aids. To pre book an appointment call 01749 342931.

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REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

There will be some changes in June to dates for refuse and recycling collections. As we went to press, we didn't have details but we understand everyone affected will be getting a letter from Somerset Council setting out the changes. Keep an eye open!

BUCKLAND DINHAM

CHURCH NEWS

The Easter Services on Sunday March 31st were well attended and enjoyed by the intrepid few who braved the cold for the Sun Rise Service and the rest of us who came to the 11.00 Service in St. Michael's.

The services in St. Michael's for May as listed in the rota.

The Communion Service on May 19th at 11.00 will be taken by Rev. David Gatliff, all welcome.

COFFEE MORNING The April coffee morning held was most successful, not only did we have a lovely crowd of villagers but a visiting team of bell ringers from Ireland entertained us, stayed to have coffee and cakes and were very appreciative of the warm welcome.

So if you have not yet come to one of our coffee mornings, the next one will be on May **18th, 10.00 – 12.00**.

Do come and join us, we range in ages from two to 92 so everyone is welcome. The charge is £5.00 for coffee or tea and a large slice from a great variety of homemade cakes.

VILLAGE NEWS The next meeting of the Buckland Ladies will be on Tuesday May 7th in the Village Hall from 7.15 p.m. No official speaker this month, just a lot of chatter, hopefully fun and laughter, so please join us to take this new venture forward.

PLANT AND CAKE SALE on Saturday May 11th in the Village Hall from 10.00 to 12.00. Please bring items for sale to the Hall on **FRIDAY 10th May 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.**

CRAFT DAY Saturday May 25th from 10.00 to 2.00 in the Village Hall. This will be the last one until September so please come with your own craft and lunch or just pop in for a chat and coffee or tea. All welcome.



CHANTRY

CHURCH NEWS

The Good Friday Service of Stations of the Cross was devised and led by Martin Weymont. At each station a prayer was read and a hymn sung during a very solemn and thought provoking service. Many thanks to Martin and all those who joined us.

The Easter Sunday service led by David Clarke was completely the opposite and was a very joyful occasion with hymns and readings celebrating Christ rising from the dead. The church looked beautiful with lots of flower arrangements and the decorated Easter cross. Many thanks to all those who worked hard to make the church look so good.

The AGM of Chantry Church was held on Thursday April 18th, the officers voted in were as follows:

Churchwardens - Mr D Rawlins and Mrs H Tovey, Secretary Mrs V Rawlins, Treasurer Mr D Rawlins with the PCC elected en bloc.

Hopefully we will be able to have the heating and electrical work completed this year. Thanks were recorded to Andrew and Jan Branston

and their band of helpers for all their help and work for the church and village.

Maintenance

Date	Cleaning	Flowers
04-05-24	Dolly & Val	Laureen
11-05-24	Sue	Val
18-05-24	Sonia	Val
25-05-24	Sue	Hazel

Friends of Chantry has been formed as a community association with the aim to protect the grade-1 listed Holy Trinity Church to secure the funding to make necessary repairs and adaptations, for it to become a community space for the village as well as a church. A village meeting was held in the church on March 26th, a good turnout saw the village support the plans and a discussion ensued on how we could use Holy Trinity as a community space. The first priority is to address the heating, lighting and leaking roof and make the building comfortable and attractive

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for use. The first activity planned is an introduction to the late famous resident and author Anthony Powell and his series of books - Dance to the Music of Time.

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Entry free, donations gratefully received.

The friends of Chantry recently held a sweepstake on the results of the Six Nations Rugby with Alan Butler a friend of one of the villagers.

The Whatley/Chantry book club was founded twenty-three years ago by Sam Clarke. It continues to flourish amongst us, which would have delighted the wonderful Sam, whose obituary can be seen in the Whatley section of this magazine.

GREAT ELM

GREAT ELM CHURCH NEWS

Following the Easter Sunday service there was a great turn out for the Egg Rolling down the hill on Elm Lane and for the eggs rolled and broken



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there was a happy swap for chocolate ones kindly donated by Sarah Bradshaw.

On April 9th part of the church wall collapsed because of the high winds which will need completely rebuilding.

On May 5th St Mary Magdalene will be hosting the Benefice group service at 10.00am, and on May 13th, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall will be the Annual Parish Church Council Meeting which is open to all. Anyone who would like to join the PCC would be most welcome.

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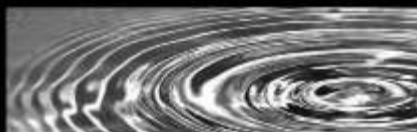
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Elm Church yard clean-up was on Saturday April 13th. A good turnout of 13 folk, armed with trimmers, trowels and clippers did an excellent job finishing off with the usual coffee, cake and chat.

MELLS WITH VOBSTER

Our lovely church is kept clean and welcoming by those on our cleaning and flower rotas. However, there are some months when there is no-one to cover these tasks. Could you help? No particular skill necessary! If you would like to join the team, please do get in touch. You would be truly appreciated! Diana (812 386 or email dgpsilvester@hotmail.com)

WEDDINGS:

Holly and Joseph

Holly and Joseph were married at St. Andrew's on March 9th and were supported by their many friends and relatives. The service was taken by Rev. Robin Isherwood. The hymns the couple chose were: Be Thou My Vision, In Christ Alone My Hope is Found, and My Lighthouse. The readings were from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 3, verses 12 – 17, and the First letter of St. John, chapter 4, verses 7 – 16. Jerry Francis gave the Message and Rev. Robin Isherwood gave the Blessing.

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Deborah and Damian

The Rev. Anthony Davies officiated at the wedding of Deborah and Damian at St. Andrew's on March 28th. Their family and friends gathered to witness and celebrate this special occasion. Deborah entered the church to "Hallelujah" sung by Teresa Isaacson, Rev. Davies welcomed everyone and the congregation sang Love Divine, All Loves Excelling. The reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 13 followed the Declarations, and then the Marriage Ceremony and the signing of the register added to the solemnity of this lovely service. The final hymn "Be Thou My Vision, O lord of My Heart" was followed by the Blessing, and the couple left the church to the rousing Wedding March by Mendelssohn, played by Kerry Bishop with Jason Sellars on the trumpet. We wish Deborah and Damian a long and happy marriage, hoping they will return to services when they are able to.

Bryon and Audrey Axford

A service commemorating the lives of Bryon and Audrey was held at St. Andrew's on Friday 22nd March. Bryon was born in Mells, lived a full life in Mells and died in Mells. His working life was with telephones – the post office



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– and he seemed to know all the telephone numbers of village friends and neighbours, frequently addressing them by the last three digits of their phone number. A sort of trademark greeting! He, of course, was Mr. 325!

Apart from work, he served the church, as a server, and a hard-working member of the PCC. He and Mrs. Joyce Barber were founders of Mells Daffodil Festival. Bryon was a member of the Parish Council and with his knowledge of the village and being a man of calibre, was elected Chairman. A member of the Royal British Legion he carried the RBL flag at Mells Remembrance Sunday services. Following the housing of evacuees in the village during the Second World War, he maintained contacts with them through the years and was involved in the reunions which occurred. Bryon had a store of memories of the village as it was and as it evolved, throughout his life, and he shared these willingly. Through all his busy life he was loved and supported by Audrey whom he met through his post office work and subsequently married. Audrey also served the church, embroidering several of the lovely kneelers in the pews and caring for the church linen. She was well-known for her common-sense, her warm sense of humour, genuine and caring interest in everyone, and her cooking! Granddaughter Gemma continues, with her memories of “Nan” and “Pop”.



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Preparing her eulogy, Gemma soon noticed there was a recurrent theme – of food! She writes, “A family joke was and is, that a happy Axford is one who is eating! As children Justin and I were always excited on hearing the words “C’mon, we’re going to Mells”, especially if it was for a sleepover. One of the reasons for this was the thought of eating one of the most exquisite meals that taste buds could imagine: Nan’s Sunday Roast! Homemade Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes, sausage meat, stuffing, vegetables fresh from the garden, lashings of gravy over perfectly sliced meat. They always seemed to time desert with the arrival of Paniccia’s ice cream van outside the cottage! After lunch Justin and I played or joined the adults listening to the sports commentaries on the TV. It would soon be time for tea – sandwiches, homemade cake, followed by the Antiques Roadshow, Lovejoy, Last of the Summer Wine, then home and bed.

We were spoilt by Nan and Pop: besides the Sunday dinners, there was a continuous supply of Milky Ways in the fridge, homemade cakes and biscuits, the freedom of the orchard, playing on the ride-on mower with Pop or Dad. My list could go on but mainly we were blessed by their love and warmth. They were two souls that oozed love and authenticity. They cared about their community and were passionate about their passions. People were among these passions, for them both. I have them to thank for many things, and I aspire to be like them in many ways. Having the opportunity to write this has again reminded me of how precious time is and the impor-

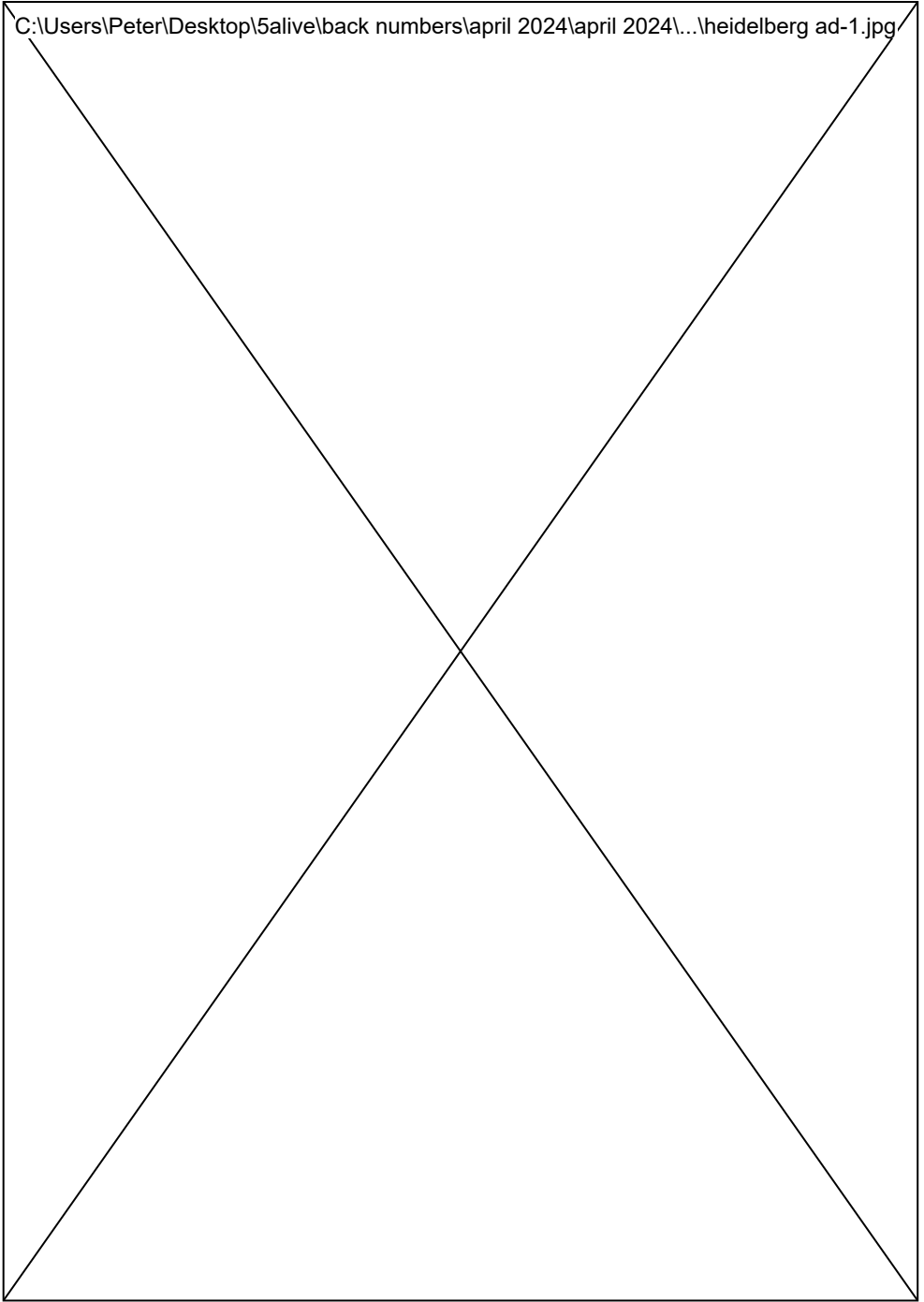
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tance of spending time with those you love, doing the things you love, as these moments are what create our everlasting memories.”

MELLS PARISH COUNCIL (mellsparishcouncil.org.uk)

Notes of the meeting on April 9th 2024

SOMERSET COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Purple chair scheme: Purple chairs are being installed in Somerset’s libraries to provide a safe space for women and girls to get information about health and wellbeing, as well as support and resources available to them including antenatal and postnatal care, breast cancer support, domestic abuse support, cervical screening, anti-social behaviour and harassment.

Budget: This has now been approved and Somerset Council will use up most of their reserves to achieve it. They have also applied for a Capitalisation Grant of £35 million which will cost them an additional £11 million in interest over 20 years.

Hardship fund: The deadline for receipt of applications has been moved back to September. Grants of £1,000 are available.

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MATTERS ARISING

Barn lease: The Management Committee are going to continue with a 'Rollover' lease which allows them to continue as they are until a mutually agreeable longer lease with the Diocese can be put in place.

Silt under Vobster bridge: Cllr Seviour has been in contact with the Somerset Rivers Authority.

Queens Canopy – tree planting: Cllr Asquith will look into having the trees planted at Longfield. The Boys and Girls crossing site is deemed not suitable at present due to vehicles cutting the corner causing previously planted trees at this site to be damaged.

Crates by defibrillator – Post Office: These are still frequently blocking easy access to the defibrillator. Alternative placement of the crates, defib or bin to allow better access will be looked into.

HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES:

Condition of grass triangle – Bottom Lane and area in front of Vobster Inn: The area will be flattened and seeded once the weather improves.

HGVs – Top Road: 'No HGVs' signs will be installed some time this financial year.

Park Corner: Clerk to inform Highways of another accident on this junction and request the installation of a 'STOP' sign or change in road priority.





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ITEMS TO REPORT, ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cycle path: This is currently covered in mud due to the bad weather and will be assessed by the Estate.

Trees overhanging telephone lines – Little Green: Ownership of the land the trees are on to be established. If common land, BT/Openreach will be contacted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday May 14th 2024 at 7.00pm in the Barn (ALL VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND) followed by the monthly meeting.

Joy Book, Clerk to Mells Parish Council

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May 22nd, June 26th, 10.00 am - 11.30 am

WHATLEY

NEWS FROM ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

We thank John Scott who has decided to retire after dutifully cutting the churchyard grass for fourteen years. Claire and Ian have kindly agreed to take his place, so our churchyard will continue to look as well cared for as it has been for since 2010.

SAM CLARKE. OBITUARY

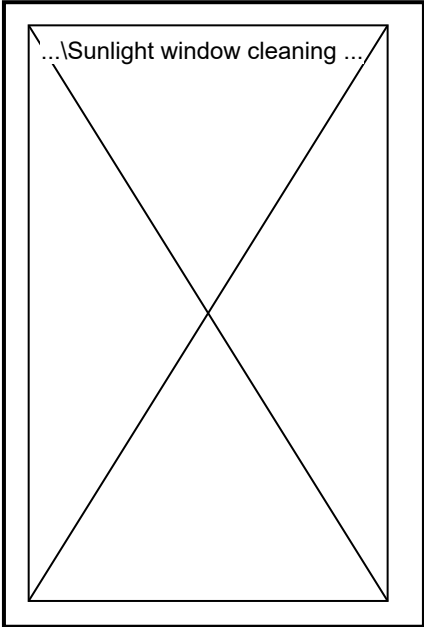
The news that dear Sam Clark, who lived in Whatley Courtyard for fifteen years, has passed away at home in Falmouth has cast a dark shadow over many local folk, who will never forget such a wonderful friend and neighbour. Sam, with her family, Paul, their children Amber, Ben and Joe, was at the heart of everything that was good about Whatley in those days. Her shining personality and winning smile lit up things and people around her. She was always involved in village activities, founding the Whatley/Chantry book club, creating the Parish Field, nights at the Sun Inn, school events – and how she loved a good party....

Most of all she was the truest of friends, the most fun, kindest and most compassionate of people and the very best of neighbours. The loss of this young life is devastating to all of us who knew and loved her. We all

admired her as she battled so bravely with her illness. We all harboured the hope that she would be the one, if anyone could, to beat all the odds. We are now left with our personal memories of wonderful Sam and our thoughts turn to Paul, Amber, Ben and Joe, her family, of whom she was so proud. *Gerry Copsey*

WHATLEY COMMUNITY TRUST

The trustees of the Whatley Common Good Trust met on April 3rd. They agreed to grant £5000 towards the installation of new heating and lighting in Chantry Church to support the development of its community use. The same sum was recently given to Whatley Church towards its community use, in that case for water supply to the kitchen. The trustees also granted £425 for equipment for Mells Scout Group, which is open to residents of the parish. There is currently around £32,000 in the Trust funds, which are intended for the benefit of projects in the parish. Details of how to bid as well as other information on the Trust are available on the parish website. The trustees meet quarterly to consider bids, the next meeting is on July 3rd.



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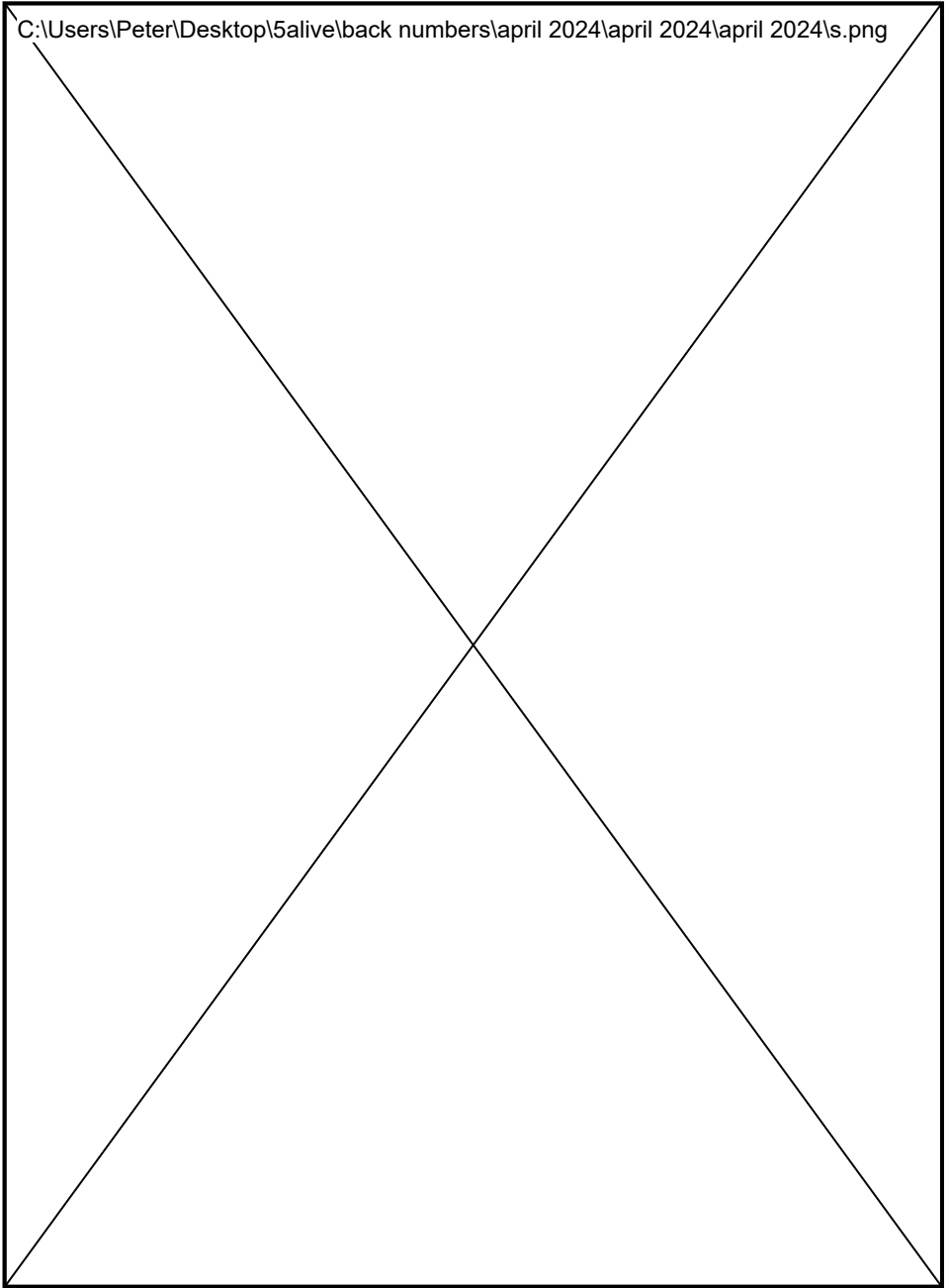
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