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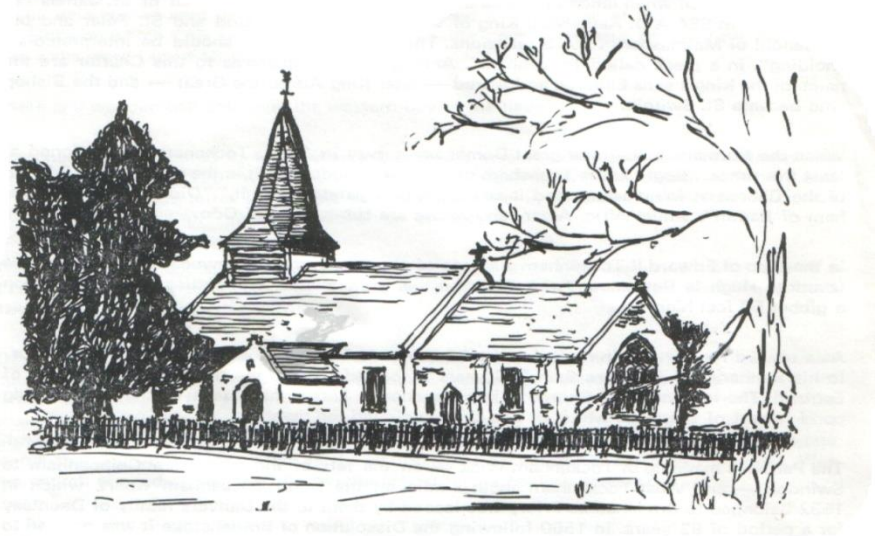
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On Memory and Loss

There are some things I'm very bad at remembering. Among them newsletter deadlines and birthdays. The first is probably frustrating for newsletter editors, the second has brought me more personal trouble. My son still dines out on stories of his mother forgetting his birthday (twice). Once I was in hospital so I feel exonerated from all guilt, the other time is much more embarrassing. While still at primary school he came home one day and said (as a news item, without, I should make clear, any desire to make me feel bad): 'You forgot my birthday'. My reply was: 'No, I didn't, it's tomorrow'. 'Oh, OK, but it was today at school.' I looked at the calendar and realised he was right, I had muddled up the days. This failure to be good with dates and numbers also causes me trouble when banks etc need to know birthday dates to prevent identity fraud and I'm yelling: 'When's your birthday darling? Is it May or September? I have got as far as knowing it is either the 5th of the 9th or the 9th of the 5th but not anchored the correct date. I normally realise I should think about my husband's birthday when post that clearly looks like cards starts landing on the doormat. This was easy in London, but now I live further away from an emergency purchase just in time it's a little trickier. I have sometimes blamed attending primary school in Zambia for this – way too early I was introduced to the challenge of American style dates that begin with months, not days. I have also sometimes blamed my Dad who was also prone to date failure. Throughout my first year at boarding school I was in the wrong place in the dinner queue. We were supposed to line up in age order and the difference between 21st of June and the 21st of July was therefore significant to the child I displaced. This was one of the few dates I was certain of: mine is July and my sister's the June. However, when I told the House Mistress that the date was wrong and so it was ok for Rachel to be ahead of me in the dinner queue I was told I couldn't possibly know what my birthday was better than my father. In apology for this failure on my part I will say I've never knowingly been upset if other people forget my birthday and my son and I have developed a very relaxed approach to this particular form of familial expressions of love. My failure to remember dates mostly doesn't cause me trouble. Fortunately, I live in a culture where everyone else remembers Christmas and Easter always changes so having to look it up is not a sign of mental peculiarity.

Recently I have been reminded that memory playing tricks can be a source of great personal grief, either with the fear of diminishing memory in oneself or in the loss of being known, seen and recognised by someone else. The burden of caring for and loving someone whose memory for eating or conversation or how to dress or whether you are the person they love is enormous.

Visiting care homes early on in my ministry

I remember happily joining in with someone who seemed to celebrate a birthday every week and later becoming aware of the distress this caused their spouse. It was in the relationship of love and connection that the birthday remembered or otherwise mattered.

<https://www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk/>

The Reverend Rachma Abbott
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VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

There are several wonderful footpaths running through Tockenham.

Some years ago, Michael Knight produced a very good leaflet detailing them all.

If you would like a copy, please contact Michael on 852513 or email : 35knights@talktalk.net

Welcome to Helier House, Erika, Adrian, Ines and Solene. We hope you will be very happy living in Tockenham.;

This year's WI craft and produce show will be held on Saturday 9 September rather than the first Saturday in September. The schedules of the different classes are available now, so you can start planning what you'd like to prepare.

We hope that you will find lots to interest you in the 2017 schedule. Previous exhibitors should all receive one. If yours doesn't arrive or if you haven't entered the Show before and are interested in looking at the different classes, please contact Jan (01249 890726 / jan_hargrave@yahoo.co.uk) or Pauline (01793 854157). New entrants are always very welcome. So that you can get started, the photography subjects are: • Happiness • Stormy weather • Pattern in nature • Through the window • A bird or birds .

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Thursday once a month ,
Thursday 3rd August
1145 to 1220 outside the church

forward your Parish Magazine entries

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,Ken Arnold

28/17

Highway Matters –

Parish Steward Programme -

Clear pavement and overhanging trees along A3102 – overhanging trees and overgrowth is the responsibility of the landowner, it was agreed the Clerk would contact the relevant resident requesting work be commenced.

Footpath behind same stretch of road - need to view and assess by Council

Cllr M Marmoy will contact the relevant departments in Wiltshire Council to ensure he is the direct contact for the Parish Steward. He will also advise the two agreed work items on the Priority worksheet.

Highway Updates to be received. None received

29/17. Neighbourhood Area Plan– An update is awaited from Broad Town as to whether they agree to free Tockenham from the NEW-V process. Their next meeting is being held Monday 10th July. Tockenham Council will receive an update from Wiltshire Council following this meeting regarding Tockenham's Neighbourhood Area Designation.

30/17. Play Area – no update received

31/17. Councillors Reports and Items for Next Meeting: which cannot be dealt with by the Clerk and which do not require a policy decision other than referral to the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs D Kirby advised that the Village lotto was running and that the organisers had asked for suggestions on how to spend the funds on the village. One suggestion put forward was a sit-on lawn mower for the community area – maintenance costs and storage would need to be considered should the decision be made to allocate funds to this cause.

Cllr Mrs D Kirby asked that the Parish Council discuss purchasing a Petrol Can with a pour attachment for the community Lawn Mowing team.

Date of Next Meeting – Following the approval of the Schedule of Meeting dates the date of next Meeting is set for 7.00pm, Tuesday 5th September.

Benefice of Woodhill Worship for August 2017 Tockenham in Bold



Sunday 6 August

8am Broad Town Communion

9am Tockenham Family Communion

10am Clyffe Pypard Communion

6pm Hilmarton Evening Worship

Sunday 13 August

10am Benefice Communion at Hilmarton for St Laurence's Day

Sunday 20 August

10am Hilmarton Communion

11am Broad Town Communion

6pm Clyffe Pypard Evensong

Sunday 27 August

8am Clyffe pypard Communion

10am Broad Town Word and Worship

11am Hilmarton Communion

6pm Tockenham Evensong

News from St Giles' Church

By the time you read this we'll have had the annual summer fair – congratulations and thanks to those who ran it and all who worked hard in any way.

Once again we have a month that includes a Patronal Festival when we celebrate the patron saint's day for one of our 4 benefice churches. This time it is at Hilmarton on 13th August to commemorate St Laurence.

It's time to start thinking about Autumn activities, and we are already planning for our Harvest Festival. This year it will be on Sunday 1 and Monday 2 October, with a service at 10am on Sunday and the supper at 7pm on Monday in the hall. More details next month!

On Saturday 9 September it is the annual Wiltshire Ride and Stride, a way of fundraising for local churches and at the same time enjoying a day out in the countryside by riding your horse or bike, or walking, between different churches. If you would like to take part and help to support St Giles' Church, please contact Pauline Arnold on 01793 854157.

The church is open during daytimes for the summer – thank you very much to the volunteers who open and close it daily. This means that you can access the Food Bank box, so please place your gifts in it for the Swindon Food Bank. Any non-perishable items are welcome but please make sure there is still quite a way to go on the 'use-by' date.

Busy Bees for pre-schoolers and their carers will have their fortnightly meetings in Tockenham village hall on Wednesdays from 10.30 am to 12 noon. For details of both Busy Bees and coffee mornings please contact Kim Gough on 07850 933344.

The Vicar is in our church most Mondays at 6.30 pm to say Evening Prayer. If you would like to join her please feel welcome. Occasionally this may not happen if unexpected events have to take her away from this routine.

Church contact details: The Vicar is Revd Rachma Abbott, and she lives at the Vicarage, Wood Lane, Clyffe Pypard. Her phone number is 01793 731134, and her email address is reverendrachma@gmail.com . Our churchwarden is Kim Gough, 07850 933344.

To keep in touch with the times and dates of services, Busy Bees, coffee mornings and other activities, please look at the google calendar on the Tockenham village website: <http://www.tockenham.org.uk/> An electronic version of this magazine also appears on the village website.

27/17. Finance and Administration – The Parish Council considered financial matters and received notification of Invoices for payment

The Council considered, approved and adopted the Year End Accounts for 2016/2017

Proposed, Cllr G Cowling Seconded Cllr Mrs S Still and unanimously

Resolved that the Year End Accounts are approved

The Council considered, approved and completed the Annual Return for 2016/2017

Cllr Mrs D Kirby (Chairman) read to the Council the questions and answered the questions accordingly and signed the Annual Return.

Proposed, Cllr G Cowling Seconded Cllr Mrs S Still and unanimously Resolved that the Annual Return is approved.

Going forward the Council agreed that the Clerk bring a full bank reconciliation to each meeting to ensure Councillors have complete transparency over the funding and bank account.

The following payments were considered and approved

- i) Clerks Salary –June and July 2017
£183.33
- ii) HMRC Clerk PAYE – June and July 2017
£50.00
- iii) Village Plants - payable Julie Marshall
£100
- iv) Flower Competition prize
£40

Cllr G Cowling expressed an interest in this item. Proposed Cllr Mrs D Kirby and Cllr Mrs S Still and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the above payment.

- v) Grant Thornton fee 2016 Annual Return
£450.00

Proposed: Cllr G Cowling seconded Cllr Mrs D Kirby and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the above payments

The Parish Council agreed to discuss in a private meeting additional remuneration for the Clerk once all backdated accounts and items are resolved.

TOCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday 4th July 2017

Present Councillor Mrs D Kirby (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Still, Cllr M Marmoy and G Cowling. Clerk: Danielle Crawford and Wiltshire Cllr A Bucknell

ORDINARY MINUTES

Public Question time: No questions were received

Reports from Wiltshire Councillor: Cllr A. Bucknell advised the council that the 18tonne traffic restriction on the B4069 is now in place.

Cllr A. Bucknell also reminded the council any planned road-works can be found on the Wiltshire Council Website.

23/17. Apologies for absence: none

18/12. Declarations of Interest – in accordance with the Parish Council (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 and revised (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007:

Cllr G Cowling Declared an interest in for finance item 6, £40 Flower Competition

24/17. Minutes: Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes:

The Council received, approved and signed as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 9th May Cllr G Cowling proposed, Cllr Mrs S Still seconded and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

25/17 Clerks Report: The following items were received

W.W.1 Commemorative trees (noted)

SSEN Grants Free H5 Adventure Day (noted, Wednesday is full and Tuesday only has 20 places left)

Ridgeway Newsletter Wiltshire (noted)

Police and PCC Survey (the deadline has passed but this was noted by all)

Universal Credit is being rolled out across Wiltshire (noted)

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan - Advance notice of consultation (to noted)

Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre (noted)

26/17. Planning: To note the following

New system of Electronic Planning Consultations (noted)

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Village Fair 2017

Another great Tockenham Village Fair was held on Saturday 15th July, at some moments in the morning it looked as if we might get wet but someone must have been looking down on us as we had a lovely afternoon! I have heard lots of comments from all sorts of people who enjoyed their day and that is a credit to all who helped put on the event, both before and on the actual day.

Thank you to everyone who came to help set up on the morning, it was the best turnout we have had in years and it made some difference in getting the area set for the day. Also to those who helped clear up, by 7pm you wouldn't have known that anything had happened in the Playground.

There are some fantastic photographs that can be seen on the website www.tockenhamvillagefair.co.uk these have been taken by Lynne Horwitz, and really give a flavour of the day.

A special thank you to the Fair Committee for all the planning, and those who manned stalls on the day, the event wouldn't happen without you.

In total it looks as if we have raised just short of £8000 and an incredible sum, not confirmed yet as some monies are still coming in but we don't expect to be far off. These monies will be split between the Church and Village Hall with a donation to Swindon Talking News, this years charity.

Rosie Carpenter