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*Dear Residents,*

Welcome to the December issue, Christmas may be a little different this year but there are still local festivities to celebrate.

You are invited to decorate your windows and take part in the Frampton Cotterell light trail. There is also a Christmas tree decoration competition to put recycled plastic to good use and festive colouring competition, read more inside.

A local resident contacted us to ask us to share news of the Worldwide Christmas Eve Jingle. All local residents are encouraged to go outside and ring a bell at 6pm on Christmas Eve for 2 minutes.

If you are searching for an original Christmas gift why not take a look at the Friends of Hambrook School Virtual Christmas Market? Lots of local businesses are taking part and would welcome your support.

The Winterbourne Medieval Barn is pleased to be able to host a selection of events at the newly refurbished, historic site. Carols in the Barn may not be able to welcome an audience this year, but this much loved production will be available to view from the comfort of your home, online.

Revd Malcolm Strange brings us a Christmas message and we share information on how people can find out about seasonal services.

The Frampton Cotterell and District Local History Society share with us an interesting report on our 'locals'.

Staying on the theme of history, we are pleased to feature a fascinating tale on the origins of the name 'Watleys End' thanks to local author John Parsons.

Wishing you peace and happiness at this time,

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# News from the Floral Friends of Frampton



**Scarecrow Trail** – Little Miss Sunshine sat on the bench outside St Peter's Church during half term. We hope that everyone enjoyed walking round the village spotting all the different scarecrows.

**New Planters** – We have updated the seasonal displays around the village. With support from the Parish Council, we have replaced some of our wooden planters with Amberol self watering half barrel planters, made from recycled plastic. They are filled with a mixture of perennial evergreens and winter bedding, and under-planted with bulbs that will pop up in early spring to bring additional colour. Our thanks goes to Giles Davis of Plant Care for supplying compost and for his help in transporting and setting up these planters.

We have also replaced the summer bedding in the remaining planters around the village with Violas, Polyanthus and Bellis. Hopefully these new displays will help to brighten the spirits on dark, dreary winter days.

In the Spring more of the wooden planters will be replaced with Amberol self watering ones, which will be easier to maintain than the older, wooden style.

**Sponsorship** – We'd like to thank AJ Homes and Winterbourne for their continued support through the sponsorship of some of the floral displays around the village. If you'd like to do the same for an annual fee, we'd love to hear from you. With a plaque fixed to the planter, it's cheaper than most other forms of business advertising!

**Could you help?** It takes time, effort and funds to maintain the planting around the village benefiting the local community, the environment, and the wildlife. If you would like to help there are various ways in which you can do so:

- Could you spare a few minutes regularly? We always need help to maintain the planters (and we always try to share the load and ask people to look after a planter near their home/business to minimise time and effort).
- Could you spare a couple of hours twice a year (late spring and autumn)? We welcome help when we need to replenish the plants in the planters in spring and autumn.
- We run various fund raising activities during the year (coffee mornings, plant sales) and we are always glad of help.
- No time? Donations are always very welcome.
- Sponsorship: If you have a business in the area, or would like to commemorate a special event or person, you may like to consider sponsoring a planter or gateway for an annual fee – with a plaque fixed to the planter/gateway it's cheaper than most other forms of business advertising!

If you can help in any way, we'd love to hear from you, email [floralfriendsofframpton@gmail.com](mailto:floralfriendsofframpton@gmail.com)  
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# News from Coalpit Heath WI

Despite not being able to continue with meetings, Coalpit Heath WI have kept themselves busy. Our newsletter arrives monthly containing member news and photos, with puzzles and Sudoku and guest writers. Many thanks to all who help put it together.

Always keen to take part in community events, a team of six was nominated to create Little Miss Greedy from a dumpy sack and straw. With the addition of a hat and woollen hair she looked quite

the part sitting on the bench outside St Saviour's church.

The waterfall of poppies outside St Saviour's was also recreated in time for Remembrance Day. It had originally been made to commemorate the centenary of the ending of World War 1. When it was taken down and dried out we found the netting and several of the poppies had been damaged

by the weather. A rota was devised so that the poppies could be re-tied on a new net with many more poppies being made at home and added to the existing ones, to create another stunning display to honour the fallen.

The hearts on the fence along the Badminton Road are now beginning to look a little tired but there is already a plan in place to create something new there as part of the festive trail.

Our members are also in for a treat as the committee have been busy with a little project which will be handed out to them all safely in early December.

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## News from Frampton Cotterell WI

The second lockdown has of course meant that we have still been unable to meet in person, however the committee continues to meet monthly on Zoom to discuss ideas to keep things moving within our WI.

It may be a little quieter than normal in terms of socialising and events, however Frampton Cotterell WI member Georgina Moore has recently given us all good reason to smile!

Georgina has brought some great news at a time when we could all do with it – she has a record out with the other 2019 BBC Sports Personality of the Year Unsung Heroes, with the one and only Rick Astley – it's called 'Every One of Us' and is in aid of Children in Need. The track can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/27037119> or stream it on Spotify or Apple Music for only £0.99. <https://unsungheroes.lnk.to/DownloadPR>.

The music video can be seen here <https://youtu.be/74BbbZ9zLeY> which features George and the other nominees, as well as Rick of course. We're all agreed, it's a great, uplifting track and we are so proud of Georgina for being involved. Hopefully it will raise plenty of funding for Children in Need.

The committee have been working behind the scenes on a little festive surprise for our members and we're also planning our usual Christmas Bingo night in December, although the likelihood is that this will also have to be a Zoom gathering. We're also making plans for when things revert to normal, or at least rule of six guidelines, to organise small scale 'lunch bubbles' so that members can meet in a socially distanced way, albeit in smaller groups until we can meet up with the full group as a whole.



As always, watch this space and our Facebook page for dates and more details.

How we all wish that we can meet up again soon over a meal and a natter at one of our lovely local pubs – fingers crossed!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all Winterbourne and Frampton Matters staff and readers a very Happy Christmas – and all the best for an improved outlook for 2021!

Under normal circumstances, visitors and new members are welcome to our monthly meetings at St Peter's Hall on School Road at 7.45pm, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. There is a charge of £2.50 for the evening and any new members can also join by paying a membership fee. In the meantime, if you're

interested in joining us please let us know and get in touch via our Facebook page. Special interest groups that meet separately including a book club, craft group, choir and our skittles and darts teams. **Please search FramptonCottWI to find out more, and to like our page.**



*Frampton Cotterell WI members are keeping everything crossed that we can return to scenes like this during the New Year – February 2020 at The White Horse at Hambrook – happy days!*

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## News from Winterbourne Medieval Barn

Just as we were getting into the swing of things again, lockdown #2 arrived and the planned events have had to be postponed. The November talk has been rolled on to next March, but the December one, **Magic in Medieval Communities**, has been moved just one week from 1st to Tuesday 8th December at 7pm. Dr Tabitha Stanmore will talk about how magic and the supernatural were a part of everyday life in medieval England, and she will explore how magic was used, trusted or feared, and affected community relationships, by looking at common spells and beliefs of the time. Tickets are £5 and must be pre-booked. Tea, coffee, cake, and wine will be available.

The Barn is a covid-secure venue, with limited numbers, social distancing and contact tracing in place. Adults are asked to wear a face-covering except while eating or drinking. All events must be pre-booked on Ticketsource via the Barn website.

Please remember, the Medieval Barn can be chilly at this time of year, so wrap up warm!

For those who would rather not go out and about, the Trust will also be live-streaming the talk online. Bookings for this are also required in advance via the Barn website.

**Tell Trails – A Medieval Christmas** – The Advent family activity day, has been rescheduled to Saturday 19th December. Families can join Matilda and her family as they prepare midwinter festivities at the Barn. Activities typically last a couple of hours and are aimed at families with children aged 5–12, although pre-schoolers are welcome to join in. The cost is just £5 per family. Pre-book your arrival time slot between 10am and 3pm.

Covid rules allowing, the regular monthly **Tea and Tour Open Afternoon** will take place on Thursday 3rd December at 2pm. Enjoy a cuppa while you hear all about the history of Winterbourne Medieval Barn, then take the opportunity to look around the whole of the recently renovated site. Tickets are £5 and must be booked in advance.

On Saturday 5th December there is a fun and informal morning workshop to learn how to make a beautiful and reusable **Fabric Christmas Wreath**. It is led by Amy from Bath Artists Studios and costs £30 including all materials and tuition. Festive mulled wine and mince pies will also be supplied.

We cannot hold the normal **Carols in the Barn** this year because of covid, but Fromside churches will film their Christmas drama in the Barn without an audience and put this online for all to join in from Sunday 20th December at 3pm. So, get your mulled wine and mince pies ready at home, and visit [www.fromsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.fromsidechurches.org.uk) to watch this Christmas favourite!

The Barn will host a **Fused Glass Jewellery workshop** in late January, and an **Apple Grafting workshop** in February. One of these might make the perfect Christmas present for a craft enthusiast or gardener. Full details on the Barn website.

Winterbourne Medieval Barn, Church Lane, Winterbourne, BS36 1SE

For further details about Winterbourne Medieval Barn, visit: [www.winterbournebarn.org.uk](http://www.winterbournebarn.org.uk)  
Facebook: **Winterbourne Medieval Barn**







## News from Frome Valley Growing Project



Frome Valley Growing Project (FVGP) is a local project set up to grow and produce food for members and the local community, from a site rented just off Swan Lane in Winterbourne.

The group are growing food as a community in a more sustainable way that depends less on fossil fuel and uses permaculture growing methods, working with and supporting nature.

Thank you to Andrea from the Frome Valley Growing Project for answering some questions about the project so far



**Can you tell me something about yourself?**

*I've been teaching for the past 10 years in various schools: mainstream,*

*Steiner-Waldorf and SEND. I am passionate about working in a holistic way with children, educating their hands, heart and head and developing a connection to themselves and the earth.*

**What made you want to get involved with the FVGP?**

*Onions! I was sitting in the sidelines of the project for a few months. Back at the beginning, I helped to shovel some manure to make the very first beds but then I watched from afar. It was when I saw how many onions Ben planted that convinced me*

*to become a fully fledged member! I want to grow my knowledge and experience in growing foods in a way that respects the natural systems already in place on the land. I want my children to feel confident and experienced growers.*

**What have been the best parts of being involved?**

*Definitely the potatoes! Apart from them, the inspiration from other members who are growing and have such wonderful ideas of how to use the land and space. Though it's been a little tricky because of COVID, there have been some incredible times spent, in community, on the land, working together. It really has been a haven for us as a family, to escape the city and run loose in a field for the day.*

**What future plans are you most interested in?**

*I am excited about the Food Forest. There is something so appealing to me about planting trees that won't make much of an impact for a decade or two. Also, looking forward to the compost loo and roundhouse!*

**How would you imagine the project in 8–10 years?**

*My hope would be for it to have some super productive polytunnels, for the food forest to be established and for the place to have been re-wilded a little. I would like for it to be a place where creatures and humans can co-exist and be nourished.*

**Give me three words that sum up your experience with FVGP to date.**

*Onions – wheelbarrows – children!*

**If you would like to find out more about this fantastic community project or get involved please get in touch via the contact details below.**

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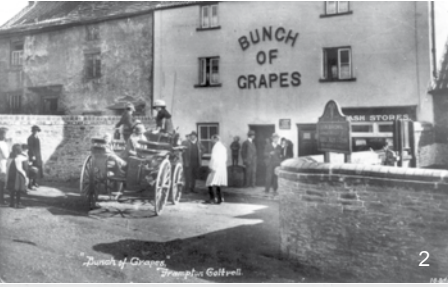
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## A local history on – the local!

With pubs in Lockdown once again during November, Frampton Cotterell Local History Society's Chairman – Ian Haddrell identifies a number of local hosteleries that are no longer trading and a few 'locals' that have survived to serve the needs of the community.

The history of pubs can be traced to Roman taverns in Britain, and through Anglo-Saxon alehouses, but it was not until the early 19th century that pubs, as we know them today, first began to appear. In many places, especially in villages, pubs are the focal point of local communities. In his 17th-century diary, Samuel Pepys described the pub as "the heart of England".

The earliest phase of the building of the Horseshoe Inn in Coalpit Heath dates from the late 17th century and George Richard was recorded as licensee in 1738, with the Holder family running the pub for most of the 19th century. It closed in the late 1990s and was converted to dwellings.

The Bunch of Grapes was located in Woodend Road and operated as a pub until 1934, when an application for a licence was refused on the grounds that 'little business was done and that the premises was not commodious for the purpose of a licensed house as other premises in the neighbourhood'.

Numerous developments have taken place at The Rising Sun, Ryecroft Road, from the 19th century up to the end of the 20th century. The Howes family ran the pub for almost 100 hundred years in the 1900s. In 1903 the pub had an annual rateable value £14 10s 0d and was supplied by the Bristol United Brewery.

The Cross Hands (later renamed the Western Coach House) stood on the crossroads of Perrinpit Road, Bristol Road and Church Road. The picture of the Cross Hands depicts a rural impression, very different to today's traffic laden roads. It was converted into dwellings in 2006.

A pub still exists on the site of the Half Moon, Coalpit Heath but the Badminton Arms is a completely different building to the one that had its origins in the early 1800s. Demolished in the 1970s, this prominent local landmark was run by

Mary Marshall and her husband in the 1950s and 1960s, during which period it is claimed that Cary Grant, the famous Bristol born Hollywood movie star, twice visited the pub.

The Huggins family ran The Globe, in Church Road, for over 80 years from around 1840 until the early part of the 20th century. In 1937, Arthur Moon, licensee of the Globe was found unconscious with head injuries with his bicycle beside him, at the bottom of Stoke Hill, Hambrook. He died in Bristol Royal Infirmary. He had served with the 4th Gloucesters in France in the Great War.

In the photograph of the Live and Let Live, a magnificent light hangs above the entrance of the pub, in the 1920s. The sign above informs us that Harry Eaves is landlord, licensed to sell Beer, Ale and Cider. Mrs Lillian Eaves his wife, who died in 1943, stands outside the pub. The 'Live' closed to customers in November 2019.

The Ring of Bells, Coalpit Heath is believed to be of 17th century origin, with 18th and 19th century alterations and additions, and 20th century alterations. Besides its main function of serving beer, in 1837 the pub was the headquarters of a miners' funeral club and, in the late 1700s and early 1800s, a venue for Coroners Inquests.

The Wickwar Brewery supplied beer to the Star Inn in the 1890s, when its address was Watermore Lane (now Church Road). The picture, taken about 1936, shows Mrs Emily Mitchell, wife of landlord Albert, and Ronald Rosslyn standing below a gas powered lamp on the porch.

**Text and images thanks to Ian Haddrell, Chairman of Frampton Cotterell Local History Society**

**Photos:** 1: Horse Shoe Inn, 2: Bunch of Grapes – 1920s, 3: Rising Sun – 1950s, 4: Cross Hands, 5: Half Moon during World War 1, 6: Live and Let Live – 1920s, 7: The Globe c.1955, 8: Ring o' Bells – 1900s, 9: Star Inn c.1936.



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## News from St Michael's



Even in such strange times St Michaels still managed to reflect on such an important time of year – HARVEST.

We had to do things a little differently – but still managed to put on a show and share our thoughts, prayers and poems for Harvest.

Years 3 and 4 got their thinking caps on and decided it was over to them to reflect on behalf of the school and perform in the hall to mark this special time of year. The one big difference this year was that it was all in front of a camera and not the usual audience.

Years 3 and 4 did a brilliant job retelling the story of Harvest time with some brilliant performances from many of our children. They presented their own harvest poems and shared art work to reflect the time of year.

After a few rehearsals and a practise together in the hall, all be it at distance from one another, we were ready for the big film...

As the children got themselves ready and in to position with props organised to hand, there was an air of excitement and anticipation. Everyone was very quiet and ready to perform for the camera knowing that the final performance was going to be shared with the St Michael's community.

After a couple of film takes, due to a disaster with an ipad with full storage, the children overcame any early nerves and performed brilliantly. They truly captured the message behind Harvest with thoughtfulness and reflection.

As the rest of the school shared the messages from years 3 and 4 performance (watching from their classrooms) they also took part and completed some very special Harvest activities. Children made prayer sticks and plates and a beautiful prayer tree. This was the children's way of saying thank you and reflecting through prayer. 'Thank you to all of the NHS for keeping us safe.' 'Thank you to all those who provide food for us.' These were just a few of our prayers for harvest time.

So you see, even during difficult times, everyone at St Michaels was still able to be thankful at Harvest time and say thank you. We really enjoyed the week sharing important messages that are personal to us.

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## Happy 64th Birthday Winterbourne Evening WI

Winterbourne Evening WI celebrated their 64th Birthday on 8th October 2020. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid restrictions, it was not possible to hold their usual birthday party at their monthly meeting. Instead the committee sourced and delivered an individual cake, a card and a quiz to everyone of their members – how lovely. We hope you enjoy sharing in some of their newspaper clippings from the early 1960s.



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## Friends of Hambrook School Virtual Christmas Market

The Friends of Hambrook School (FoHS) held their first committee meeting, over Zoom, at the start of term and quickly realised that this year was going to have to be approached in a very different way.

Instead of their usual fun filled Christmas Fair in the grounds of the Hambrook Primary, they would have to come up with another way to raise much needed funds for the school.

As well as supporting the school FoHS also wanted to help support the local businesses that would normally have stalls as part of the Christmas Fair. That's when Steph Chick, one of the members of the FoHS Committee, came up with the idea of holding a Virtual Christmas Market.

**Held on Facebook, the Friends of Hambrook School Virtual Christmas Market page was created. The Market started on the 26th October and will run up until the 20th December 2020.**



**Are you stuck for a Christmas gift idea for an animal loving friend or relative?**

**Why not make a donation to the Moggerly in their name?**

Call the Moggerly on 0117 9243128 and we will send a beautiful Christmas card to the name and address you specify, detailing your gift.

Like all charities we have not been able to hold any fundraising events in 2020 and our 'Kitty' is greatly reduced.

Please help us to continue our much-needed work rescuing Bristol's abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens.

**Thank you, Christine Bayka 'Chair'**

The Moggerly Rescue & Rehoming Centre Bishopston

There are currently over thirty stalls offering a variety of things to buy. The stalls range from dog treats, to luxury skin care, to beautiful clothing and accessories, and many other wonderful Christmas items. Please feel free to join the page and take a browse at what's on offer. It can all be done from the comfort of your own living room!

If you are interested in having a stall please contact FoHS for details, email [hambrookpta@gmail.com](mailto:hambrookpta@gmail.com).

The funds raised by the FoHS Market will be going towards purchasing books and other much needed items for the school.

## Jingle all the way!



Keeping up the theme of us all coming together safely at this magical time of year. The **Facebook page: Worldwide Christmas Eve Jingle 2020** is encouraging everyone to come outside and **ring a bell at 6pm on Christmas Eve** for 2 minutes to spread Christmas spirit and to help Santa fly the sleigh. After a tough year for everyone it would be lovely if we could all take part, raise some community spirit and put a smile on children and adults faces.

## Blonde Angel Street Team Christmas Appeal

Blonde Angel Street Team is a growing local community movement bringing supplies to people living on the streets and hostels in the Bristol and Yate area. They would love you to support their Christmas appeal to fill a Christmassy shoebox, stocking or bag with useful supplies and treats to bring comfort and spread some much-needed Christmas cheer to some of those members of our community who need it most.

Please wrap or decorate your box, stocking or bag, include a Christmas card (with a warm message), and write on a label/tag whether its for a man or a woman (and if appropriate what clothing size).

Ideas for the contents: Woolly hat, scarf, gloves, warm socks, thermals (new or clean good condition second hand), new undies, small torch and battery, baby wipes, toiletries, chocolates, sweets, snacks, pot noodle, hot choc sachet, other Christmas treat foods, notebook, pen, small game, small book, face mask, hand sanitiser, gift card for warm food or hot drink or food shop

**Prepare one or more – all contributions very much appreciated on or before the deadline of Friday 11 December. Our local collection points are Bradley Stoke (please contact Debbie Ellacott 07877 781660) or Yate (please contact Sean Suleman: [sean\\_suleman@hotmail.com](mailto:sean_suleman@hotmail.com)) #blondeangelstreetteam**





# Minister's Christmas Message

## 'Love is all around us'

As I write, I am looking out across the fields from my study window, with the latest autumnal storm stripping the trees of their golden leaves and the darkening clouds in the south west guaranteeing still greater levels of precipitation, ensuring that 2020 will be one of the wettest autumns on record. We have gone into lockdown once more, in an attempt to stem the tide of Covid 19 and I am left pondering where the UK will be in its fight to deal with the current wave of infections over the coming weeks and just exactly what Christmas 2020 will look like?

Normally at this time of year I have Christmas all wrapped up, planning of services sorted, programme of school carol concerts in place, rotas all done, resources ordered, with strategic thoughts drifting towards Easter, especially if it is early. However, one thing that this pandemic has taught me is that forward planning has to be fluid, full of a myriad of options to meet and work with an ever changing and unpredictable future. Daily prayers for the NHS, our schools, the successful development of a vaccine, prayers for those who are suffering as a result of the virus's impact and the hope that our leaders might find a way to get ahead of the game rather than chasing their tails. These petitions of prayer seem to be the only constant in the shifting sands of dealing with Coronavirus.

I wonder what the second national lockdown will mean for our Christmas on the Fromeside? Well folks I am always a half glass full person, so I am sure we will find a way



to celebrate in safety this special season. So, what do we hope will be in store if we come out of restrictions on 2nd December, or even slightly later?

Well we hope to kick off our celebrations with an open-air Christingle Service on December 13th at Iron Acton (let's pray for a crisp and frosty evening) and if the evening breeze means we can't keep our Christingles alight, then we can always turn on the torch feature of our mobile phones, waving them in the air as the choir of children sing 'Away in a Manger'.

There will hopefully be candle lit services of 'Reflective Music and Story for Christmas' across the churches of the Benefice with two sittings at each – 4pm and 6.30pm (tickets please!).

On the 20th December, at 3pm we still hope that the Benefice we will be broadcasting for the first time on our website; 'Carols in the Barn' <https://www.fromesidechurches.org.uk/> (this will be available to view all over the Christmas period so you can bring the festive message into your homes at any point). Carols in the Medieval Barn at Winterbourne is listed as one of the top 10 things to do at Christmas in the UK and rather than cancel this year we plan to film at the refurbished barn, retelling the story in an imaginative way, punctuated with traditional carols for you to join in with at home.

On Christmas Eve, we will be open air again for the 'Crib Service' at Iron Acton – 4.00pm and then finally, 'Candle lit Midnight Mass' and Christmas Day Family Services as we celebrate once more the Incarnation afresh.



Can you picture returning to your homes from the midnight service with the snow gently falling to the ground and Christmas lights shining from village cottages, dancing their hypnotic patterns on the pure white snow lying all around, like the icing on a beautiful Christmas cake. Well that's the plan anyway!

In whatever way we are able to celebrate Christmas, however much of our plan we are able to deliver (sadly I can't promise the snow but I will put in a word!), the one thing that cannot be taken from us and perhaps is more poignant this year than ever, is that Christmas is the celebration of love and not just for our family and friends, important though that is.

Christmas is about a 'love' that permeates through our human family in the way that we care for those who are struggling, those who have little, those who are on the margins, those who are alone, anxious and afraid. It is about responding to the eternal truth that God loves His creation so much that he sent and gave up his Son Jesus Christ that all humanity might be enveloped in his love for all time.

Without this all-embracing love we lose Christmas anyway and if there is one positive that has come from this pandemic it is to have witnessed the 'Rashford-esk' actions of love, undertaken by so many ordinary people, to meet the growing needs of the vulnerable and marginalised in our communities. The truth is 'Love is all around us' and whatever happens regarding national restrictions, we can rejoice once more this year that the 'Spirit of Christmas' does truly thrive in all our hearts and lives.

Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year to you and all you love.

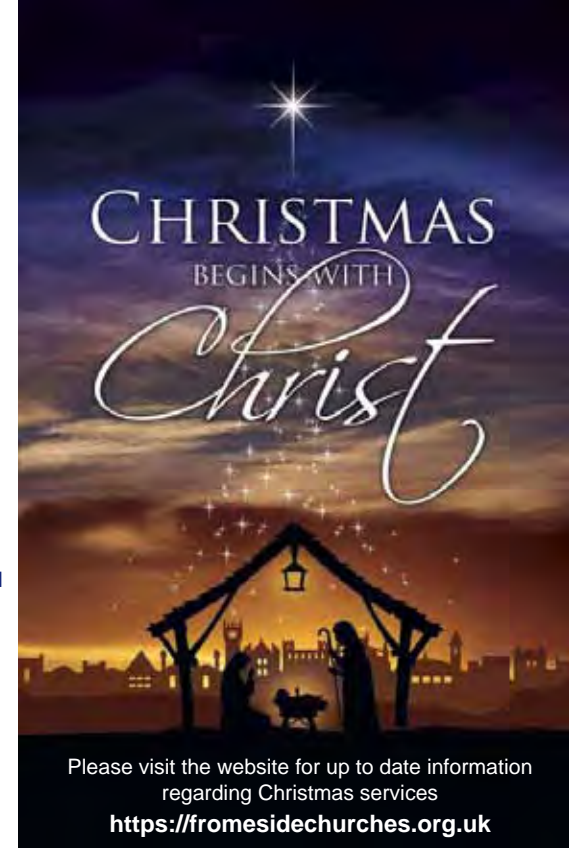
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## Comfort & Joy this Christmas with St Saviour's Church

St Saviour's have been working with the other churches in the area (Winterbourne, Iron Acton and Frampton Cotterell), to set up a campaign to raise money to help disadvantaged people in the area. The church group is called '**Together for Fromeside**'.

This has been a difficult year for many and one which has highlighted inequalities in our community. For many families who were struggling financially before lockdown, this winter will be

particularly difficult. 'Together for Fromeside' would like to invite you to be a part of the Church's response through their '**Comfort & Joy**' project. The ambition is to create a fund to bless each of the seven primary schools in Fromeside with £500 which can be distributed to the families who need it most. Schools have been central in providing for our community this year, and 'Comfort & Joy' aims to get behind them with our prayer and our money to bless their efforts to serve those in need.

### Firstly, can you pray?

Can we pray together that these families might know God's comfort and joy this year. There is a prayer right you might like to use.

### Secondly, can you give?

To give to 'Comfort & Joy' online at :[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/comfort-joy?utm\\_term=276ZYqW6](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/comfort-joy?utm_term=276ZYqW6) or by sending a cheque, made payable to 'Churches Together in Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath (LEP)'. To – 'Comfort & Joy', c/o The Vicarage, St Saviour's Church, Beesmoor Road, Coalpit Heath, Bristol, BS36 2RP.

Donations need to be received before 29th November to allow time to get the gifts to the schools.

### Prayer for Families who are Struggling

*God, who comes among us as a child, be close to all your children this Christmas, especially to those who are struggling. Where there is hardship, bring comfort, where there is anxiety, bring joy. May there be peace on earth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**<http://coalpitheath.org.uk>**





**Sadly this year's Boxing Day Mummers Play has had to be cancelled due to 'you know what'.**

**NOT TO BE ENTIRELY DEFEATED** we have decided to still support our charity 'Paul's Place' again this year by producing a **film** which we performed in our local, The Cross Hands.

The film can be seen via a 'Just Giving' Youtube which we hope you will support. The proceeds will make an enormous difference and allow Paul's Place to continue with their wonderful work.

**To view, simply click on**  
**[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wdbm](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wdbm)**

The Winterbourne Down Christmas Boys will miss performing after 40 years of keeping up this annual tradition.

We wish all our followers and friends a Merry Christmas in the circumstances, and what must surely be followed by a better New Year.



The Carnival AGM was held on Monday 19th October by Zoom.

A committee was elected for 2020–21 although it was agreed that due to the uncertain times we are in, there would be no Carnival over the May Day weekend in 2021. However, it is hoped that perhaps a Scarecrow Trail and Treasure Hunt can be organised (Covid rules permitting!) sometime during the weekend.

It was also agreed that the four chosen charities for 2020 (Brace, Trussell Trust, Mind and SSAFA) would each receive a donation of £400. These four charities will remain as our 'chosen charities' for 2021 and further donations considered at the 2021 AGM.

## Winterbourne Down Mummers Play Boxing Day The Christmas Boys & Morris Dancers

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When I spoke with Osteomyologist Dawn, she told me these were indeed tough times for everybody, but she was pleased to be able to use her skills as a therapist to help individuals in their time of need. People who had never previously suffered with shoulder and neck pain or an aching lower back, were finding themselves enduring pain due to a change in work circumstances, balancing a laptop while working from the sofa or dining room table is far from ideal! She has been able to help with their discomfort and advise on better working practice from home.

As well as the physical pain, un-suprisingly, an increasing number of people are suffering with emotional problems. Dawn is an excellent listener and inspirator and can deliver treatments for emotional health via Zoom if people feel more comfortable meeting this way.

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## Frampton Cotterell Computer Group Celebrating 20 years



Twenty years ago, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council set up a computer group in the Bickeridge Centre with the primary aim of helping older

people come to grips with home computers.

A group of volunteers came together, purchased some desktop PCs with money obtained via community grants and started offering classes to help people who wanted to learn about using a home computer. In 2008, the group became independent of the Parish Council while still occupying a room at the Bickeridge Centre and maintaining a close working relationship with them.

Keith Powell who has been chairman of the group since it became independent said, "Our team of volunteers has adapted to the changes in technology over the years and we are still assisting people with a wide range of issues. These include: using the internet safely and securely, dealing with digital photographs, keeping track of finances

using spreadsheets, creating and managing email accounts and taking advantage of cloud computing services. We aim to provide assistance in a relaxed, friendly environment with one helper for at most two learners."

**If you'd like to learn more about what you can do with your computer, tablet or smartphone, drop in to the Bickeridge Centre in Woodend Road, Monday to Thursday mornings for a chat, or call the Centre on 01454 864442 to book a session.**

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## Carers Support Centre helps carers through the winter



This winter will be a challenging one, and no one is feeling the effects of the pandemic more than family carers.

They give support to family or friends who could not manage without their help. Three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives.

Covid-19 continues to have a monumental impact on carers, not only because of the increased amount of care that many are having to provide, but because of the far-reaching effect that this is having on their relationships, their mental and physical health, their paid work and their emotional wellbeing. In addition, worrying about the winter is causing stress and anxiety for carers, many of whom have had no break from caring for many months.

If you are looking after someone, you might be struggling to take time for yourself. Local charity, Carers Support Centre, understands how incredibly difficult it is for carers right now. Whatever your caring situation, the charity welcomes your call and all their services are free.

CarersLine is their confidential information and support service for carers. You can contact them with any questions or concerns that you

have, to do with your caring role. CarersLine makes time for everyone who gets in touch, and understand the difficulties that carers face. They can help with information about benefits and debt and where carers can go to get specialist help, juggling work and care, breaks from caring and other ways of looking after yourself.

Carers Support Centre's Wellbeing Service gives carers emotional support and aims to help you become more resilient. The service is confidential and is delivered by phone and online. You can choose between three telephone services:

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**Befriending** – open to anyone who would like a chat. Their befrienders are available and eager to connect.

**Get in touch by calling CarersLine on 0117 965 2200.** You will need to leave a message with your name and telephone number and someone from Carers Support Centre will call you back as soon as they can. For free help and advice, visit

[www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk](http://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk)



From the first lockdown in March 2020 to today, Paul's Place has continued to support disabled adults to live life to the full, even in a lockdown.

In March, their day facility at Coalpit Heath was mothballed for five months. For the first time in twenty five years the charity operated on a remote basis, supporting its Members (those using the service) from afar. "To go from the day facility which is normally a hub of activity to remote contact was an immense change. We are often referred to as a lifeline and it was vital for us to continue to provide the same level of support remotely," explains Daniel Cheesman, CEO.

Throughout the pandemic Paul's Place has worked tirelessly to provide as many of its services as possible from afar. The adaptations to the services were designed with the future in mind. For example, in the event of a further lockdown, Paul's Place at Home continues to offer people 1 to 1 wellbeing calls and social activities hosted via Zoom.

A report released by the Office for National Statistics, which explored the effects of coronavirus on disabled people compared to non-disabled people, illustrates just how different the experiences of this pandemic have been for disabled people. 'In July 2020, more disabled people, compared to non-disabled people reported that the coronavirus pandemic is affecting their mental health, they are feeling lonely because they spend too much time alone, they feel like a burden on others, or have no one to talk to about their worries.' Paul's Place has seen the impact on people's mental health too, so their services have been needed now more than ever. One person even wrote to the charity,

"Thank you for all your help and support for myself



and other members throughout lockdown. Your phone calls, home visits and Zoom chats have been a huge help to us all during this very difficult and challenging time. I personally would have found this a much more stressful and lonelier situation if I didn't have Paul's Place to support me through this."

Daniel said, "This has been a difficult year, but we must be hopeful about the future. Our long-term aims are that the charity continues to change the landscape for disabled people by offering a safe space for people to connect and realise their potential. We, like others hope that this virus won't be around for ever and are choosing to focus on the bright future ahead, while also ensuring everyone receives equal levels of support throughout."

Paul's Place is a valued and much-loved charity within the Winterbourne, Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath area. The charity would not be what it is today without the local support that it has received and they are once again looking to the community to support them as they near the end of what has been their toughest year yet. As they begin the recovery from COVID-19 they are asking for your help.

In the summer Paul's Place launched a fundraising appeal with an aim to raise £25,000 by the end of 2020. **Please help them reach this target by donating today at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/paulsplaceemergencyappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/paulsplaceemergencyappeal) or go to their website [www.paulsplace.org.uk](http://www.paulsplace.org.uk)**



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**My name is John Parsons and I live in the village of Winterbourne and have done so for the last fifty odd years.**

Some things in village life puzzle me, and until recently, the name of a hamlet near Winterbourne, got me

intrigued. I had not done any major research on it, but just by chance, I purchased an old map of the village and the surrounds.

Now, it appears that the original name for the hamlet was 'Yonder'. Yes, I know what you are thinking, I thought it strange also. It seems that the scattering of houses outside of the village of Winterbourne had no name, so when locals were asked where they lived, they pointed and said Yonder.

This got me doing more research and I found the church had old written logs of the burning and purging of witches in the parish. Wonderful words assailed me as I read about one witch in 1783, who was burned at the stake in the hamlet of Yonder. It seems that she had been practicing medicine and had cured many. People came from far and wide to see her, and most times she was able to help if not cure them.

The Baron who held charge over the peasants in three villages, heard about this, and was not well pleased. The people were supposed to be servile to him, and only him. To have someone who had a little more than cow poo for brains, was unthinkable, and he now had one on his land.

**What to do about it?** Declare she was a witch and then give her a trial? Find her guilty and burn her!

Persecuting suspected witches was not an elite plot against the poor; nor was practicing witchcraft a mode of peasant resistance. The church and state alike tried and executed them. It took more than pure reason to bring the witch to justice, she could incite the lower orders to think and it was best to remove the problem by letting the lower orders demand it through fear.

So it was that the Baron set about bringing doubt into the peasant's minds. A woman who went into her hut, was later found to have lost her child, the rumour started that she was well before she entered the witches hut. A witch. At the utterance of the word, the people shuddered, wasn't it said that a witch is a friend of the devil? They crossed themselves and looked around, and so as each misfortune occurred, so the witch was blamed.

Reason didn't come into the thinking behind this. A few weeks ago, she was a good friend, now people took to bathing in the river to clean the hand that may have touched them. In so doing, they washed the filth from them, and felt better for it. They had been purged from the evil that had been upon them said the priest, and the church began to get offerings of cabbage and potatoes once again.

Weeks later, the Baron rode down to the hut and called the woman out. Two soldiers held her, and she was charged with being a witch. "You will get a fair trial, and then we will burn you at the stake," he said.

She had her hands tied and a rope put about her neck, then with the Baron on his horse and the two soldiers behind him, he led her away from her hut, as she stumbled behind the soldier's horses. At his manor house, she was locked in a small stock room and then left for the trial the next day.

On the following morning, the Baron, having had a hearty breakfast, ordered the woman to be brought out before him. The local priest was commanded to write the proceedings down. A chair was brought out for the Baron to sit in judgement over her trial. People had come to be a witness, and the peasants were told to attend. Not to see justice done, but to endorse the idea that he could always be relied upon to look after their welfare.

The woman, who had had no food or water since her arrest, looked a mess. She was made to kneel before her superior and not to look at him. He told the people that she could cast a spell upon him just by looking at him. Everyone made the sign of the cross, and the Baron smiled. The woman had been judged already.

He then asked who among those here accuse this woman of witchcraft. A woman pushed through the people and said, "I do." She was bent and frail, her face distorted and wrinkled and etched with grime. No one had seen her before.

This was hardly surprising, as the Baron had found her a long way away and told her what to say. He promised to pay her well to accuse the woman of witchcraft. "How may you charge this woman that you accuse of being a witch?" asked the Baron. "I was young when I went into her lair, but she stole my youth, and now I am as she was."

There was fear now within the people who again crossed themselves and vowed to wash the stench she was giving out from their bodies, lest they catch something evil.

**"How say thee witch, will you reverse your spell and give this creature who lives in your old body, her own back?"** The woman lifted her head and as she looked around, the people shut their eyes so that she could not see into their souls. "I do not know this woman. She means nothing to me," the accused woman uttered.

**"Then by your own mouth, you have confirmed your fate. I find you guilty of witchcraft and condemn you to be burnt at the stake."** He turned to the people, "What say you god fearing men and women?"

To shouts of "Burn her" and "Guilty", the woman was hauled away to wait for her final day. She was given bread and water; it was much better to burn a live witch than a dead one.

In two days, a cross was made and stood tall in a field outside of the hamlet of Yonder. On the third day after the trial, the woman was dragged out and put in a cart. She was paraded through the three villages and soon a gathering of people followed the Baron sat on his horse, who was leading the cart to the burning site. Once they arrived, the two soldiers tied rope around her wrists, and threw the rope over the cross bars. Passing the ropes end to two men, they waited as the priest said his prayer, asking god to shut the door of forgiveness for the likes of she who did the devil's bidding.

Once he finished, Baron Watley said, "Three men to each rope, pull her up." Hands grabbed the rope, and, in a few moments, the woman was hoisted up to the cross beams. A ladder was taken from the cart and a soldier climbed up to one cross beam and tied a new rope tight around her hand and arm. He called for the main rope to be released and he untied it and it fell to the ground. He then repeated the procedure on the other side. Another cart came with hay stubble, sticks and logs. Soon the pyre was ready.

The Baron got down from his horse and asked for

someone to strike some flint, that he may light the fire and send this witch back from whence she came from. Soon a small stick with straw and hay tied to it was lit and the torch was passed to the Baron. He walked to the pyre and lit the straw and soon it was burning well. They threw on more sticks to make sure the fire took, and as he turned to walk away, so the witch called out to him.

**"Ye who hath condemned me falsely, shall on the seventh day from my death, join me in purgatory for ever more."** The Baron turned and as he looked up to her, she smiled, and he felt a cold shiver run down his spine.

She writhed as she burnt, but not a sound came from her lips, and those watching crossed their hearts in fear that she was not dying but changing into a devil. They watched her head slump forward, and soon the fire overwhelmed her. They moved back as the smell of burning flesh came to them, then started to drift away as everything tumbled into the flames.

Soon there was truly little of the frame to see, and the body had been lost to the flames when everything fell.

"You lad," said the Baron, "stay here and see that the fire doesn't spread anywhere. When the flame dies, then you can return home."

The Baron got onto his horse and with his two soldiers, returned to his manor. He took his usual mug of ale and thought of the way the woman had died. Had she really been a witch?

The heat had been intense, he had to move back himself as it built up. But to burn like that and to not even scream, could she have put a curse upon him?

He slept badly that night and on the following morning, rose and had a good breakfast. He had just finished his meal when a servant came to him. He was told that a man wanted to speak to him and to ask a boon of him. "Tell him to wait," he said, and walked to a window that looked toward the place of the burning. As he looked, he could just make out a spiral of smoke rising up from the area he estimated that the burning had occurred. He turned and shouted to the servant, "Saddle my horse and call out my guards, there's mischief afoot."

Going down the stairs he saw the man who had requested an audience with him. "Well man, tell me quickly what you want. You can see I am busy and have need to be on my way within a few moments."

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► “Sir, my son who you told last evening to watch over the dying embers of the burning, has not come home all night. I did go to the ashes, but they still burn, and they burn with much heat. He did not return home for you told him to stay until the flame dies, and it has not done so.”

“Upon my soul man. If this is because that wretch of yours has been casting wood to the fire, then I shall have him, and you flogged for your impertinence.”

“Sir, no wood has gone onto the ashes, but when I approached the fire, it rose, then fell again. It is as if the devil himself,” and he crossed himself, “is under the ashes. It is fearsome hot Sir.”

The Baron mounted his horse and with the two soldiers, he rode out from his manor and towards the rising plume of smoke. The man ran after them but was soon left behind.

Upon arrival to the place, he was surprised to see many of the people who had attended the burning, standing around the ashes that truly had a flame coming from the middle of the pile of ash. “Boy, where is the boy who I told to watch over the flames from the burning, where are you boy?”

The boy who had been asked to stay ran up to the Baron. “Have you been throwing kindling onto this boy?” “No Sir, but as someone moves towards the pile of ash, so the flame grows higher.”

The Baron got down from his horse and said to one of the soldiers, “Hold the boy. If I find a lie has been told to me, I will push a branch of wood up his arse, and he will join the witch’s ashes.”

The Baron walked toward the smoking ashes and suddenly a flame came from the centre of the pile and as he drew closer, so it also grew. He stopped and then moved around the pile, looking for any sign of any new wood, but saw none. As he completed his circle, so the boy’s father arrived.

“Release the boy, he tells the truth,” said the Baron. He turned to the crowd and said. “Get water from the river, we shall douse this fire and end this foolery.” The people went away and all, but a few remained.

Still the flame burned.

A while later, a cart came with a barrel of water and buckets. Water was poured from the barrel into a bucket and a man approached the flame. “Get on with it man,” said the Baron as he watched the man. He threw the water towards the flame but although some went on it, most fell short. “Give me a bucket, I will show you how to deal with this.”

A bucket was passed to the Baron and he walked quickly towards the flame and threw the lot directly onto it. Great clouds of steam flew upwards and ash also blew upwards with the steam,

but still the flame burned. “Another, give me another.”

Another bucket was passed to him and again he threw it over the flame. Again, a large amount of steam rose from the ashes and as it spat, so the ashes rose up with the steam. Then the screaming started among the people standing around the flame, that still had not died down. Baron Watley turned to see what was going on, and hot water vapour burnt his face and hands. As he shouted out in pain, he breathed in some of the hot steam and some of the fine ash in the vapour. His face was burning with the hot steam and ash clung to his face.

He struggled to walk to his horse, but the water and ash hindered his efforts. He broke out from the area, and as he lifted his tunic to wipe his face, the people and his two guards turned and ran away.

The Baron heard a noise above him and looked up. The vapour was now in the shape of a female and as he watched, one of her hands reached down and went into his opened mouth. He heard laughing as he gagged at the taste of the ash.

And then it all ended.

The steam dropped to the ground, the dust blew away, and the flame died down and vanished. The Baron mounted his horse and rode away from the fire, and towards the people and his guards who were standing watching him come to them.

“The fire is out, no thanks to any of you. You two, go and get your mounts, I need to clean this filth from my clothes and my body. Then a good jug of ale and I will then give thought to your punishment.”

He rode through the crowd who parted for him and made his way to his manor. He stripped his tunic and his trousers and commanded that they be scrubbed clean, then asked for water that he could rinse the ash from his face and hands. Once clean, he sat in his chair and called for ale. He drank well and soon felt tired.

When he woke the next day, he was aware that he felt uncomfortable in his stomach. Had the ale been off? He thought not. As the evening wore on, his pain grew even more. He called for his physician and begged for a potion to take the pain in his stomach away.

After an examination of him, the physician suggested it was wind, and pressed his enlarged stomach. The Baron let out a thunderous fart, but it smelt of burning flesh. Holding his nose, the medic said, “Having eased the blockage of air within you Sir, I am sure you will be a lot more comfortable,” and he made a quick exit.

The Baron went to sleep but the following day, all was not well. His face and hands had blisters where

the steam had burnt him as he threw the water over the fire. The physician was again called but on seeing the large blisters, suggested that he bleed him to purify his blood, for that is what it must be. He took out a large leech and tried to get it to fasten on the Barons arm, but as the bloodsucker bit in, so it died.

After six attempts, the man decided that enough leeches had died, it was time to lance the blisters. Four men were called to hold the Baron down and once held; the physician cut the first blister. Pus oozed out and again the smell of burning flesh attacked their nostrils. The Baron smelt nothing; he couldn’t understand how four grown men could be so affected by the bursting of a blister. The pain from doing it was his not theirs.

The physician continued with the lancing, and with each cut, the ooze gave forth more odious smells of burnt flesh and blood. Finally, the lancing was finished, and the physician left the Baron, but he continued to feel ill, and food nor ale interested him anymore.

He became exhausted and slept for longer periods. Day or night became as nothing to him. He woke on another day with his tongue swollen, blisters and puss seeping from them as they broke. His time awake was plagued with pain.

On the seventh day, the Baron failed to rise from his bed. Servants didn’t know what to do, but then his valet said he would go to the bedroom and wake the Baron.

He found the Baron dead. Again, the smell of burnt flesh was evident in the room.

As word spread of the **demise of Baron Watley**, so the curse from the woman also was also told and linked to his death. People feared the demons who must be now be roaming in the hamlet of Yonder.



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Slowly, the people left their huts and moved away, always looking back yonder at the place of Watley's end. The hamlet became known as Watley's end, and as time moved on, so the story died, until I found it.

Now the old hamlet of Yonder, known as Watley's end, is part of Winterbourne. But if you should walk down Watley's End Road, you will come to the end with a field in front of you. Court Road then starts.

This is where, I think, the Baron held court over the woman he burnt as a witch. The field was the site of the burning, convenient for the three villages of Frampton Cotterell, The Heath, (now known as Coalpit Heath) and Winterbourne to see the burning of a witch.

It is said by those who live nearby, that on some nights, the wind sounds as if the woman still screams at the injustice laid upon her.

And that's the answer to why the name of Watley's End is to be found in Winterbourne in South Gloucestershire. ■





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