

DALIVE:

July/August 2025

News from Buckland Dinham, Chantry, Great Elm, Mells with Vobster and Whatley





FROM THE EDITOR

WE GOT THERE! 5Alive now has a future! PHEW!!! We've had a load of donations, and our online appeal has raised a shed load of cash. It's still coming in, so I'll give a final figure next time. If you still want to contribute, check out pay.collctiv.com/saving-five-alive-28547. Thanks Libby!!

And I've had a message from the only biological daughter of the late Libyan President, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi who has an investment fund worth twentyseven million five hundred thousand United States dollars (27,500,000.00) which she wants to entrust to me for investment project assistance. YIPPEEEEE (TEE HEE!!!!). Finally, on a very personal note, very many thanks to everyone who has asked me to pass on their best wishes to Sara, my wife, who, at the time of writing, has spent the last month or so in the RUH after suffering what I think is called 'auto immune encephalitis'. I am SO grateful and so is Sara. *Peter*

JOTTINGS FROM A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD

I CONFESS THAT WHEN I sat down to begin these "jottings" I had nothing in mind to write. Usually during the month, I would have noted down a few things which have occurred or I had seen or perhaps had been passed on by a friend. But this time, no. Just an empty file seeking inspiration. I turned back in the files to be earliest ones and was amazed to find the first was dated April 2015. Over 10 tears ago, filling the space vacated by our long standing and still missed vicar, Martin. Perhaps I am all "written out" as the saying goes, having commented on seasonal flora and fauna so many times? Anyway, who would remember if I cheated and repeated one from 10 years ago?

One thing I did notice from referring back 10 years was the climate change effect difference on seasonal growth and blossom during those years. Then I used to have my orchard strimmed around the end of July- never earlier – as I love the froth of Queen Ann's lace grown shoulder high through which the dogs plunged and tumbled. This year the flowerheads were over and seeding by early June so I have had it strimmed earlier. Likewise the sticky buds on the churchyard conker trees were just unfurling in April 2015 whereas this year the blossom candles were fully alight in early May.

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CONTACTS Mells Group of churches is currently in a vacancy. For any enquiries please contact the church warden in your parish. For weddings contact the benefice administrator, Mrs Catherine Brown, email catmellsgroup@gmail.com. She works on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Parish council Church laymen and women Church wardens chairs and clerks Buckland Dinham Jenny Waller, John Reckless 01373 461841 07887 556936 Diane Sleigh 07907 156735 clerk@bucklanddinham-pc.gov.uk Chantry Hazel Tovey 836384 Valerie Rawlins 836252 Great Elm Sally Rosa 07833 900947 John Earl 01373 812450 Mells/Vobster Hilary Ingram 07704 584953 Joy Book 01373 311073 Andrew Bramston 01373 836513 Whatley Mrs K Gay Rachel Nash 836175 clerk.whatleyparishcouncil @gmail.com **Roman Catholic Services** Mells: Sundays at 11.30am Frome: Saturdays 5.30pm. Wednesdays 11.30am Sundays 10.00am Somerset Councillor: Philip Ham 01373 812152 Others to be confirmed Chantry and Whatley Francis Hayden 07970 839532

Those of us who watch "Springwatch" will have noticed that while, officially, some birds are adjusting their life routines - overwintering instead of migrating - or arriving to breed earlier because of global warming, insect life hasn't yet kept pace with change to the same extent so that the usual abundant insect food is not available to synchronise with earlier hatched chicks.

Bats, too, suffer if the warmer weather coaxes them out of hibernation before the seasonal moths and other insect food is available. I may have mentioned before that I have bat louvres set into my slates – different shapes to accommodate bats of differing habits. Some fly straight out of roosts, others crawl into down-sloping entrances. When I had Bird Shadows converted from Chantry Grange's old stables, English Nature did a bat survey and discovered four species of summer roosting colonies so when the bats departed in winter the roof was done and the bat louvres inserted in time for their return in spring.

We had bats in the Grange roof and my mother was terrified of them. A colony roosted in the roof of the bay window which jutted out over the window on my parents' bedroom. On dusky summer evenings the odd bat would take a wrong turning and fly up into the open window – I learned to keep a small fishing net on a long pole handy as it was usually my job to retrieve the bat. Bur the first time it happened my mother shrieked, dived under the bed clothes and demanded my father "Do something about it!" He disappeared into the bathroom and returned with a bath towel wrapped around his head like a turban. On being asked what on earth he thought he was doing, he replied with sweet reasonableness, "Well bats are well known to get tangled in your

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hair. Surely you knew that?" The fact that he was as bald as an egg seemed to have escaped him. I hope I haven't told you this before.

If I have, do forgive me and put it down to old age – or just say I've gone batty! See you in September. *Hazell*

A PS FROM PETER

When I collected these jottings from Hazell she told me that she's thinking of holding a mini-garage sale on Saturday, September 27th. There will be, she said, all sorts of odds and ends and this and that she still has left over from previous sales and in all the years she had a stall at the Cheese and Grain where she sold stuff she had bought in. She stressed she never parted with anything of her own but now, she said, "Maybe the time has come for me to de-clutter a bit," she said. More in the September issue of 5Alive. *Peter*

BUCKLAND DINHAM

STRAWBERRY FAYRE FOREVER

Coincidentally the 5Alive cover this month features strawberries and on Saturday July 13th there's to be a Strawberry Fayre at Buckland Dinham's Village Hall. There will be a bar, street food, cream teas, live music and a bouncy castle. It all starts at 1.00pm – see you there!

RIP ROSEMARY WILLIAMS

I am sitting here latish on a Wednesday evening in June, June 18th to be precise, wondering what to write (and I am on a tight deadline!).

Today, somebody important to me passed away. Many of you know her, many of you are far more qualified to write about her than I am. Some of you would have known her for nigh on thirty years. I only had the privilege of knowing her for the last ten. Rosemary Williams was once an important part of the life of this village. She was a member of the WI, she was the Parochial Parish Council secretary, she was an avid supporter of the village events and fairs having hosted several in her garden in years gone by. Some people have mentioned to me she was sometimes a little scary even, but that is not how I know Rosemary.

When I got to know Rosemary, she was older. She was developing health issues after having spent many years caring selflessly for others, and if I am honest, she put her own self second as a result of her love and service to others. I met Rosemary at a time when she needed others to put her first. I was honoured to be able to do that for her. She invited us around for afternoon tea and cake so we could get to meet her having moved in next door – it was an interview.

Unfortunately, we got the time wrong, and she sent us away as she was not ready for us. We were not put off however and arrived at the correct time and had a lovely time getting to know our new neighbours. She had made the effort to make a cake to greet us, and she served us with tea in a teapot, which very much impressed me as one of a dying breed who loves to drink tea made in a teapot! They came and helped us celebrate our first Christmas in Buckland Dinham and Rosemary shared stories from the Northwest with Kevin as they had both grown up near Liverpool. Rosemary's husband, Ian, no doubt many of you will remember him also, died in 2016; just a year after our having moved in next door to them. He was buried on the same day as Kevin's father, so we were up in the Northwest at the time. Rosemary's health deteriorated and she needed more support; she found herself feeling lonely

more often. Unlike so many of us, Rosemary had not been fortunate enough to have children and so she felt that she faced a lonely future. We popped in to see her and invited her over to be part of our celebrations. She loved being social.

When Rosemary decided the house was too big for her, she set about moving into a very downsized place in Frome. She had an enormous task, as she had collected not just her and Ian's memories but her mother-in-law's and her husband's aunts, both of whom she cared for in their later life. She impressed me with her resilience and the way she steeled herself to be ruthless with reducing her belongings. It was often me who would be saying, maybe we should think about this or let's not be rash! Unfortunately, the big move in 2018 didn't give Rosemary back her independence as by then she had been diagnosed with Parkinsons and associated dementia. Rosemary bore this well, being both practical and pragmatic. She has sorted her will and arranged her funeral service so I wouldn't need to worry. She sat me down and made



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Wednesday 27 August	8.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Hemington, Morning Prayer Rode Chapel, Informal Prayer Tellisford, Evening Prayer
Thursday 28 August	6.00 pm	Norton St Philip, Silent Prayer
Sunday 31 August	10.30	Rode, United Communion Service

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me promise I would honour her wishes about end of life and made me understand that for her life ending was a beginning and she would be happy. Care was soon required at home to keep her safe. Covid hit and Rosemary was left alone – I still shudder to think how that must have felt for her, and it was a relief when paramedics gave me permission to be able to go and visit her. Unfortunately, carers changing regularly brought Covid to her and she ended up in hospital. Rosemary lost her ability to walk in January 2020 and was forced into a nursing home for her continued care. She bore this without complaint or fuss.

I would visit every week; we would look at her wedding photos and she would remember memories from times long gone. We would talk about her dogs and cat and the many houses she had lived in. She often mentioned the exploits she and Ian had in the Morgan they drove in their slightly younger days. I had glimpses into the life Rosemary had lived and wished I had known her then. She bore her steady decline with resilience and calm.

It would be easy to feel sorry for Rosemary, she died today, aged 87. She had a peaceful death. She slipped away by falling to sleep. A kind death that she deserved. Her time for service on earth at an end, a job done well. Many of the people she knew and loved had passed before her and the village as she knew it may now not really exist, but Rosemary counted and she contributed and I know that there will be many out there that have their own memories and stories to tell of Mrs Rosemary Williams. I hope you will be able to come and share those stories at her funeral, which will take place at her beloved St Michael and All Angels in the next couple of weeks, so we can bring a lovely lady to the forefront of life and celebrate her one more time. Go in peace Rosemary and rise in glory. *Sam Nash*



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CHANTRY

Have a great summer. Holy Trinity 's community space has been very busy of late. Our Plant and Bake sale; aided and abetted with Friends of Whatley; had a very successful and enjoyable day. Between us we raised over £700. THANK YOU. What a wonderful community response. The money raised for Chantry will go towards making the boiler room water-tight so we can use it for storage. Holy Trinity 's community space has been very busy of late. Our Plant and Bake sale; aided and abetted with Friends of Whatley; had a very successful and enjoyable day. Between us we raised over £700. THANK YOU. What a wonderful community response. The money raised for Chantry will go towards making the boiler room water-tight so we can use it for storage. We also have had our first THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY pop up pub event! This was well attended and had a great atmosphere. The ever popular, Jack Horner's sausage rolls sold out and everyone was very happy with the careful selection of beers, gins and wines. Some friends from Whatley had popped in and some Chantry folk have been along to their First Friday pop up pub too. Remember they are there for everyone to enjoy so please do support these social meeting events and tell friends to meet you there! Coming up we have the Brodsky Quartet playing at Holy Trinity July 7th. Tickets from Cheese and Grain September we hope to have a History of Chantry eventwatch out for the date (website and newsletters) October 25th an evening with the marvellous James Hornsby who will



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We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Weeks and family of Chantry farm on the sad loss of a husband and father. He has been ill for some time but this does not take away the pain of those left behind, we will pray for you all.

Congratulations to David Rawlins who will reach his 90th birthday in August, we hope you have a very happy birthday, David.

And a warm welcome to the new residents in Bullen Mead. I do not have their names at the moment but hope that you will be happy here and settle in to village life.

Maintenance		
Date	Flowers	Cleaning
06-07-25	Val	Sue
13-07-25	Hazel	Clare
20-07-25	Hazel	Sonia
27-07-25	Laureen	Dolly& Val
03-08-25	Val	
10-08-25	Val	Clare
17-08-25	Hazel	Sonia
24-08-25	Laureen	Dolly & Val
31-08-25	Val	

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GREAT ELM

It's mid June at the time of writing this copy and have just heard that the latest advertisement for a new priest resulted in no applicants. A new round of advertising will start in July.

Meanwhile we press on....

6th July - Great Elm will be hosting the July group Benefice service 9.30am.

Saturday 26th July - A wedding. Dave Golledge and Paula May are getting married at St Mary Magdalene.

Sunday 27th July - Village Tea Party to celebrate St Mary Magdalene Day. 3.00pm at Glebe House, in the garden.

More details will be on the village WhatsApp nearer the time.

Have a great summer!

MELLS WITH VOBSTER

ST ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD

Very many people enjoy walking through St Andrew's Churchyard, whether they live in Mells or come to visit our beautiful village. We have however had some complaints about dogs roaming wild off a lead, which can be daunting for children and those not



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keen on dogs, as well as a huge increase in fouling in the churchyard. Apart from being a health hazard, it is most upsetting for people when it is found on a family member's grave, and it is a real problem for those cutting the grass and looking after the churchyard. Please respect the signs that are clearly visible, keep your dog on a lead and pick up after it if necessary. Thank you.

MELLS WITH VOBSTER PCC

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Margarette Chillcott. Margarette and her husband Charles have lived in Vobster for 35 years and Margarette has been an active and much respected member of our community. She raised her two boys here and was devoted to all her extended family and grandchildren. Margarette was always there as part of a team organising the many village events in Velocities but over a charge events in Malla tea. She was a member of the BCC and

Vobster but was also very active in Mells too. She was a member of the PCC and served on the committee for the Mells Daffodil Fair. She was a regular volunteer in the Mells Village Community shop and a member of the Mells choir.

Margarette was a gentle, reserved person who found it easier to give than receive and many of us wished we could have done more for her in the last difficult year of her life. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Notes of Mells Parish Council held on Tuesday June 10th 2025 (Full minutes can be found at mells-pc.gov.uk)

SOMERSET COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

£101million Budget Gap: Somerset Council must find £101 million in savings for the next financial year to balance its budget.



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Pay & Grading Review: Somerset Council will spend up to £3 million on external consultants to carry out a pay and grading review for staff, following the creation of the unitary authority in 2023.

Safe Vape Disposal: Re-usable and non re-usable vapes must be kept separate from other recycling and put out in a small, clear tied bag, such as a sandwich bag, on top of one the recycling boxes.

Somerset on Screen: Somerset Council has reported that film and TV productions generated more than £4 million for the county's economy in the 2024/25 financial year. Much of this economic boost benefited local hospitality, accommodation, and catering businesses. <u>Screen Somerset</u>, the Council's dedicated film office, supported a range of projects, including the upcoming adaptation of *The Salt Path*, filmed in locations such as Cheddar and Minehead.

MATTERS ARISING

Pavilion lease and future of recreation ground: The directors are awaiting various quotes. Based on these, they will make a proposal to the Estate on how they will be funded and possible terms for the new lease.

HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

Speeding vehicles in Vobster: Highways has responded to the questions raised last month and more consideration needs to made into how this can be moved forwards. **Park Corner:** The white lining has been reinstated and a new reflective give way sign has been installed.

Layby by Vobster bus shelter: Cllr West will put together a proposal of how the works will be carried out for Highways. Some tyres were dumped in the layby recently.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email from resident regarding speeding in Longfield: It was felt that on the whole traffic is within the limit although there are some that are driving too fast. No action to be taken at present

Email from resident regarding litter bin for bus shelter at Rectory Corner: Litter is regularly left around this area and the councillors agreed to purchase a litter bin.

Precept: The chair wanted consideration to be given to increasing the precept quite significantly to allow the parish council to function at a higher level which would facilitate it helping with larger village projects which are currently out of the PC means.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 8th 2025 at 7.15pm in the Barn.

Joy Book, Clerk

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WHATLEY

Whatley is beginning to make the most of our wonderful new social area in the church. The first official social evening was a great success, with lots of villagers and visitors turning up to sample the range of drinks at the bar.

Many also enjoyed the delicious optional takeaway from Lungi Babas, along much chatting around tables in the sunshine before retiring inside as darkness fell. The final calling time was midnight! It proved to be so enjoyable that these 'pub' evenings will also be held mid-month, although takeaways are only available on the first Fridays.

The first coffee morning likewise proved great success, with irresistible cakes and delicious chatter. It was much enjoyed by locals along with passing walkers. Both these events will continue on a regular basis. We hope they will flourish, but you will have to be part of this, putting dates in your diary and turning up when you can. It helps us to become a community, rather than just neighbours.

Much thanks to the many people who are spending much time and effort to give us these opportunities; it is truly appreciated.

ST. GEORGE'S CLEANING AND FLOWERS

July 5th.	A Kettle
12th.	S. Pollock
19th.	M.Scott
26th.	M Ransome
August 2nd.	L Thomas
9th.	J Urhmacher
16th.	P Witt
23rd.	K Gay
30th.	J Norris

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SOCIAL EVENING with FOOD, DRINKS and CONVERSATION

Where: Whatley St George's Church When: Friday July 4th Time: 6.00pm-11.00pm There will be a bar open to purchase drinks at amazing prices and an Indian supper (pre order). Bring your friends and family. Games for younger member and teens. Drinks: Real Ale, Pale Ale, Lager & Cider at great prices Food: pre order Lungi Baba vegetarian Indian food £12 a head pre-order through <u>d.kenwood@hotmail.com</u> by Wednesday July 2nd

SECOND SOCIAL EVENING, DRINKS and CONVERSATION

Where: Whatley St George's Church When: Saturday July 19th Time: 6.00pm-11.00pm The bar is open to purchase drinks and socialise.

COFFEE MORNING

Where: Whatley St George's Church When: Saturday July 12th Time: 10.00am – 12.00. Homemade Cakes Filter Coffee and Nescafe, teas, soft drinks Come and enjoy our friendly community space, have a chat and enjoy some amazing cakes all baked locally. Marian Ransome will have her beautiful quilts on display.

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Where: Whatley St George's Church When: Tuesday July 15th Time: 6.15pm -7.45pm ALL WELCOME

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