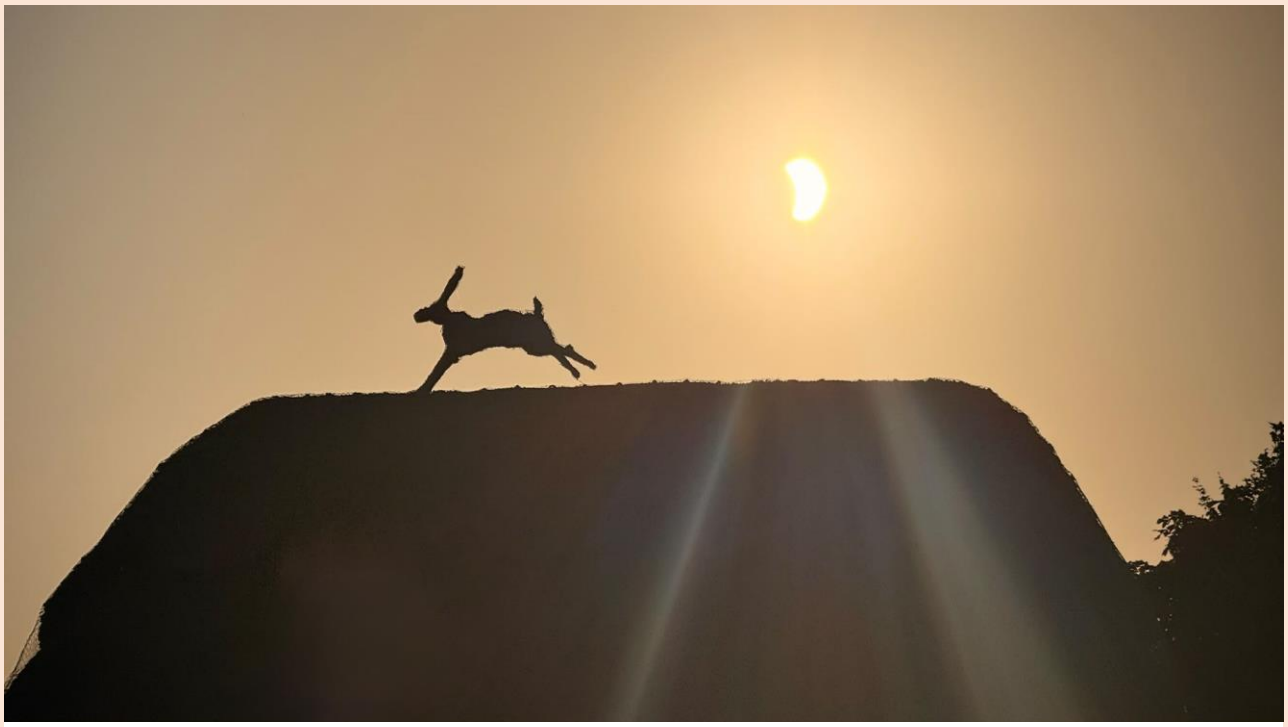


COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

September Issue No. 542

Hi everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter.

….and the hare jumped over the moon (and the sun at the same time)!

Did You Know - In Celtic Folklore, people looked upon the Hare as an animal with supernatural powers, and they were admired for their strength and speed. Noted for being active at night, they are therefore associated with the Moon. Hares, which are present in Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish, were seen as mysterious and magical, so are thought of as a creature to be treated with caution.

A great 'eclipse' photo, Ed.

If you have any items, including local adverts, which you would like included in future newsletters, send these to cpb.newsletter@gmail.com, but could you please submit them by 26th of the month latest so that we have enough time to organise the Newsletter and send it out by the end of the month. If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, then please let us know and we will remove you from the mailing list.

Dates for the Diary

Every Monday	Zumba dancing 9.30am, Village Hall
Every Monday	Table Tennis Juniors 6.00pm-7.00pm, onwards to 9.00pm, Village Hall
Every Tuesday.	Piloga 9.00am-9.45am, Village Hall
Every Wednesday	Realign Exercise Classes 9.30am-10.15am, Village Hall
Every Friday	Yoga starting 4th Sept. 9.30am-10.30am, Village Hall,
Sat. 5th Sept.	Produce Show, 3.00pm, Village Hall
Sun. 6th Sept.	Said Communion 9.00am, St. Peter's Church
Tues. 8th Sept.	Board Games 2.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs. 10th Sept.	Calligraphy Group 10.00am-12noon, Village Hall
Tues. 15th Sept.	Tai Chi, 11.30am-12.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs. 17th Sept.	W.I. 7.15pm, Village Hall
Sat. 19th Sept.	Clyffe Wildlife Group, Great Wood Visit, 1.00pm-4.00pm
Tues. 22nd Sept.	Board Games, 2.30pm, Village Hall
Thurs. 24thSept.	Calligraphy Group 10.00am-12noon, Village Hall
Tues. 29th Sept.	Bushton Bookworms

Future Dates:

Sat. 3rd Oct.	Pop-up Coffee Shop, 10.00am-12.00noon, Village Hall
Fri. 16th Oct.	Harvest Supper, Village Hall

Village Hall News



Firstly, thank you to all those who supported the **Rotary Cinema evening** ('Song Sung Blue' with Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) - something very different for our venue and so well attended. Let's hope they come again.

The programme for the regular activities at the hall is attached. I am sure the providers are looking forward to having a good number of attendees into the Autumn term - their phone numbers are on the list so you can give them a ring if you want to chat through their activity.

New Yoga class starts on Friday 4th September - we hope Monika will enjoy running her classes at our hall.

We endeavour to make sure there is at least one event each month where attendance is open to everyone - either being organised by the Village Hall Committee or by a local organisation.

Produce Show Saturday 5th September 3.00pm organised by the WI - see poster.

Pop-Up Coffee Shop is being planned for 3rd October - Sally Fox is going to have a stall for **JIGSAWS** - do bring any no longer wanted jigsaws and take any that you fancy doing for a donation - all money will be sent to Prospect Hospice.

Harvest Supper Friday 16th October - all are invited to attend this event - you do not have to be a 'church goer' - the food is very good, and lots of it - Jane Angus and the PCC will be organising.

Live Music evening with Landlocked the Sea Shanty group on Saturday 14th November. Tickets will be £10 to include supper. BYO drinks. 7.00pm start.

101 club - no draw has taken place since the last newsletter - September and October winners will be published in the next Newsletter.

Don't forget - the Village Hall will be closed for redecoration during half term week.

Barbara Davis 0796 223 6678 or rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

Village Hall News cont'd…



Regular Bookings

Day	Time	Activity	Phone/email
Monday	Morning 9:30 to 10:30	Zumba	Flory 07770490907 florentina_cata@yahoo.com
	18:00 to 19:00	Table Tennis for juniors	Rosemary Greenway 0737 6927325 Rosygreenway@gmail.com
	19:00 to 21:00 (except bank holiday)	Table Tennis	Terry Mills millsofcalne@gmail.com
Tuesday	Every 2 weeks 10:00 to 11:00	Private dance practice	
	11:30 to 12:30 (Re start 15th September)	Tai Chi	Mark Jones 07905632539 mark@greenchi.co.uk
	Afternoon 14:30 2nd and 4th Tuesday (restart October)	Board Games – own choice	Barbara Davis 0796 223 6678 rjbjdavis@btinternet.com
Wednesday	Morning 9:30 to 10:15	Weights	Stephanie Percival 07500557527 creating.balance@yahoo.com
Thursday	2nd and 4th Morning 10-12	Calligraphy	Janet Hargrave 01249890726 Jan_Hargrave@yahoo.co.uk
	13:00 -14:00	Piloga	Stephanie Percival -see above - check with her before attending
	3rd in month Evening 19:00 to 21:00	WI	Madelaine Flight 07748 075377 madelaine_flight@outlook.com
Friday	9:30 to 10:30 (from September 4th)	Yoga	Monika 07824633695 tif.monasingh@gmail.com

There are several other groups that meet on a semi regular basis – for more information please contact Barbara.

If you wish to book the hall for your own activity:
Monday to Friday charges £10 per hour.
Friday evening to Sunday evening £12 per hour
Parties £14 per hour

Events are published in the Community Newsletter and posted on the 'Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall' Facebook page and the Parish Notice Boards
Contact : Barbara Davis 0796 2236678 rjbjdavis@btinternet.com

BUSHTON & CLYFFE PYPARD W.I.

PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September

Bushton Village Hall

From 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon celebrating local talent, home-grown produce, baking, crafts and more.

- View the exhibits
- Support local entrants
- Meet friends and neighbours
- Enjoy refreshments



ADMISSION OPEN FROM 3:00 PM

For further information, please contact Bushton & Clyffe Pypard W.I.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bushton and Clyffe Pypard WI Produce Show

It's not too late to get your entries ready for the show!

Before now and Saturday 5th September, you can make jam, jelly, a cordial, bread or a cake, or as many of these and other items as you like. You could also put together a collection of items for any named emergency, or to illustrate a children's book. And see what the garden will give you – flowers, fruit, vegetables. (Possibly!)

Examples are: 6 eggs

stone fruit jam - soft fruit jam- mixed fruit jam – jelly – marmalade -chutney - chilli jam

a loaf of bread (you can use a breadmaker) - Bara Brith - coffee and walnut cake - a plate of plain scones - a plate of choc-chip cookies

(men only) chocolate sponge cake

lemon squash - fruit gin - any other liqueur - a cordial

Please see previous newsletters for information too.

Schedules with an entry form are still available. (Sally Fox has a few - 07568 311823) There is an entry form in this edition too.

Entries can be brought to the hall on Friday 4th between 5.30 and 7pm and on Saturday morning 9-11.30am.

And then do come along on Saturday afternoon from 3pm to see it all and enjoy tea with great cake!

Bushton & Clyffe Pypard Produce Show
Entry Form
Please use a separate form for each member of the family

Name of Entrant: .....

Address: .....

E-mail: .....

Entry Fees: **Adults - 50p per item or after 10 items 20p** **Children – FREE**

Class No	No of Entries

Class No	No of Entries
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Fee Paid	





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Bushton Bookworms

Bushton Bookworms' discussion on their latest read was lively and wide-ranging. The book in question was "Brooklyn" by Irish writer Colm Toibin. We began with Irish immigration to New York since this book began with young Eilis Lacey, with basic book-keeping skills, not being able to find the right kind of employment. Her life was then organised by a priest visiting from New York, who set up a passage to America, a job, accommodation, and further courses for her, without even asking if she would like to take it up! This clearly was how many young Irish were treated in the 1950s, before and after, to deal with the employment shortage in Ireland.

We follow Eilis's experiences, right up to her secret marriage to an Italian and her visit back home after two years when her sister had suddenly died. The whole story features many secrets: events are often the outcome of Eilis in particular not telling even her mother what had been happening, and she ends this part of her life by having a brief relationship with another man in her home town of Enniscorthy before leaving suddenly to return to New York. Toibin is a great writer: characters and settings are utterly believable. His sequel "Long Island" tells us what happens twenty years later….



Our next book is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi, apparently being made into a film starring Tom Hanks. We'll meet for this on 29th September so do join us if you know this book or would like to join the book group – we'd love to welcome you!

sally_fox@btinternet.com

Country Notes

COW-PATS

Next time you step in a cow-pat (although in this recent weather it will likely be dried out), try not to curse, but instead thank it for the amazing benefits it gives by improving soil health, feeding hundreds of insect species, and even creating renewable energy.



As we all know, cow-pats are an end result of partially digested plant material from cows (and other ruminants like sheep) and a key natural fertiliser wherever they have grazed. This process provides a huge number of benefits and uses to both wildlife and humans:

- **Slow-release nutrients:** Cow-pats hold key elements like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium that feed plants slowly over time.
- **Better soil structure:** They add organic matter, which helps soil hold water, breathe, and resist packing down too tightly.
- **Deep roots:** Worms and beetles break down the pat and dig tunnels, letting air, carbon, and nutrients go deep into the earth.

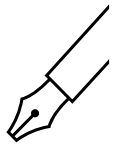
Country Notes cont'd…….

- **Insect homes:** Each cow-pat is a tiny habitat for more than 250 different kinds of insects, including helpful dung beetles. Unfortunately, studies show that routine or blanket deworming of livestock leads to a major drop in dung beetle species richness and abundance. This can have a knock-on effect on insect-feeding animals and soil health. Surveys on UK pasturelands show that sheep dung can support incredibly high concentrations of beetles. One Dartmoor study found there were up to 358 beetles per litre of sheep dung, vastly outnumbering the density found in cattle dung
- **Food for animals:** Birds, bats, hedgehogs, badgers, and foxes rely on these insects to survive.
- **Green electricity:** Cow poo can go through a process called anaerobic digestion to make biogas, which creates clean electricity for homes.
- **Eco-friendly pots:** Dried cow dung is pressed into biodegradable plant pots that break down naturally in the garden.
- **Fuel for fires.** In many parts of the world, dried cow dung was, and still is, used as fuel for (very unhealthy) fires
- **Construction.** Cow dung has been used as an ingredient in traditional plasters like daub.

There are downsides to ruminant dung however – greenhouse gases. While the vast majority of cattle and sheep methane emissions are burped out during digestion (enteric fermentation), their droppings also give off gas methane and nitrous oxide – both far more potent GHGs than carbon dioxide, especially when wet.

So next time you see a cow or sheep depositing its poo, don't see it as waste but as a complex and essential part of a natural system.

Calligraphy Group



The Calligraphy Group will be starting a new term on September 10th. We meet on alternate Thursday mornings in the Village Hall from 10.00 until 12.00.

We are a small, friendly group and would be very pleased to welcome anyone else who is interested in learning or developing a new skill.

This term we are going to be basing our activities around the traditional uncial hand. It will be new to some and a chance to revisit to others.

Although our activities are based around lettering, we take it lightly and try to include other crafts as well. You don't need any special equipment to get started, I always have pens and ink. You can join in at any time.

We meet for 7 sessions in each term and share the cost of the hire of the hall between the members of the group. It usually costs around £20 for the term.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information or to come for a "taster" session, please get in touch with Jan (01249 890726 / 07896 763681 /jan_hargrave@yahoo.co.uk)

Thomas Spackman Educational Trust Grant

Are you, or do you know, a young person living in the Clyffe Pypard or Broad Town area who would benefit from a grant from The Thomas Spackman Educational Trust?

The Charity's main focus is education or work-related training and apprenticeships, but the Charity may also be able to help a promising individual develop a particular talent; perhaps help fund tuition in a musical instrument or develop a sporting skill.

Applying is very easy. If you wish to find out more about the application process, please contact Rosemary Greenway or email: spackmantrust@gmail.com.

All formal applications need to be in by 31st March for the spring round and 30th September for the autumn round of awards.

Bushton & Clyffe Pypard WI

The meeting in August was augmented by a delightful rather large labrador called Brock who wandered around the hall greeting everybody just to say hello. The subject of the talk was “Pets as Therapy” and Brock demonstrated admirably how to make friends and make people smile. When working he regularly visits care homes, but others are also involved in hospitals and schools and just about anyone who needs a boost to their mental health and loneliness.



Just a quick reminder that the Produce Show returns on Saturday 5th September in the Village Hall. We would love to see you there, and if you have one of the award cups, please could you return it to us, preferably before the day. If it helps there will be someone at the hall most of the time from about 11am to mid-afternoon, maybe not at lunchtime on Friday 4 September.

September’s meeting is an open meeting which means we welcome anyone to come along and join us, male or female, 7.15pm, Thursday 17th September at the Village Hall. The subject is: Oral History; sharing stories with Emily Malcolm. We do not charge you, we do invite you to stay for a light tea, we don’t expect you to stay for the business part of the meeting and if you wish to make a small donation that would be most welcome.

P.S. the dog in the photo is not Brock.

Clyffe Pypard & Bushton Wildlife Group

Finally, the heatwaves have broken and now the rain is coming in intense showers, running off the baked land and risking local flooding. Is this pattern of extremes the future? How will our farms cope?

Nature has also suffered, with some younger trees dying off and others dropping leaves early. The natural food chain has been impacted due to drying up of vegetation and I have seen fewer birds and butterflies around this last month than usual. Will this be the new normal? How will the landscape change as some species survive and others decline?

Great Wood visit **Saturday 19th September**
1pm to 4pm.

THERE ARE A FEW PLACES LEFT – BOOK NOW

The wood is a short drive (10 minutes from Bushton). Meeting place to be provided on booking. Nick Self, our local Wiltshire Wildlife Trust ranger will be leading a tour of Great Wood, a recently acquired reserve that is currently undergoing restoration.
This is a rare opportunity to see this wonderful site as it is not open to the public.
There are still some spaces available if you have not already booked.

Please email clyffenature@gmail.com to secure a place (we need to know numbers!) and directions.

We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any queries, or would like to get more involved then please contact us at clyffenature@gmail.com

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Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Parish Council

https://clyffepypardbushton.org.uk

As in July, there has been no Parish Council meeting this month. However, your Parish Councillors continue to work for the good of the parish. There are 2 items of interest:

- **New Defibrillator for Clyffe Pypard**. Having navigated the VAT issue the Chair of the Parish Council met with a representative of SW Ambulance Service to discuss the best options for the Clyffe defibrillator. The advice received, which included training and the pads (which need to be replaced post an incident where they are used) meant a reappraisal of which defibrillator to purchase for the village. The recommended one was some £400 more expensive. The Chair has therefore gone back to the Bradenstoke Solar Park Community Fund to seek an increase in the size of the grant approved for this item. At the time of writing, we still await an out-of-committee decision to increase funding or, alternatively, to direct that the Parish Council covers the shortfall. Once this has been agreed, the purchase and installation of the selected defibrillator is expected to take just a few weeks (depending on availability of the skilled individuals to complete the installation). Once the defibrillator is installed, the SW Ambulance representative has offered to provide familiarisation training which will be coordinated by the Parish Council and will take place in the village hall at a future date (TBA).
- **Planning**. There have been some new planning applications which the Parish Council is reviewing and for which comments will be submitted.

Future Meetings

Agreed dates for the Parish Council meetings for the year 2026/2027 are:

- Wednesday 30th September 2026
- Wednesday 25th November 2026
- Wednesday 13th January 2027
- Wednesday 24th March 2027

All meetings will take place in the Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.





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Save The Date

Harvest Supper

Friday 16th October in the Village Hall

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Village WhatsApp Group
Clyffe Pypard & Bushton network

A village WhatsApp group has been created to enable residents to share village information quickly and easily, for example: local road accidents affecting access, fallen trees, flooding, lost pets, anything of relevance to the community etc. etc.

Everyone is welcome to join the group - just right click on the link below:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/E1WopNfzp49KeHMHXpaTis

www.10green.co.uk

Ten Green Bottles is an initiative by Berkeley Farm in Wroughton to deliver fresh milk, dairy, veg & bread to local villages. They now deliver to Clyffe Pypard and Bushton!

If you would like to sign up, go to their website or download the App. It's easy to do and a great way to reduce plastic usage.

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