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Stonehenge: Sarah Orchard

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Potted histories...whatever did happen to them?

Edward V was king of England for a few short months in 1483. Last seen in the Tower of London with younger brother, Richard of York, we all know what happened next and whodunnit. Shakespeare pronounced, so it must be so. Why go on?

Following the death of his father Edward IV, young Edward relocated from Ludlow, his seat as Prince of Wales, to reside in the King's royal lodgings in the Tower of London. He is recorded as playing with brother Richard, shooting at butts in the garden. They were not actually imprisoned in that it was traditional for the heir to the throne to prepare for coronation there. Then, on the due day, to ride in splendid procession from the Tower in the east, to Westminster Abbey in the west.

The coronation was planned for 22 June, and coins were being minted, when it was announced that Edward IV's marriage to Elizabeth Woodville was bigamous. That marriage was never popular at Court and old scores were definitely being settled. The heirs of an illicit marriage could not inherit land, least of all the Crown of England. That's convenient then.

Uncle Richard had, as Protector, quietly arranged it all. As the surviving senior heir to the throne he was then offered the Crown by the governing Parliamentary body. The whole process had been organised in the wink of a royal eye.

The Princes had in the meantime disappeared and no definitive English document survives that proves that they were killed. When Henry Tudor subsequently seized the throne he was happy to cite Richard's dastardly doings. His Parliament also accused Richard of all sorts of crimes, mostly invented, but not regicide!

Richard took the secret to his grave. Subsequent writers, historians, playwrights and artists have repeated and embroidered the tale. It is now orthodoxy.

But did they die and who killed them? Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham and a staunch supporter of both Richard and Henry is also cited, as is Henry, himself.

Two claimant Princes then surfaced, with supporters, and with both being defeated. The first, supported by Richard's sister, sailed from France for Dublin, and was crowned Edward V. His army was defeated by Henry's at Stoke. The victor put it about that the captured imposter was one, Lambert Simnel; he was actually pardoned because of his tender years; employed as a scullion in the royal kitchens.

The second, claiming to be the younger Richard of York also sailed from France, with even wider European support. Defeated by Henry, he was captured and executed but not until he had confessed under duress to being one Perkin Warbeck.

History has, to date, generally accepted these two aliases in the absence of hard evidence of what actually happened to the Princes.

The skeletons of two small boys were discovered in the Tower of London in 1674...

Lover Repair Café

WE'VE HAD A GRAND SUMMER & NOW WE ARE READY FOR THE FIREWORKS. IN OCTOBER THE REPAIR CAFE GAVE TWO DISPLAYS OF OUR ACTIVITIES TO THE W.I. & THE 'GOOD COMPANIONS', WE ALL ENJOYED OURSELVES & THE W.I. CAKES WERE VERY SCRUMMY.



Edith, a very broken up 85 year old French dolly paid us a visit in October and she required the skills of three of our amazing Helpers to put her back together, an engineer to make the connections, ceramic's/painter to tidy her up & our dress-maker to protect her modesty with new knickers and a dress. Did you notice; the interesting thing about French dolls is they have adult faces.



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Don't Dump It, Dish It! New Forest Pumpkin Campaign Offers a Tasty Fix

This Halloween the New Forest National Park Authority and the [New Forest Marque](#) are urging people to think twice about how they discard their leftover pumpkins and instead to turn them into quick, easy and delicious meals.

Each year pumpkins left on the Forest floor pose a real threat to the free-roaming animals that make the New Forest so special. While it might seem like a harmless seasonal offering, pumpkins can cause serious digestive issues in ponies and discarded pumpkins attract animals to roadsides, increasing the risk of accidents.

'Every year we find pumpkins left all over the New Forest, often by well-meaning people who are unaware that they can be harmful to wildlife and livestock,' said James Masser from the New Forest National Park Authority. 'They can cause stomach issues such as colic and choke in ponies, which can be potentially fatal if not spotted and treated.'

The animals seen grazing freely in the New Forest aren't wild, they are owned and cared for by local Commoners, whose families have lived and worked in the Forest for generations. If their animals fall ill from eating dumped food waste, it can have devastating effects on their health and the livelihoods of their owners.

To raise awareness and offer a positive alternative, the New Forest Marque local produce scheme has partnered with local chef Sutti Se-Upara, owner of [Anissa's Thai Kitchen and Deli](#) in Lyndhurst, to demonstrate just how easy it is to cook with leftover pumpkin.

In a short video filmed at his restaurant, Sutti prepares a fragrant Thai-style Pumpkin and King Prawn Stir Fry using a pumpkin locally sourced from Dan Tanner's Sopley Farm - also a New Forest Marque member, known for its pick-your-own produce.

Sutti said: 'Pumpkins come in all shapes and sizes and are often used in Thai cooking as they are naturally sweet and versatile. This stir fry is quick and simple and a great way to use up leftovers.' Those unable to cook with their leftover pumpkin are encouraged to compost it or cut it up and add it to their food waste bin. Anyone who sees pumpkins dumped on the Forest is asked to collect them if it is safe to do so. If that's not possible, the location should be reported to Forestry England on 0300 067 4600, ideally using a 'what3words' location reference if available.

The Pumpkin and King Prawn recipe is available on the [New Forest Marque website](#). A short-form video of the collaboration will be published at the end of October on the [@newforestmarque](#) and [@newforestnpa](#) social media channels.

Cheers! Autumn Production 2025



Tickets are selling quickly for our autumn production, **Two by Jim Cartwright** (author of *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*)!

Join us for an evening at our new local, The Redlynch Tap to share the stories of landlord and landlady, Don and Liz, in their down-to-earth pub and the various characters who frequent it. There's the lonely old man, a quiet couple on the corner, the woman spying on her lover and many more. As we hear their stories, the play explores the complexities of human loves and lives through humour, pathos, and strained relationships with a hint of underlying tragedy. It promises to make you laugh, cry and everything in between!

You, the audience, are invited to join us and experience an evening that captures a slice of typical British life. Why not come and have a drink, enter the Meat Draw, listen to our guest pub pianist, and maybe play a game of darts!

Directed by Ron Perry, the play will be performed

Wednesday 26th November – Saturday, 29th November in Redlynch Village Hall. Doors open at 7 for a 8:30pm start.

Tickets, costing £12 are now on sale!

Email tickets@redlynchplayers.co.uk or phone 01725 510283 to get yours.



Christmas Concert 2025

Our annual Christmas Concert, in collaboration with our friends Fordingbridge Choral Society, takes place on

Sunday 14th December at 6pm in St Mary's Church, Redlynch.

Held in aid of a cause close to our heart, Young Lives Versus Cancer, this special evening is always a popular time to enjoy listening to Christmas readings and join the choir with singing some all-time favourite carols. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served following the concert so do come and get festive!

Find out more about us!

If you would like to be included on our emailing list, please email: info@redlynchplayers.co.uk

Alternatively, see our website for recent reviews, how to buy tickets and past productions: www.redlynchplayers.co.uk

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
WOODGREEN PARISH COUNCIL held in
Woodgreen Reading Room on Tuesday 14th Oct 2025 at 7.30pm**

25/26.77 Members present: Lance Benest (LB)(Chair), John Clarke (JC), Helena Datta (HD), Mark Flannigan (MF), Stewart Hall (SH), Guy Rafferty (GR) and Pete Skinner (PS)

Also present: Amanda Johnson (Parish Clerk), Karen Hunt and Lindy Harper from Play Matters

Apologies for Absence: Janet Richards, NFDC District Councillor.

25/26.78 Declarations of interest: None

25/26.79 Defibrillators: Report from Ian Gemmell (Chair of Hale PC) regarding Hale and Woodgreen defibrillators. - Ian Gemmell was unable to attend.

25/26.80 Minutes of previous meeting held on 09/09/2025.

25/26.80.1 Following a review of the minutes, it was then unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

25/26.80.2 Matters arising from previous minutes not appearing as agenda items.

Forestry England (FE) - FE will supply some dragons teeth to be used as replacements throughout the village. WPC are in discussion with FE regarding clearing the viewpoint at Castle Hill.

25/26.81 Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

25/26.82 Proposed village play area: Karen Hunt and Lindy Harper updated councillors on the progression of the proposed new play area. Play Matters now have a bank account set up. They have committed that the area to be used for the play area will be the top of Halls Field. The design remains the same and will cover about 250 sq metres. They await the outcome of their resubmission for a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant of £67,200. A planning application has been drafted and a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) report (which must be submitted with the application) has been commissioned. The group will focus on fundraising efforts over the coming months. Play Matters asked the parish council if they would fund, or loan, the £2000 required for the planning application (£800) and the BNG report (£1200).

Following a lengthy discussion, the unanimous feeling of the councillors is that the parish council would like to see Play Matters demonstrate the community engagement for this project through fundraising efforts; they believe this to be a critical aspect of any new project within the village as such events evidence a level of support and engagement by the wider community. Whilst Play Matters have held the view that any fundraising should only take place once planning permission was received the Parish Council felt that was not a prerequisite step, based on other community initiatives it is critical to mobilise and gather support from the village as early as possible to build and maintain support. The parish council did agree that they will submit the planning application on behalf of Play Matters, which will reduce the cost to £400, however the parish council are unable to make any further financial contributions at this stage.

As a reminder, WPC have agreed the use of land for this project and have also agreed to pay for the legal costs which will be incurred from the peppercorn lease for the land.

25/26.83 Report by New Forest District Councillor: Cllr Richards was unable to attend.

25/26.84 Planning:

Case Number	25/01097TPO
Proposal	Prune group of roadside Beech and Oak trees, Prune 2 x Beech trees, Remove dead stem from 1 x Oak tree, Prune 1 x Yew tree (Trees are all part of W1 of TPO 69/05)
	Fell 1 x Beech tree, Prune 1 x Holly tree, Fell 2 x Beech trees, Coppice Hazel
Site	Langat House, Densome Wood, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge, SP6 2QU

Case Number 25/01149CONS
 Proposal Prune 1 x Oak tree
 Site 2 Dearley Croft, Hale Road, Woodgreen, SP6 2AH

Case Number 25/00986CONS
 Proposal Fell group of 3 x Birch trees
 Site Knowle House, Woodgreen Common Road, Woodgreen, SP6 2BQ

PS and HD visited all the sites and had no issues with the proposed works and therefore recommended to accept the decision of the National Park Authority Tree Officer. This was unanimously agreed.

25/26.85 Meetings Attended: No meetings were attended.

25/26.86 Speed Indicator Devices in Woodgreen and general speeding throughout the Forest. WPC is in consultation with HCC and NFDC regarding the installation of posts for the SIDS, this is a very slow process. LB and AJ will continue to liaise with HCC and NFDC to take this project forward. Councillors expressed their concern at recent animal deaths in the New Forest and would like to liaise with other parishes and Forest organisations to try to reduce the number of deaths. WPC will request an agenda item at the NW Quadrant meeting to discuss this.

25/26.87 Village Maintenance and Parish Council Property (including the cemetery, roads, hedges, footpaths, ditches) :

Fence - Fence repairs along Halls Field will be carried out this winter.

Fallen tree - During high winds a tree fell from Gussy's copse blocking Common Road. This was cleared very quickly by Nigel Harris and the fence repaired by Jason Steward at a total cost of £249.00.

Hedges - Steve Anton will carry out the annual hedgecutting for WPC.

25/26.88 Cemetery:

A working party was held on Sunday 12th October to tidy some of the older graves which are no longer regularly maintained. Many thanks to Stewart Hall who organised the morning and to the non-councillors who came along to help. A second session will be held on 26th October.

Two new benches have been installed and an existing bench repaired. There was evidence that the bins are being used for the disposal of dog waste, this is prohibited and signage will be installed to inform the public.

WPC will enter into a contract with NFDC for the collection of business waste from the cemetery; this was signed and will be returned to NFDC to allow collections to take place.

25/26.89 Financial report, Review of Ongoing Budget and approval of payments.

a. **Current Balances -**

- Lloyds Treasurers Account £18,667.01 as at 08.10.2025.
- Lloyds 32 Notice Account £80,984.88 as at 08.10.2025.

Ongoing annual expenditure was noted and approved.

b. **Expenditure:** The following payments were approved.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
A.Johnson	Salary - October	445.10		Standing Order
Cutting Edge	Cemetery maintenance - September	180.00		Bank Transfer
Lloyds Bank	Monthly bank service charges	4.37		
SSE Energy	Reading Room Electricity	65.70	3.13	Direct Debit

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT	METHOD
Amanda Johnson	Office supplies	5.24	0.87	Bank Transfer
Hosting Uk (reimbursed to A. Johnson)	Website fees	43.68	7.28	Bank Transfer (paid by credit card)
Nigel Harris	Emergency tree works	150.00		Bank transfer
TP Jones	Payroll - July - Sept	59.40	9.90	Bank transfer
Jason Steward	Emergency Fence repairs	99.00	16.50	Bank transfer

25/26.90 The following correspondence was noted.

10/09/25 NPA Press Release - Rare ladybirds found in New Forest
15/09/25 NFDC Households in pannage areas to change food caddy location
15/09/25 NFDC NFDC - Council meeting confirms continued roll out of new waste collections.
16/09/25 Forestry England - Nature receives a boost in the Forest
17/09/25 HALC Newsletter
17/09/25 NFDC Cllr Jill Cleary Local Government Reorganisation update.
17/09/25 HCC - Hampshire Forest Partnerships tree and hedge planting funds
18/09/25 NPA - The latest news - Autumn Arrivals
19/09/25 Police and Crime Commissioner - COPS is back October 2nd.
20/09/25 NPA Invitation - Pass the Pedall 2025
23/09/25 NPA welcomes new members
26/09/25 NPA - New Forest Walking Festival
30/09/25 Police and Crime Commissioner - Action on ASB and Rural Crime
01/10/25 NPA - New Forest National Transport Summit, 20th November
01/10/25 NFALC - Minutes of meeting held on 22nd September
02/10/25 Forestry England - Parking rises will help fund vital care for the New Forest
02/10/25 NPA calls for Forestry England car parking income to be reinvested in the Forest
02/10/25 NFDC - Helping the Forest get online with Click and Connect
06/10/25 HCC - Report from Nick Adams-King
07/10/25 HCC - Community led Hampshire Engagement Session 23rd October

25/26.91 Any other business and matters to be raised on the next agenda.

St Boniface Church has requested the use of the Bus Shelter for a Christmas scene - this was approved.
Paul Cleary from Wessex internet will attend the next meeting on 11th November to inform councillors of future plans to install Full Fibre broadband into the village.

HALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - POEMS FOR NOVEMBER

Be a farmer,
Be a true farmer,
Helps the crop,
Red, yellow and brown leaves falling slowly.

Jane - age 8



Harvest is a happy time,
All the people are happy,
Rest is here soon,
Vegetables are growing,
Everyone is planting,
See all the foods,
Thank you farmers.

Rudi - age 9

**St Mary's Church,
Redlynch**

All are welcome to join us at our special annual carol service.
Sing along to well known Christmas carols and listen to festive readings!

Christmas Concert

Sunday 14th December 2025 at 6pm

with
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Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society (FEFAS)

Our October meeting was a perfect moment to get together for a demonstration 'Time to Relax' by Andrea Hillyard as she showed us stunning designs inspired by Tai Chi poses. We all needed to pause and relax as we watch Andrea arranging flowers calmly 

Please join us for an Ikebana workshop on 3rd November to be led by Miyuki who is an Ikebana master of Ohara School. She will give us an insight into the art of Japanese flower arranging, followed by a demonstration of a simple, yet elegant design. Everyone is invited to have a go at arranging your own Ikebana! The worksheet (what to bring on the day, example designs, etc) can be found from the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/FEFASikebana>

All meetings/events are held at Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Village Hall, Woodfalls (SP5 2LD). A full programme for 2025/26 is available from the weblink <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2025> and on the notice board in the hall, and on our facebook group.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact: Miyuki Griffin 07990 868351

Email: forestedgeflower@gmail.com

Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/forestedgeflower

View full programme for 2025/26: <https://tinyurl.com/FEFAS2025>

Upcoming meetings:

3 November Workshop 'Ikebana' with Miyuki Griffin

7.30 pm (7 pm refreshments)

8 December Graham King Christmas Theme

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2026

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Feb. 6th 2026 @ 6.45pm [film starts 7.30pm] - Science Fiction

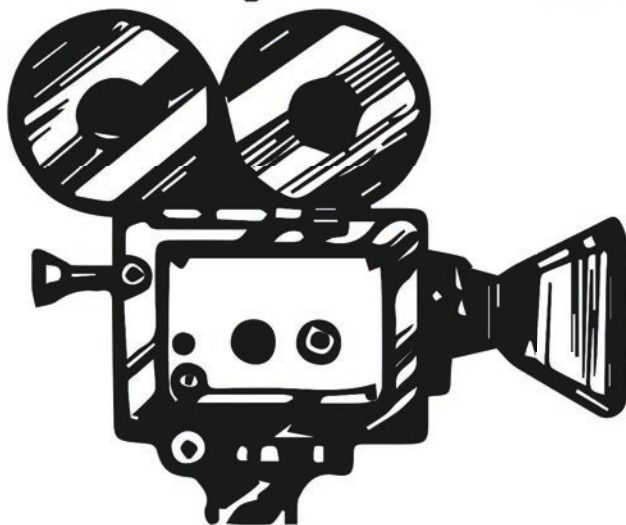
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Tuesday November 4 - Downstairs Hale Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Friday November 7 - Main Hall - Film Club 7pm

Saturday November 15 - Hale Local Produce Market - 9am - 12 noon

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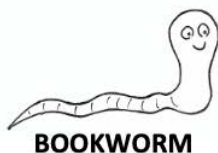
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“This Time Next Week” by Leslie Thomas OBE

In the 1970's and 80's Thomas's publisher, Pan, doggedly promoted a format of either Racy front covers featuring provocatively posed nymphets, with the inference of a bawdy romp, or a saucy seaside style cartoon, a policy which I imagine may have alienated a raft of potential female readers. A shame, because his stories, many set around the 1940's, are *firstly* poignant and amusing. His popular “Virgin Soldiers”, although not a favourite of mine, is a case in point, and of which Thomas wasn't that enamoured himself, calling it “a beginner's novel”. The books can be rude, but never offensive and he paints some great landscapes, filling them with funny interludes and engaging characters; remember “Dangerous Davies”? The hapless sleuth brought to life, rather indifferently, by Peter Davison in “The Last Detective”, and currently enjoying a revival on one of the Freeview channels. And I kind of like Thomas himself, not only from dimly remembered TV interviews; OK I know he's got a girl's name*, he's Welsh - although I don't hold that against him, he had a moustache (that neither), and he was an incredibly successful and wealthy writer. All this and yet I still like him. Well he did live locally and I have it on good authority that he was a very agreeable man. My wife's cousin was his gardener when he lived next door to Ted Heath in The Close in Salisbury, and *her* cousin will not hear a critical word against him, which is good enough for me - of course it has to be. And he was actually even more local than that; after Salisbury he moved to Tichbourne Farm, Redlynch, from whence he would enjoy a pint or three in The Kings Head.

This Time Next Week was published in 1964 and is the author's moving account of his early life when he was tragically orphaned at the age of 12, after his mariner father was lost at sea and his mother died a few months later. He and his brother were separated and he was dispatched into a Dr Barnardo's home. He hears nothing of his sibling for another 18 months and with no other family contact, he is isolated in the London suburbs during the blitz with 100 similarly displaced children; a far cry from his small-town Welsh roots. Eloquent capturing the melancholy of his grim circumstances, Thomas does so without any sense of bitterness or self-pity. Instead he dwells on the positive things to draw on as he recounts these times with a wry, gallows sense of humour. The book presents a different facet to the more salty offerings and gives the impression of a man with an optimistic outlook on life, despite some appalling setbacks. I was surprised at the book and after reading it I think my appreciation of Thomas is further enhanced. Content aside, this well-thumbed paperback in the **Hale Village Hall Library** held another attraction for me; it's one of those rarities that smell of chocolate! Just a sniff of its fragrant, sepia tinged pages and I was powerless to resist.

***I'm hardly one to judge based on a name, after all I (apparently) also have a girl's name.**

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Record-breaking total raised at the Stars Appeal's 20th Walk for Wards

The Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity, have announced that their 20th Walk for Wards raised a record-breaking total of £166,946.

Over 2,100 walkers registered to take part in the charity's sponsored walk on Sunday, July 6, at Wilton House.

Participants walked 3k, 5k, 10k or the new 15k route to thank Salisbury District Hospital for the care they or their family have received, with some dedicating their walk in memory of a friend, parent, sibling or child.

As part of the 20th event celebrations, walkers also enjoyed live entertainment from local musicians whilst picnicking on the lawns.

Chair of the Stars Appeal Ambassadors and Consultant Surgeon Graham Branagan said: "This record-breaking total is a testament to the incredible support and generosity of our local community. I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who took part, sponsored somebody, volunteered, or helped organise Walk for Wards for making the 20th event so special. The money raised helps us provide the very best care for thousands of patients and their families across the hospital. Registration for Walk for Wards 2026 is now open, and we hope the community will join us on July 5 at Wilton House."

This year's event surpassed the £150,051 raised in 2024 and the record-breaking £157,922 raised in 2023. Money raised from the sponsored walk will go towards the £2million the Stars Appeal aims to raise to fund the latest equipment, enhancements to buildings, and ongoing projects across the hospital, which include support for people with cancer, Stars Appeal Wi-Fi, emergency patient clothing, play therapy equipment and a dedicated play assistant on the Children's Unit.

To date, Walk for Wards has raised over £1.5million, which has helped fund projects across Salisbury Hospital including the hospital's first dedicated Breast Unit, a new Children's Unit, Cardiac Suite and family accommodation on the Neonatal Unit, as well as state-of-the-art equipment such as additional MRI and CT scanners.

The first walk took place in 2006 and was a 6-mile ramble through the Chalke Valley, which started and finished at the Fox and Goose Pub in Coombe Bissett. The following year, the event moved to Wilton House. It has been held there ever since except during 2020 and 2021 when the walk was held virtually due to Covid-19.

The event is held by kind permission of Stars Appeal President Lord Pembroke and Lady Pembroke and sponsored by Salisbury Reds.

Walk for Wards 2026 takes place on Sunday, July 5. To find out more and register for free visit

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Walkers at the start line for the 20th Walk for Wards at Wilton House. Picture by Simon Ward



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Burgate Manor

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Burgate Manor was once surrounded by fields and parkland and was the home of the leading landowner in the town. The present building replaced an earlier manor house which stood a few hundred feet to the north. This older manor was recorded in the Domesday Book as belonging to the King, but it passed to the Bulkeley family in 1446 after the previous owner, John de Leckhull was murdered by his servants. They held it until Sir Dewy Bulkeley married Anne Coventry which eventually led to John Coventry, eldest son of the 6th Earl of Coventry, inheriting the estate. He was followed by a confusing number of John Coventrys.



It was John Coventry, the eldest son of George William, Earl of Coventry, who commissioned the building of the existing manor in 1811. The building stands on an imposing site overlooking the river Avon and is in the Gothic style of architecture. On the river side the central full height curved bay is designed to look like a castellated tower. The main entrance is through an impressive porch, which has the date 1811 and the Coventry coat of arms over it.

The manor has many interesting features. The front entrance has the unusual feature of sliding doors built into it. This leads into a small entrance porch with a vaulted ceiling which is unusual in that it is made of stone when most gothic revival vaults were usually made of wood. A small cupboard behind the shutters of the dining room window would have held a chamber pot for the use of the gentlemen when the ladies had withdrawn. The staircase is top lit by a large fanlight and has cast metal stair balusters with a mahogany handrail that terminates in a life like snake's head. Many of the doors have sliding latches embellished with the Coventry coat of arms. Some of the roof timbers are reputed to be reused ships timbers.

In 1857 John Coventry, who had been a Church of England curate decided to convert to the Catholic church. His family were incensed and would have disinherited him had previous wills not disallowed it. When his father died in 1871, he inherited and moved in with his wife Catherine and their twelve children. In 1872 he built the Catholic Church, now on the Salisbury Road, but then in open fields. John died in 1897 but left the estate in financial ruin. Between 1898 and 1900 many of the estate lands were sold off. The buildings on the Salisbury Road and on the Whitsbury Road were built by developers at this time. The Coventry family retained the house until 1939 when it was advertised for sale along with 114 acres of land. The property owned the trout fishing rights on three quarters of a mile of the river Avon. There was no electric lighting and water came from a well room in the basement cellar, that had an oil-fired pump for raising water into a tank in the roof. There was a walled kitchen garden with vineries and a peach house, a boat house and a gardener's cottage. The building was bought by Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) and is now owned by the Game and Wildlife Conservancy Trust. It is not open to the public but documents relating to the house and pictures of the interior and exterior can be viewed on application to Fordingbridge Museum.

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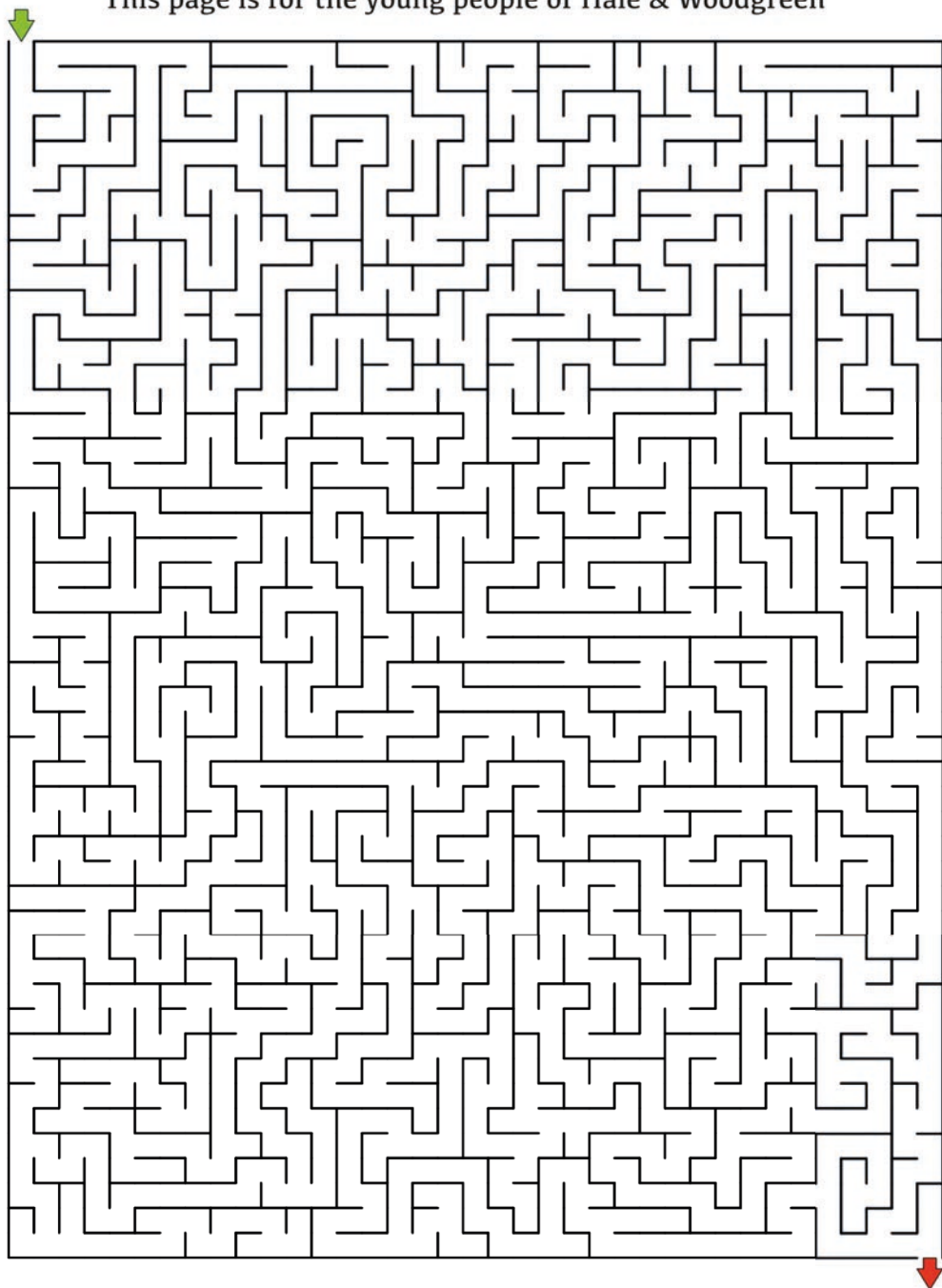
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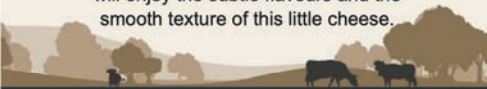


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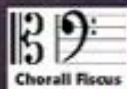
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The month of November begins with a time for remembering, and the first two Sundays are dedicated to this. On the first Sunday of November, we will celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, when we have the opportunity to remember our loved ones whom we have lost. On the second Sunday, we commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives fighting in wars to defend our freedom and protect our way of life.

So, remembering is so important to us. Whether it is a story of love, of tragedy, of faithfulness, of generosity, our human story needs to be remembered. Some memories will be happy ones, remembered with joy and thanksgiving, but some memories will be sad or even distressing, when moving on seems difficult.

However, although all our memories are important and a part of our lives, we have to live in the present, and accept that our journey through life is not always a 'straight' road, and sometimes, especially if sad or distressing memories engulf us, we may feel overwhelmed, and lost, unsure what the future holds for us. Sometimes we may feel that we have reached a crossroads and do not know which way to turn, or maybe we can see a 'bend in the road' and are afraid of what will confront us as we journey on.

The poem by Helen Steiner Rice 'The Bend in the Road' gives this advice: -

*When we feel we have nothing left to give
And we are sure that the "song has ended"--
When our day seems over and the shadows fall
And the darkness of night has descended,*

*Where can we go to find the strength
To valiantly keep on trying,
Where can we find the hand that will dry
The tears that the heart is crying--*

*There's but one place to go and that is to God
And, dropping all pretence and pride,
We can pour out our problem without restraint
And gain strength with Him at our side—*

*Together we stand at life's crossroads
And view what we think is the end,
But God has a much bigger vision
And he tells us it's only a bend--*

*For the road goes on and is smoother,
And the "pause in the song" is a "rest,"
And the part that's unsung and unfinished
Is the sweetest and richest and best--*

*So rest and relax and grow stronger,
Let go and let God share your load,
Your work is not finished or ended,
You've just come to "a bend in the road."*

As winter approaches and the days become colder and darker, it is easy to sometimes dwell on the sadder memories and forget the good times. But as we continue on our journey, we should never forget the loving care of our Heavenly Father. It's important not to be afraid of the '*bends in the road*' as they may mean new opportunities and chances of fresh starts.

At the end of November, we move into the liturgical season of Advent, the Churches New Year, when we prepare to welcome Christ as the Light of the World at Christmas. Advent expresses our longing for light, giving us a sense of purpose and a reason to concentrate on good memories because God is always shining His love and light towards us, guiding our pathways and keeping us heading on our journey through life, moving in the right direction and able to competently and hopefully, negotiate those '*bends in the road*'.

Returning then to consider our own journeys and the path that we walk, whether it's on a straight course when all is well or the times when we come to the '*bend in the road*'. Whatever our personal trajectory, we need to persevere and stay strong in the faith of the One who walks beside us, shining His love-light towards us, guiding our pathways and keeping us heading in the right direction.

Mary Melbourne (Breamore Churchwarden, LLM and Anna Chaplain)

Kinkiizi (in Uganda) 2025: A trip full of memories and surprises

I count myself as a very lucky person as this was my second visit to Uganda. The countryside is stunning, very green and fertile with many plants you would recognise, like dahlias and poinsettias (growing as shrubs).

Rev Nicky Davies, myself and our intrepid, experienced leader Gill Tygberg spent 12 days in the region of Kinkiizi. We would like to thank everyone who filled our extra 2 suitcases to the brim, weighing a total of 77kgs with your donations. We delivered coloured brim, weighing crayons and some frisbees to 2 local schools. The children welcomed us with enthusiastic singing and dancing.

We took knitted baby blankets and knitted baby clothes to the local health centre. While there we watched Dr Sam create a 'spacer' for a child to use to help administer her asthma meds more effectively, by using an empty saline bottle and some tape. Necessity being the mother of invention.

We also took stacks of sewing equipment, from sewing threads to parts for knitting machines to the Mother's Union school for girls. They too, sang and danced for us on receiving these gifts.

We thank you all on behalf of the people of Kinkiizi who you have helped through your generous donations.

Church Services during November

Sunday 2nd November All Souls Service @ 3pm- A special reflective Service to remember those we love but see no longer...**(NB-change of time!)**



If you would like the name of a loved one read out during the Service, please call into St Boniface Church, Woodgreen and complete a request slip or phone the church office on 01425-653163

Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday @ 10.45am at St Mary's Church, Hale



Sunday 16th Holy Communion @ 10am at St Mary's Church, Hale.

Sunday 23rd Holy Communion @10am @ St Boniface Church, Woodgreen.

Sunday 30th Parish Wide Service @10am @ Breamore Church

Other Events

Friday 28th November, Fairtrade Community Coffee Morning @
St Boniface, Woodgreen from 10.30-12noon.

AND

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)-Friday November 29th from 12-2pm in Woodgreen Village Hall, by kind permission of the Village Hall Committee. Suggested donation of £3 for a lovely bowl of home-made soup and a roll. Why not come along and join in the conversation?

ALSO

Please save the date-Sunday December 7th

Christingle Service

3pm at St Mary's Church, Hale

Come and make your own Christingle and enjoy Mexican Hot chocolate!

CHRISTMAS DAY, CHRISTMAS LUNCH

After a very successful Christmas Lunch last year at Woodgreen Village Hall, on Christmas Day we are planning to offer this again.

All are welcome! Please let me know if you are interested asap, you can come with a friend, neighbour, partner, family member or on your own.

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