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OF LIFE IN BAYDON

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2025

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DATES FOR THE DIARY: see full details in this *Scene*

7th April, 8.00pm, Parish Council meeting, BYPA Hall, Baydon

18th April, Lambourn Open Day

20th & 21st April, 10.00am–4.00pm, Crofton Beam Engines open days

27th April, 10.00am to 4.30pm, Crofton in Steam, 'Drive it Day'

21st May, 7.30pm, Whitton Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Church Rooms, Ramsbury

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Cover photograph by Jo Cooling. If you have a great photo of a Baydon event or local scene please send it in for consideration for the cover.

We'd love to see what you're seeing and finding locally.

BAYDON CHURCH CLOCK REFURBISHED

The clock face on the church tower has now been restored and the mechanism refurbished, and both are now back in place. The clock was installed by Mr G Homes (of Baydon) in 1919 in memory of those men of Baydon that died in active service in WW1. Thanks are due to Baydon Parish Council who pursued getting the mechanism refurbished and it is hoped that it will continue to serve us for the next 100 years. Thanks to Tom McGowran for the photos.



- ① Refurbished dial being replaced.
- ② 12th June 2024. Hands set to 12 noon awaiting clock works coming back from Cumbrian Clock Company in Penrith.
- ③ Refurbished Clock works return to Baydon having been tested for the last month to ensure accuracy.
- ④ Installed in place on Tuesday 18th March.
- ⑤ Tested and keeping accurate time once again.

MINISTER'S LETTER

Gosh, it seems to have been a long, cold winter this year! And we've had a couple of "false springs" when it really got quite warm, and I found myself getting excited that spring might, just might, actually arrive – only to be plunged back into grey, grizzly grottness as a cold front swept in and the clouds filled the sky, swept in by icy winds.

But today, once again, the sun is out and there is a promise of spring in the air. Our damson tree is awash with blossom, and I saw my first little lambs of the year in a field the other day. The bare tree branches are starting to get that haze of colour that means that leaf buds are swelling, with a promise of greenness and growth.

In the schools we're looking at Easter way ahead of the actual date because of the way the holidays fall – telling the children the age-old story of the triumph of light and life and love over darkness and death and dreadfulness, reminding them that God's love is limitless and generous, and that nothing can separate us from it – even in the direst of circumstances – unless we choose to let it.

And maybe all the up-and-downness of the past few weeks is a reminder not just to restrict the message of Easter to one short week of the year, but to let that message of hope and limitless love infect every week of the fifty-two. And then, just as we are loved and forgiven and given good things by God, so we can increasingly BE loving and forgiving and actually DO good things too!

We're promised that if we ask for God's help, it will be given. Somewhere, within ourselves, or helped by the people he sends to walk alongside us, we'll find unexpected reserves of courage or kindness or patience or whatever.

And we'll know that – however grey and grizzly things may feel, we are never alone, and that spring will come.

Happy Easter!

With love, **Sue Rodd, Retired Team Vicar, Parish of Whitton**

UNSUNG HEROES

The flower trough by the school gates shown on the front cover is maintained by Sue and Jim Grove. They planted it up recently and it is looking lovely and a tribute to Spring. We're sure the village would like to thank Sue and Jim for their love and care, which brings a splash of colour to the village.

CHURCH NEWS

Prayer Meeting Tuesdays at 7pm – St Nicholas Church

On Tuesday evening we gather as a random group who want to share a time of prayer. We pray for our community, our world, and anyone who is on our hearts. Everyone and anyone are welcome to come and join us; wrap up warm though, as it's not the warmest place to be for a body!

If you cannot make it but would like prayer for you, a loved one or a situation you can either leave your prayer request in an envelope on the table by the bookshelves in church or ✉ church@baydon.org. Any requests for prayer will be strictly confidential.

The prayer corner has had to be dismantled because of the damp, so there is a much smaller board in the corner, but the prayer tree is still there, and prayers can be written on leaves and hung on it.

A Prayer for Baydon

Loving Father God, we ask you to bless our village, all who live here, all who work here, all who come to visit and all who simply pass through.

Lord Jesus, we know you love us all and long to pour your love and your light into every house, every street and every corner of the village.

We ask you to help all people in need: the sick, the lonely, those who grieve and all who struggle with life.

Remove all darkness from saddened hearts and place the joy of knowing you into every person who will let you into their lives.

Let everyone know that you will be there with them when they turn to you in prayer. Amen

100 Club – St Nicholas Church, Baydon

As you probably know, our church has many structural problems, the Chancel wall (east facing) is supported by scaffolding and the vestry is running with damp and awaiting repairs. Our 100 club helps to raise funds for the structure as well as the running costs of having a Christian place of worship in the village, as well as being available for Weddings, Baptisms and funerals.



A way to support it, whilst having the chance of winning a prize, is to join the 100 club. It is open to anyone in or outside the village.

The cost is £5 per month per subscription (maximum 2 per household) and 35% of the money received will be paid out in 3 prizes: 20% 1st prize, 10% 2nd Prize and 5% 3rd prize.

You can download a form from the church page of the www.baydon.org website or contact ✉ sn8greaves@gmail.com or Mike Gray on 01672 540783

Whitton Annual Parochial Church Meeting

21st May 7.30pm Church Rooms, Ramsbury

Would you like to know what's going on in your church? Every year at this time churches around the country hold an annual meeting. At this meeting, the past year is reviewed, the accounts agreed and some new members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are elected. In the Whitton Team (Aldbourne, Baydon, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield and Ramsbury & Axford) individual church meetings are held in each village. Following these we all come together, as we are now legally one parish, to consider the parish as a whole. This year our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on 21st May in Ramsbury.

The greater the involvement in these meetings the better – it's an opportunity for you to be able to find out what's been going on beyond the services in church and to be able to voice any questions or suggestions you may have.

St Nicholas Church, Baydon, Secretary Required

Can you help? We are in need of a Local Church Committee Secretary. This is a voluntary role and involves the following:

- Prepare and send out agendas for six meetings each year plus our annual Church meeting.
- Take minutes and circulate to committee members.
- Liaise and be point of contact for clergy and Parish Secretary.
- Deal with church correspondence in collaboration with Church Wardens.

If you are able to help then please contact Peter Chambers. This is open to everyone. ✉ rannochpnc@outlook.com

PARISH OF WHITTON WORSHIP APR/MAY 2025

All services and service sheets are available on the website and Facebook.
A www.whittonteam.org.uk  @WhittonTeamNews

Sunday	When	Where	Type of service
6th April	10.00am	Baydon	Team Holy Communion
13th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am	Baydon	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15th April <i>Holy Week</i>	7.00pm	Baydon	Holy Week Reflective Pilgrimage
18th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am	Baydon	Readings and Reflections
20th April <i>Easter Day</i>	9.30am	Baydon	Easter Communion
27th April, <i>Easter 2</i>	9.30am	Baydon	Contemporary Praise
4th May, <i>Easter 3</i>	10.00am	Chilton Foliat	Team Holy Communion
11th May, <i>Easter 4</i>	9.30am	Baydon	Holy Communion
18th May, <i>Easter 5</i>	9.30am	Baydon	All Age Worship
25th May, <i>Easter 6</i>	9.30am	Baydon	Contemporary Praise

- Informal worship services are suitable for all ages
- A short (said) service of Holy Communion takes place each Thursday at 10.00am in Ramsbury
- 'Reflective Spaces' takes place at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne at 7.00pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month
- Phone number for Zoom services: 0203 481 5240 or 0208 080 6591
- Team services 10am livestream: meeting ID: 948 7729 2017, passcode: 052157
Other Sundays at 11.30am: meeting ID: 948 3407 2630, passcode: 343860



BAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Overflowing Bins

There have been issues with the contractor seemingly not emptying the bins in the parish as often as they are supposed to.

The Parish Council directly pay for the emptying of one bin on Manor Lane and another near the Playing Field.

The Parish Council kindly requests that you do not use bins that are already full or leave rubbish on the ground near a full bin; please find an alternative bin or take your rubbish home with you.

Please report any overflowing bins to the Clerk.

Wiltshire Council Weed Management

Notice from Wiltshire Council regarding Weed Management:

We have been increasing the manual removal of weeds over the past few years, looking to control the weeds on rural verges by flailing and pulling. Our Streetscene teams will remove weeds daily from town centre areas and strim the amenity areas, plus sweepers are used to mechanically remove weeds when cleaning the highway. In addition, Parish Stewards undertake manual weed removal and a small amount of wipe/touch treatment (where weed killer is placed directly onto a leaf).

Although we continue to explore alternative weed treatment methods, chemical applications remain the most effective and efficient method of managing weeds on a large scale. As such, a weed treatment programme will commence on all identified highway land from March 2025. No weed treatment within 50 meters of schools will be undertaken. All treatment applications are licenced, permitted by legislation and applied appropriately. Following a review of alternative treatments, glyphosate will be used, with a touch spray to stop spray drift and uncontrolled application.

Parish Steward Visits

The Parish Steward has filled potholes on the lane that runs past the waste water treatment works and Aldbourne Road, cleaned road signage including 20mph school warning signs and Ermin Street/Manor Lane priority traffic signs, cleared

drainage on Manor Lane Junction and cleared the area around the chicane on Ermin Street.



Before...



After

Please do report any issues that can be dealt with by the Parish Steward.

The type of works that can be reported to the Clerk are:

- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers.
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, grips, culverts, pipes and pits (unable to jet).
- Clearing storm debris from roads and footways.
- Pedestrian barriers preparation and painting.
- Cleaning and straightening of small road signs, street nameplates and bollards.
- Securing of existing small road signs, verge marker posts and supplied street name plates.
- Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street name plates.
- Hand cutting of grass and vegetation in visibility areas.
- Hand treatment of weeds.
- Hand clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways.
- Repair of small potholes in roads and footways.

Other issues can be reported to Wiltshire Council via MyWilts online reporting, which is available to residents <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>.

Meetings and Minutes

Future meeting dates and minutes of all council meetings can be found on the website www.baydon.org/parish_council.htm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
Monday 7th April 2025,
8.00pm at BYPA Hall

Please contact Fiona Ryder for more details

✉ baydonparishclerk@gmail.com

Tel: 07907 125526

BAYDON NOTICE BOARD

If you are a Facebook user, do you know there is a public group called the *Baydon Notice Board*?

A great place to see what's on, available services in the area, items for sale, etc.

Also a great place to broadcast items of current interest to Baydon villagers.



Visit www.baydon.org for up-to-date village news, events, weather and features, and Parish Council minutes and agendas

THIS IS MONTI

Monti is practising his best 'patience of a cat' stance.

Monti knows that good things come to those who wait.

Monti's quite happy just watching and waiting.

Monti never really knows what will happen next.

Monti's just enjoying living in the moment.

Be like Monti.



SINCE THE LAST SCENE MONTI HAS...

found himself sharing the garden with visiting wildlife – he's been spooked by a brood of pheasants; shared his food with a hungry hedgehog and been screamed at by a wandering frog. Monti's taken the opportunity to have extra long naps after all of this additional excitement.

ALDBOURNE AND BAYDON LINK SCHEME

If you don't have transport, are temporarily unable to drive, or cannot access public or hospital transport and need to get to Hospital, Doctors, Dental appointments, etc., we can help.

We also welcome new drivers (expenses paid) and anyone willing to help with coordinating clients' requests with our drivers.

For further details please contact:

Coordinator 07767 116 895 or
Alan Duck 540198

THE APPRENTICE'S TALE

On Monday 4th July 1967 as a naïve 15-year-old I reported to Arthur Mulliner's premises in Bridge Street, Northampton to begin my employment in the motor trade.

I was Vic Bush's new lad. Vic was a nice chap but seemed very old. At the time of course I was oblivious to the fact that Vic had done his apprenticeship in the 1920's. He was a proper old-fashioned mechanic and was quite dismissive of what he called a 'fitter'.

Because Vic was so experienced and highly skilled, he invariably was the man who looked after the glorious older cars such as the Bentleys, Daimlers and Rolls Royce's that still came into Mulliners for repair. He would often make or adapt modern components to keep the cars running when parts weren't available.

Although by then Mulliners was owned by the Henly's group there was still an active body and trim shop staffed by people the same age group as Vic. I learned a huge amount from them as they patiently taught me at least some of their impressive skills. I completed my apprenticeship but eventually changed career.

Fast forwarding to 2020 I proposed to my long-term partner and booked a vintage Humber wedding car. Then through the slightly disturbing magic of Google I started to get pictures of vintage cars and up popped one of Daisy.

I was instantly entranced and followed the links. She was for sale because her owner had closed his wedding business and retired to Spain taking Daisy with him. However, she was a bit big for the tiny Spanish roads so he was restoring a much smaller MGA to take back to Spain and needed to sell Daisy. I wasn't thinking about buying a vintage car but Daisy is just so pretty.

I did some research and discovered she had been rescued from a scrapyard in the 70's and had a Hooper style open tourer body built by Tony Robinson of North Stables coachbuilders. She also had a hood by Bob Peterson in Devon and box of historic receipts that reads like a *Who's Who* of the restoration world. So, I arranged to view. Inspecting Daisy really was a trip back to my apprenticeship days.

Daisy had been fitted with a modern engine and transmission but the originals with matching serial numbers were all present and part of the deal. Although this probably reduced the attraction to purists it actually suited me because I could

rebuild the originals, reviving the old skills while enjoying being able to drive Daisy immediately.

The modern plant had been cleverly installed picking up the original mounts via a subframe and not causing any damage. I was sold and monies changed hands. Driving Daisy home was just such a blast. She is a real head-turner. Although I suspect that's a common Daimler effect.

Now almost four years later, with multiple jobs carried out and a list of more to be done, I have absolutely no regrets about buying Daisy. She is a delight to own and enjoy. People instinctively warm to her and she creates fun events wherever she goes!

I'm sure the gents from Mulliners would be very pleased that 'Vic's new lad' eventually became the owner of such a beautiful car and could practice the kills they so graciously taught him to take care of her and to continue the restoration work.

Rob Howes



LAMBOURN SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2025

Spring Covid Vaccination Clinic

The surgery will be implementing the National Covid Booster programme during April. The cohort eligible this time are adults aged 75 years and over, residents in a care home for older adults and certain individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed. You should not need to contact the surgery. Those eligible will be contacted to either make an appointment at a clinic being held on Saturday 5th April or where appropriate an alternative appointment.

Lambourn Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The first week of June this year is **National Patient Participation Group Week**, so it seemed appropriate to remind you of our purpose and how you can work with us.

In summary, the aim of the PPG is to:

- represent patients to the Practice professional teams;
- help improve the quality of service of the Practice for patients and staff;
- help develop communication between patients and the Practice;
- provide information to the Practice on local issues to help develop future services;
- assist the Practice in the organisation of regular health promotion events;
- be a critical friend to the Practice.

ALDBOURNE & BAYDON AID IN SICKNESS FUND

The fund benefits the sick or those in financial difficulty because of sickness. Small grants are offered to residents of the two parishes plus loans of medical equipment (to parishioners and visitors).

All bona fide enquiries welcome and those from friends and neighbours.

Contact

David Hill (Baydon) 540789, Sandra Barnes 540161
or Anthony Evans 540206

If you care passionately about Primary Care in the Valley and are a patient of Lambourn Surgery, we would welcome you as a voluntary member of our group. No particular skills or knowledge are required. Membership does not require a large amount of time, so you may contribute as much or as little as able; all we ask for is your enthusiasm. To find out more, please contact us as below.

Current members of the PPG are as follows along with their constituency, roles and areas of interest:

Alan Breadmore, East Garston, Chair

Peter Cox, Lambourn, Secretary

Liz Cox, Lambourn, Surgery Amenities Fund, Lambourn Volunteer Group

Geoff Fowler, Great Shefford, Surgery Amenities Fund

Lucy Hall, Woodlands

Claire Hill, East Garston, Family Mediator

Karen Pryer, East Garston

Mary Wilson, East Garston

Ian Wooton, Lambourn, Public Health

Bridget Jones, Lambourn Parish Council, Woodlands, Mental Health

Graham Jones, Lambourn Pharmacy

Julie Mintern, Lambourn Valley Benefice, Young Families

Julia Bennet, Racing Community, Mental Health


Charlotte Clarke, Racing Welfare

There had been a concern for some time that the valley's largest employer, the racing industry, had not been adequately represented on our team so we are delighted that Julia and Charlotte recently joined us to represent the needs of this population of more than 1,000 patients in the valley.

If you would like to discuss PPG activities with any of us, then please contact them directly or as below and we'll be in touch. Just a reminder that we are not the appropriate means for lodging individual complaints; there is a formal process for this that you can find on the Surgery website or from reception, but general feedback and observations are always welcome.

Please Help Keep Everyone Informed

Please be so kind as to share this newsletter with those who would not normally have access to electronic communications. Thank you.

You can contact the PPG via  ppgchairpersonlambourn@gmail.com or in writing via the surgery office, addressed to the Chair of the PPG.

Alan Breadmore, Chair, Lambourn Surgery PPG

**NEWS FROM THE LAMBOURN
GROUP OF THE RDA
(RIDING FOR THE DISABLED
ASSOCIATION)**



It is lovely to see the sunshine and now the days are getting longer, we don't need to use the floodlights for our afternoon sessions, and finishing in the daylight makes turning the horses and ponies out at the end of our therapy sessions so much easier.

Our ponies, Millie and Lily and the working livery pony, Kali, have been unwell recently, which means our other horses and ponies are having to work even harder. Sadly we had to say goodbye to, Lily, our beautiful little Welsh Mountain pony after doing all we could for her, and she has left a very large hole in our hearts.

We are therefore urgently on the lookout for a 12.2hh pony, and also a 14.1/14.2hh pony to take some of the pressure off the other horses. The qualities we look for are a good temperament, the ability to work well on the flat with three good paces and ideally no older than 10/11. We know this is a tall order, but if anyone knows of a pony that might be suitable, please get in touch.

Our Pop-Up Sale and Cafe were well supported, particularly the cafe selling a fabulous array of homemade, cakes, bakes and treats. As a result we plan to hold another one in the Walwyn Hall in Lambourn. Keep a look out for further details on our website and in our social media pages, and if you would like to book a table for £10 to sell any quality items, please contact Frances ✉ chair@lambournrda.co.uk.

The Bridge lunch held in March, which is an annual event, was a great success raising over £1,000. It is always a very friendly and fun event, a great way to spend the day and to enjoy a delicious home-made lunch. Thank you to all those who came to support us.

I think everyone has their fingers crossed that the weather for the Lambourn Open Day on Good Friday, 18th April, will be kind this year. In the afternoon, we will be there with a stand where you can come and meet some of our volunteers and find out about everything we do. We will also be holding our hugely popular raffle to win a bucket of bottles – not to be missed!! For the second year running we will also be holding a Fun Dog Show with lots of classes to suit all of your four-legged friends. Entry is on the day and we are really looking forward to seeing you.

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES – GREAT EASTER STEAM UP

Crofton Beam Engines will be open and in steam for the first time in 2025 to celebrate Easter and our great industrial heritage. Come along to see our steam engines working as they have done since 1813.

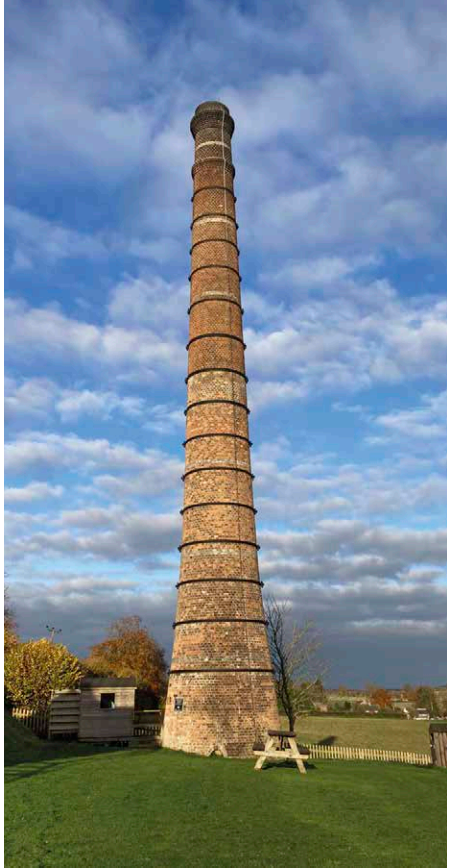
Our 1812 Boulton & Watt and 1846 Harvey Beam Engines will be doing their original job of pumping water to the summit of the Kennet & Avon Canal, keeping this very important waterway open for all. Marvel at our incredible Georgian engineering and buildings.

There is plenty to entertain everyone, adults and children alike. Marvel at our historic engines at work and talk to our knowledgeable volunteers about the history of our site and how everything works. Join in the Easter Egg Trail and Duck Race. Or make an Easter Bonnet or bring along your own. There are prizes for completing the trail, first and last duck in the race, and best bonnet. If you are feeling energetic, you can walk from Crofton to Wilton Windmill along the old Roman Road.

Our Smithy will be open for light refreshments; sit in our grounds and watch life go by on the canal. You can bring a picnic and enjoy the beautiful views of Wilton Water and beyond.

Our site will be open on both Sunday, 20th and Monday, 21st April, from 10.00am and the station from 10.30am. Last admissions to the station 4.00pm.

See our website for further details:
<https://www.croftonbeamengines.org/>



Our Chimney, waiting for the fires to be lit.

AT CROFTON IN STEAM FOR 'DRIVE IT DAY'

When is 'Drive It Day'? Sunday, 27th April 2025, put it in your diary.

Why should I come? With over 300 cars visiting Crofton last year we have made the decision to fire up our boiler and run our engines for the morning and early afternoon on the day. Seeing Crofton in Steam and watching our 200-hundred-year-old engines pumping water for the Kennet and Avon Canal is a unique experience and one not to be missed. Combine this with a wonderful drive through some of Wiltshire's most beautiful countryside and you will have a day out to remember, as well as helping the NSPCC.

What is 'Drive It Day'?

'Drive It Day' was created by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs in 2005. For one day a year, historical enthusiasts and the public come together to celebrate the One Thousand Mile Trial, first organized in 1900 to celebrate the motorcar.



Crofton volunteers cars.

In 2021 the Federation partnered with NSPCC's Childline and Drive It Day has raised over £100,000 to help support vulnerable children and young people.

'The NSPCC is the leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK and Channel Islands. Using voluntary donations, which make up around 90 per cent of our funding, we help children who've been abused to rebuild their lives, we protect children at risk, and we find the best ways of preventing child abuse from ever happening again. Our Childline service provides a safe, confidential place for children with no one else to turn to, whatever their worry, whenever they need help. Children can contact Childline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.'

Crofton Beam Engines

Crofton Beam Engines sit within a Grade I listed historic site, set in the East of Wiltshire. It is home to the oldest working beam engine in the world, still in its original location, still driven by steam and which can still perform its original task of keeping the Kennet and Avon canal supplied with water at its highest point. We have two engines which pump on 'steaming days'.



Classic Cars in one of our car parks.

Our site will be open on 27th April from 10.00am to 4.30pm, steaming times 10.30am to 3.00pm to welcome visitors to the Grade I listed Engine House where you can see our Lancashire Boiler, several standing engines, and of course our beam engines. We can provide car parking and we will have a refreshment area to tempt visitors to buy tea, coffee and cake.

Many of our volunteers are also classic car enthusiasts and they will have some of their cars on display at Crofton Beam Engines and be taking part in Drive It Day.

Access to the site is free for all. There is a charge for accessing the Engine House but we are offering discounted access to drivers. See our website for more information about Crofton Beam Engines, a Branch of The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust.

Want more Information? The NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Young people can contact Childline on 0800 1111 or via 1-2-1 chat on www.childline.org.uk

Crofton Beam Engines: www.croftonbeamengines.org

A Branch of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PHILIP WILKINSON'S APRIL PARISH COLUMN

Over the past few years, the issues surrounding shoplifting have become more prevalent in the news as shoplifting has become more organized and more brazen, with offenders often working in groups, seemingly not worried about being seen.

I've been told by shop managers that their staff have been assaulted when they've tried to intervene, and they are writing off thousands of pounds in stock.

My new Police and Crime Plan focuses on retail crime, and how we tackle the underlying causes and associated anti-social behaviour. This can make our main shopping centres, which should feel relaxed and inviting, less attractive and for some people, intimidating.

We also have to look at the financial costs to retail owners. For small and medium businesses, the disruption caused by shoplifting can be crippling. Whilst I know there are some people who'll say that the larger stores can afford to absorb the loss, but according to the Centre for Retail Research, shoplifting adds £133 to the cost of the average UK shopping bill each year.

In Salisbury, we have piloted a Business and Retail Crime Reduction Partnership, which links businesses with the police and local authorities, so we can build on the existing relationships we have, and foster new, stronger ties with the businesses and retailers in the city. We're now in the process of expanding the partnerships to other towns in the county.

We are also looking at ways to make it easier for businesses to report crimes to Wiltshire Police, so that a more intelligence-rich picture can be built of where the shoplifting gangs are operating and the tactics they are using.

We have also funded anti-social behaviour (ASB) wardens to be a visible presence in our largest town and city centres, and ASB hotspot funding will continue for a further year, which means there will be extra police officer and PCSO patrols in the areas deemed to be most affected by anti-social behaviour.

By taking these measures and tackling the root causes of the anti-social behaviour, which blights our commercial centres, I believe we are taking positive steps to making Wiltshire and Swindon a safer place to live and work.

Contact Information: Will Walder, ✉ will.walder@wiltshire.police.uk

Scene Puzzle Page

Answers on page 30

Word search, Signs of Spring

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Sudoku

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including diagonals.

Words can share letters as they
cross over each other.

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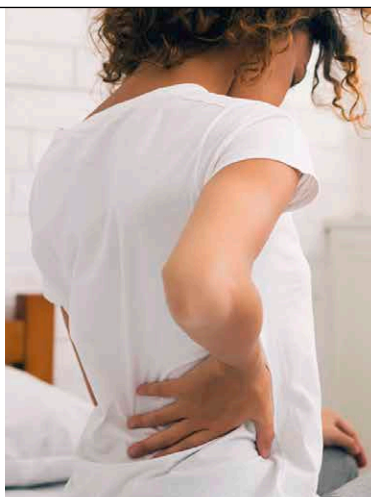
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5	4	1	6	3	8	2	9	7
3	6	9	1	2	7	4	8	5
8	2	7	4	9	5	6	1	3

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April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 ▲	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 ■	9	10	11	12
13	14 ●	15 ▲	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 ■	23	24	25	26
27	28 ●	29 ▲	30			

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 ■	7	8	9	10
11	12 ●	13 ▲	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 ■	21	22	23	24
25	26 ●	27 ▲	28	29	30	31

- Mixed dry recycling (blue-lidded bin) ▲ Chargeable garden waste and glass (black box or basket)
- Household waste

		month of year												
		Jun	Sep	Apr	Jan	May	Aug	Feb						Mar
			Dec	Jul	Oct			Nov						
		day of month												
1	8	15	22	29	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
2	9	16	23	30	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun			
3	10	17	24	31	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon			
4	11	18	25		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue			
5	12	19	26		Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed			
6	13	20	27		Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu			
7	14	21	28		Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri			
					day of week									

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