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ENJOY A NATURE WRITING WALK
WITH ALICE

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DIARY JUNE 2024

- Sun 2nd *First Sunday after Trinity*
10.00 Parish Communion at St George's Bourton
- Weds 5th Household waste**
- Sat 8th Underwoods Fish and Chips 4.30 - 6pm
- Sun 9th *Second Sunday after Trinity*
10.00 Morning Worship at St Mary's Kilmington
10.00 Morning Worship at All Saints Maiden Bradley
- Mon 10th Garden waste**
- Weds 12th Recycling**
- Sun 16th *Third Sunday after Trinity*
10.00 Parish Communion at St Peter's Stourton
PLANT AND CAKE SALE AT THE MEMORIAL HALL 2 - 4PM
- Weds 19th Household waste**
- Thurs 20th Deadline for News copy to pat@visa-office.com**
- Sat 22nd Underwoods Fish and Chips 4.30 - 6pm
NATURE WRITING WALK IN GREAT BRADLEY WOOD 12 NOON
- Sun 23rd *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*
10.00 Parish Communion at St Martin's Zeals
OPEN GARDEN SUNDAY - RODMEAD FARM 2- 5.30PM
- Mon 24th Garden waste**
- Weds 26th Recycling**
- Thurs 27th MEMORIAL HALL AGM 7PM - COME AND SHARE YOUR VIEWS**
- Sun 30th *Fifth Sunday after Trinity*
10.00 Benefice Communion at St Peter's Stourton
15.00 Churches Together Songs of Praise in Stourhead Gdns

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EDITORIAL

I have been asked to do a guest editorial this month by Pat who is away at the moment.

Damon and I have also had some time travelling around Europe in our 50 year old Peugeot van 'Vincentine'. One of the many lovelinesses of our cross channel neighbours is that they now seem to have a 20mph speed limit (30kph) in all built up areas, rather like Wales. Our van only goes at a top speed of 45mph so we were amused that there was an opportunity to speed if we were not careful. It became habitual to slow down to 20mph as you found yourself in that kind of area, no need to check what speed you were meant to be doing. And as most people were



paying attention to the limit (helped by lots of sleeping gendames/speed bumps!) there wasn't much choice.

Highlights of the trip were the fantastic Neolithic standing stone dolmens in St Just in Brittany, the 5x life size mechanical elephant wandering around Nantes and Suzanne Valedon exhibition in Barcelona.

Coming home to an election was a bit of a surprise but we can look forward to going to some of the 250 events of Frome Festival (July 5th - 14th) starting the day after!

Kate Moore

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FROM THE RECTORY... HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Those of you who are familiar with The Rectory know that it's set in quite a large garden, particularly at the back. In it, I have restored the vegetable beds, where I'm growing among other things beans, brussels sprouts, and tomatoes. I brought with me ten fruit trees in pots, and I've inherited several more, together with quite a few fruit bushes. For me, the garden is a very pleasant place in which to be – as well as requiring plenty of physical effort.

Gardens are special places, they can be oases of peace and pleasure, and for many an escape from the pressures of the world. For some they are truly a sanctuary - there's an old saying "you are nearer to God in a garden" that holds more than a little truth, for the joy of the garden gives many a sense of wonder at the beauty God has created. I've got to admit that this idea does cause me some concern because it can make God a comfort zone into which we retreat from the harsher realities of life, and the God Jesus reveals to us is a God who is deeply committed to our world and every aspect of its complex life.

In the Bible, the garden does indeed represent paradise, but the Garden of Eden story shows how even in idyllic surroundings pride and rebellion can assert themselves, and human beings are so easily led astray. There are two other references to gardens in the Bible I sometimes ponder. It was in a garden (Gethsemane) that Jesus struggled with his human frailty to consecrate himself for the path of suffering by which he would reveal the full wonder of God's saving love, when he died on the cross for us. And it was in a garden, close by Calvary, that the newly risen Jesus first appeared to his followers to show them he really had been raised from the dead to open up God's new future - eternal life - for the whole human race. Those gardens have definitely brought us nearer to God.

In so many busy lives the qualities that ought to characterise our lives - faithfulness, humility, patience, obedience, and, above all, charity can easily become neglected - unnour-

ished, unwatered and choked with weeds - and wither away, rather like a neglected garden. So, as we look forward to enjoying other people's gardens, or work away in our own, can we spare a bit of thought and effort for the cultivation of our own selves to encourage the growth of positive virtues in our own lives, and so make our little corner of God's world a little more like the paradise it was always meant to be?



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GREENER MAIDEN BRADLEY

NATURE WRITING WALK

"I have often felt as I walk that I am mapping a place inside myself. That as my feet move one in front of the other, the ground is imprinting itself in me. That the thoughts triggered in each moment become part of my own personal map of the place. And the urge to record what this feeling gives me is sometimes the urge to draw lines and landscape, what we would recognise as a map, but equally the urge to write – a story, a memory, a poem. It is the urge to play a song in my head that feels like the soundtrack to this landscape. This moment in this place."
– Quote from Tender Maps by Alice Maddicott.

Writing is often seen as a solitary occupation, one that is done indoors at a computer, yet a lot of the most successful non-fiction of recent years has celebrated the outdoors, drawing on nature to create both personal and political texts, from noticing the details of a local patch of woodland to discussing the great issues of biodiversity loss and our changing landscapes. From Robert MacFarlane to Helen McDonald and Cal Flynn, nature writing can be a way to celebrate the natural world, highlight its challenges and history, but also a way into a depth of personal exploration of place.

As a writer when I walk I often carry a notebook with me. Yes ideas often develop fully at home, but there is something about the magic of being outside and the different thoughts that generates and details I notice, that I immediately want to get down, much like a landscape painter sketching outdoors. To walk with a writer's or artist's eye is to notice and absorb the world in a way we might miss if just walking through. We miss so much if we don't pause in our busy modern lives. We are so lucky in Maiden Bradley to be surrounded by the most amazing countryside, from deep forests to high up downs. With this in mind we have decided to run a nature writing walk in Great Bradley Wood on Saturday 22nd June. Feel free to bring a picnic!

Meet at 12 noon at the what3words location *defers.spoke.flattered* which is the beginning of the lane on the left as you go out of the village via The Rank towards Yarnfield. We will walk along the road about 10 mins to the entrance to Yarnfield Forest which we will explore (hopefully with foxgloves in bloom!), to talk, notice, learn and share writerly tips, to create our own portrait of this very special landscape. Suitable for beginners or keen writers – all our welcome. Just bring writing materials and enthusiasm.

Alice

WELCOME CLUB

On Tuesday 21st May the Welcome Club held their monthly outing - this time it was to Cheltenham and the Cotswolds. We went via M4 and M5 coming off at the Stroud junction and visited Highfield Garden Centre for coffee break. Some people bought plants other people bought organic slug pellets! Some looked at cards and shoes, so I think everyone enjoyed it. Then we proceeded to Cheltenham for lunch and a wander around the shops - we were pleased that although it had clouded over, it remained dry.

We left Cheltenham at 2.30pm heading for Bourton on the Water. When we arrived Lionel had to drop us just off in the main street because the local authority had closed the coach park despite receiving a number of visitors. The town is a very pretty place and while we were there we noticed plenty of foreign visitors. It still remained dry so everyone enjoyed walking around and having tea.

We stopped on the A350 after Chippenham in a layby to do the raffle. Tom thanked Lionel for a lovely day out and then did the raffle with Lesley. The rain didn't start until we were nearly home at 6.50pm and once again everyone came home happy after a lovely day out.

Our next trip is to Dorchester and Weymouth on Tuesday 25th June.
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ANNUAL REPORT (MAY 2024)

Wiltshire Council's Annual Report for Town and Parish Councils can be found on the Wiltshire Council website - Resources for Town and Parish Councils

Overall, the council's budget for 2024/25 stands at around £490m. More than half of that is spent on adult and children's social care services.

Secure Finances – Investing in Key Services: Despite the ongoing budget pressures arising from increasing demand for services and inflationary costs, the Council has been able to effectively manage these challenges to ensure a firm financial footing. Key to this sustainable approach to delivering for Wiltshire, is to invest in services, especially those which tackle issues in a proactive way. The Council receives nearly 83% of its funding from local taxes, Business Rates and Council Tax, so we take delivering on our promises to local people very seriously.

The most significant spending in 2024/25 will be on:

Adult services - £179.4m	Families and children - £70.8m
Education and skills - £38.9m	Environment - £49.6m
Highways and transport - £43m	

How the income is spent:



Here are some highlights:-

Children's Services – Outstanding Ofsted: We want to give Wiltshire's children the best start in life as it is fundamental in improving their long-term life chances and gives them the best opportunity to live full and healthy lives. We have worked relentlessly to improve our services and now deliver consistently Outstanding services that ensure the needs of families and children are met at the right time by the right people. This is reflected in the Ofsted inspection report from November 2023 that rated us Outstanding across the board.

Additional Funding for Highways & Flood Prevention: Heat, flooding and severe winter weather has caused significant damage to some of Wiltshire's roads in 2023. Whilst the overall

condition of Wiltshire's classified road network is better than the national average this continues to be a priority. We are investing an additional £10m in Highways maintenance, which together with increased Department for Transport (DfT) funding, will enable an extensive programme of road surfacing and treatment in 2024/25. We are also investing an additional £1m to support preventative drainage programmes and have confirmed additional £1.5m funding from 25/26 onwards to help with gully cleaning and potholes.

£179m for Adult Services, which includes over £9m of efficiency savings: Adult Social Care accounts for the highest percentage spend of Wiltshire Council's budget and continues to see significant demographic and cost pressures. The Transforming Adult Social Care programme ensures that the Council is proactive in ensuring services meet need. Continued investment is being made in preventative, enablement and reablement services that support people to stay in their own homes and take full part in their communities. The Shared Lives Scheme, which offers a fostering style model of care and support continues to grow, and the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) is a key priority. Moving from children to adult services is one of the most critical times for anyone's life, this is even more important for young adults who have Special Education Needs and Disabilities.

Locally, I have continued to support Parish Councils and residents with specific local matters, and I have attempted to attend the Parish Council meetings across the area.

As chairman of the Local Highway Footpath Improvement Group, I am very pleased to support parish highway improvement schemes brought before the group. I will continue to press for road safety improvements across the area, especially near schools and seek a resolution to speeding vehicles and HGV's seeking short-cuts and travelling through the villages.

I have been delighted to gain various grants for village organisations and will continue to ensure that the villages never become forgotten in the wider context.

Looking forward, I will continue to listen to local views on planning applications and support efforts to ensure that the applications only delivery sympathetic outcomes where planning policy permits.

It has been a pleasure to support Parish Councils, community groups and residents with a whole host of local issues over the last year including flooding, road safety, footpaths, and planning matters. If there is a local issue that you are concerned about, please do get in touch and I will do my very best to help.

I hope you feel that your village has benefited from our joint efforts with your local projects and concerns.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Parish Councils across Warminster Rural West – they and the many other local organisations help ensure our villages are such fabulous communities and brilliant places to live.

Bill Parks

Wiltshire Councillor for Warminster North and Rural.

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REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL ALIGNMENT, I'M HERE TO SERVE YOU - PHILIP WILKINSON

My determination to represent and serve our communities is unwavering and I am honoured to have been re-elected to serve as your Police and Crime Commissioner for the next four years.

It is my responsibility to ensure that your views and lived experiences are reflected in how we work towards making Wiltshire safer and my promise remains the same – to be your voice in policing and to hold the Chief Constable to account for the effective and efficient police service that residents deserve. Regardless of political alignment, or whether you voted for me or not, I am here to serve you and act as your voice in policing and crime. Before the role of PCC was established in 2012 there was a disconnect between the communities and police accountability and since then you have had the power to have your say at the ballot box on who you feel best represents you.

My focus now turns to ensuring that those lesser heard voices are consulted in the development of my next Police and Crime Plan which acts as a blueprint for the strategic policing and crime priorities. My responsibilities spread the entirety of the criminal justice system, including policing, victim support, early intervention and offender rehabilitation.

It is of paramount importance to me that your feedback is reflected in any decisions that are made. I want to hear more from rural communities, business owners and retailers about the impact of crime on them – and what they need to feel safe and supported by Wiltshire Police and partners.

Wiltshire Police was placed into the Engage status or 'special measures' shortly after I took office during my first term and alongside my wider office I continue to robustly scrutinise, in addition to supporting the Chief Constable to drive up the standard of policing our residents receive.

Tremendous work has been done in that time to improve the police's response and performance, and especially so since Chief Constable Catherine Roper started in post just over a year ago. Whilst I am proud of the improvements that have been achieved in that time, the Force is still not where I or the Chief Constable would like it to be, and we will not be satisfied until Wiltshire Police is considered an outstanding police force.

WILTSHIRE POLICE'S MELKSHAM CUSTODY SUITE HAS REOPENED AFTER UNDERGOING MAJOR REFURBISHMENT WORKS TO MAKE THE FORCE MORE FIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

The investment of £3.7m was approved by Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson last year to ensure the facility was fit for purpose and to provide a safer experience for detainees, staff and officers.

Improvement works have included newly refreshed cells with Qibla pointers for Muslim detainees, autism friendly colour schemes, and higher security observation doors for detainee and staff safety. An improved air lock and secure alarm system will also mean better security, and a refresh of the custody desk with wider and taller screens enables privacy and soundproofing, while meeting the latest Home Office guidelines.

Mechanical and electrical system upgrades have also been installed to help deal with increasing demand and improve efficiency and risk management to better serve the needs of the force.

The custody suite first closed on Monday 20 February 2023 and since then Wiltshire Police has processed all detainees at Gablecross Custody in Swindon.

Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson said: "Ensuring that Wiltshire Police have the proper tools and facilities to deliver a high standard of policing is one of my main priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

"Investment to ensure a safer environment for all and to future-proof police facilities and estate is necessary to ensure Wiltshire Police can continue to provide the best policing service it can to our communities.

"As with any building works, challenges arose which meant the building remained closed for longer than originally anticipated but we were able to use this opportunity to bring forward additional planned refurbishment options into this phase removing the need for further closures.



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"Wiltshire Police now has a custody suite which is fit for the 21st century, meets Home Office compliance advice as well as HMICFRS inspection criteria. This in turn will help to improve future Wiltshire Police PEEL reports and overall custody standards.

"Modern custodial facilities will improve detainee safety and enable better evidence collection opportunities to inform investigations and charge outcomes. I am confident that all areas of Wiltshire's policing will reap the benefits of this refurbishment project."

Wiltshire Chief Constable Catherine Roper said: "I am delighted to have Melksham Custody open again.

"Ensuring that officers and staff have excellent facilities to deliver a high standard of service to our communities is a key priority in the PCC's Police and Crime plan and the Wiltshire Police strategic plan.

"The importance of a fit-for-purpose custody facility, which supports the safety and welfare of our detainees, officers and staff, cannot be underestimated.

"There is a significant level of risk managed within any Custody suite both from an investigative and welfare perspective, so these improvements will help us deliver on our commitment to 'Keeping Wiltshire Safe'."

Amy Pantall

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JON KENZIE

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- Sunday 9th June Private event Bath Cycling Club
- Saturday 22nd June Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30pm-6.00pm
- Sunday 16th June Plant & Cake Sale 2-4pm
- Saturday 6th July Underwoods Fish & Chip Van 4.30pm-6pm
- Sunday 7th July Bath Beast Event
- Saturday 13th July Live music with Jon Kenzie
- Saturday 27th July Race Night - details in next month's newsletter

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TUESDAY	9.30AM-10.30AM	BRADLEY BABIES
TUESDAY	1.00PM-3.00PM	POST OFFICE SERVICE
WEDNESDAYS	10.00AM-11.15AM	SILVER SNEAKERS
WEDNESDAYS	6.15PM-7.15PM	YOGA FLOW
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LINK NUMBER 15 - WENDY LUCAS-PHILLIPS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN MAIDEN BRADLEY?

My parents both grew up in the village and have always lived here, I was raised in Maiden Bradley, staying here after leaving my parental home until I was 25. I returned with my own family in 2011.

WHAT IS THE FURTHEST YOU HAVE TRAVELLED IN YOUR LIFE AND WHY?

The furthest I have travelled is New Zealand in 2015, we toured both North & South Islands for 3 weeks visiting very special friends and touring with them. The longest holiday I have had was in 2000 when Mark & myself back-packed around India for 6 weeks. Spending 2 weeks in Rajasthan travelling in an old Ambassador car, where we visited Agra & The Taj Mahal (where Mark proposed to me on my 30th Birthday), Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer & Udaipur, as well as several wonderful days in the Thar desert on a camel safari. We slept in traditional mud huts and ate food cooked on the fire, watching the sunset over the sand dunes. It was a wonderful experience with so many lovely children who we gifted pens, sweets and bangles. We then flew to Goa, spending 10 days in Palolem, a sleepy bay on the Indian ocean, staying in bamboo huts in the Coconut trees. This was followed by a rice barge for 3 days in the backwaters of Kerela, an overnight train to the very Southern tip & the super hot city of Madurai with its temples, amazing flower markets, and Sadhu's. Completing our journey on the East Coast with Mahabalipuram & Chennai. The experience was incredible and life changing, very humbling, the divide of wealth was staggering, with many of the best memories spent with very poor children whose smiles at the simple gift of an orange were priceless. So many of these children seemed amazed by my blonde hair, asking to touch it, and holding my hands tightly. I will always remember the early morning train station cries of "coffee, coffee, Chai, Chai" as our overnight trains rolled into the stations.

TELL US SOMETHING OF YOUR WORK PAST AND/OR PRESENT.

I worked as a Microbiologist in a food laboratory of a local dairy for 35 years before the opportunity arose to re-open the village Shop. We both always dreamed of starting our own business and to be able to do this in the village where we live, amongst our family, friends and neighbours is so rewarding.

TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

My favourite pastime when not spending time with my family is to walk. I love the local hills and woodland of Maiden Bradley but have also enjoyed several long-distance walks with Mark, including the West Highland Way, The Wessex

Ridgeway, the Rota Vincentina in Portugal & the Channel Island Way, which was really special as my Mum's family originate from Guernsey. Being in nature and walking in nature is where I feel most at home and at peace. I used to walk with my Dad as a young girl though the woods and fields, it was a special time, one of stories and togetherness.

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY?

My Nanny 'Radstock' would buy her Christmas presents and store them in a room in the house that us children were not allowed to enter, for obvious reasons. But one year when I was around five I managed to follow my Dad into the 'Christmas' room, spotting a very special teddy bear on the arm of the chair. I remember picking him up and cuddling him, carrying him around momentarily whilst holding my dad's trousers. That Christmas day was incredible when I was gifted 'Red Ted Big Jim Lucas'. He has always been my best companion and I still sleep with him to this day.

TELL US ABOUT AN ANIMAL THAT MEANS/MEANT A LOT TO YOU.

I have had lots of pets, and they are all special but one that stands out is a green budgie called Sammy from my childhood. Sammy could talk & play football! His best phrases were "1, 2, 3, 4 testing", "Make a cup of tea Jen" & "Up periscope!"

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM?

It's a Wonderful Life. Christmas isn't Christmas without George Bailey!

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE?

My children. They all amaze me with just how wonderful they are, every day. Being a Mum has been such a large part of my life and is another place where I feel fully myself.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?

I love Autumn, the colours, the feeling of the change of season, crisp cool mornings and evenings. Walking in the leaves and cosy times in front of the fire. It is a season that makes me feel like making rice pudding, I once wrote a poem about this very food and season combined!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD? Tomatoes, especially sweet cherry vine tomatoes.

WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE READ AND WHY DID YOU LIKE IT?

I can't decide but it is between *The Witch of Portobello* by Paulo Coelho & *Cross Stitch* by Diana Gabaldon – both stories are quite complex, both are about a struggle in the face of love. The main reason why I enjoyed them both is that they are very compelling and kept me reading, being dyslexic & finding a book that inspires me to finish it can be a rarity. I am currently reading *Quies Rocks* by Maiden Bradley's own Jack Collett and it is one I am happy to say I will finish!



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WEDNESDAY 10th July 7.30pm £14
CROSSING THE ROCKIES + CAMPFIRE AFTER-PARTY



THURSDAY 11th JULY 7.30pm £16
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FRIDAY 12th July 7.30pm £16
HARARE + MOTHER OF MANKIND



SATURDAY 13th July 8-2am £19.50
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SUNDAY 14th July 7.30pm £16
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Do you want to volunteer as a Link driver? We are a local charity and we take clients to medical appointments, including Covid vaccinations, and even shopping when resources allow. New drivers are always welcome. You choose when you want to drive, use your own car and we pay 45p/mile to cover your costs. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver please call our co-ordinator on 01747 860096.

If you want to use the Link, once you have an appointment please call 01747 860096 to book a driver. As a charity we do not charge for trips but ask for a donation. Please remember that our coordinators work in their own homes - we do not have an office - so please keep calls to 9-5 Monday to Friday and only use the 01747 860096 number. Also, it is a great help if you can give us a minimum of 48 hours notice (not including Saturdays and Sundays). Our coordinator has to ring round to find a driver who is available to take you to your appointment and we cannot guarantee our co-ordinator will be at home to arrange last minute requests.

A reminder that the Link AGM will be held on Friday 7 June at 7pm in the Grove Building. After the meeting we will have drinks and nibbles socially. Everyone is welcome.

Mere and District Link Scheme

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John FitzGerald,

Link Chair

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS

Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of
the Wiltshire Police and Maiden Bradley



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The average vehicle count during a 45 minute CSW session has increased to 45/60 vehicles of which 12/20 are travelling in excess of 30 mph: roughly 29% over the statutory speed limit for this section of highway. This shows a decrease of 3% in the speeders' number. So CSW is definitely having the required positive effect. Again this has been highlighted with Wiltshire Constabulary and a traffic officer who will, whenever possible, be with the CSW team when active on the High Street.

Remember, in a 20mph zone you will be prosecuted if speeding.

The CSW are a great team working together for the safety of the village - doing a great job for everyone. Currently a happy band of nine!

We achieved a new record the other day: booking a vehicle at 38mph with the occupants practising their obvious displeasure of being booked by the usual tribal gesticulation requiring the use of two fingers on each hand. This time also accompanied with the projection of a very soiled Pampers Nappy in our direction. All with the very strange mouthing impersonation of a stranded Goldfish gasping for air. Must try and film them one day.

As we have said before CSW does have its lighter moments after all. Come and join us to find out.

Simon Wager

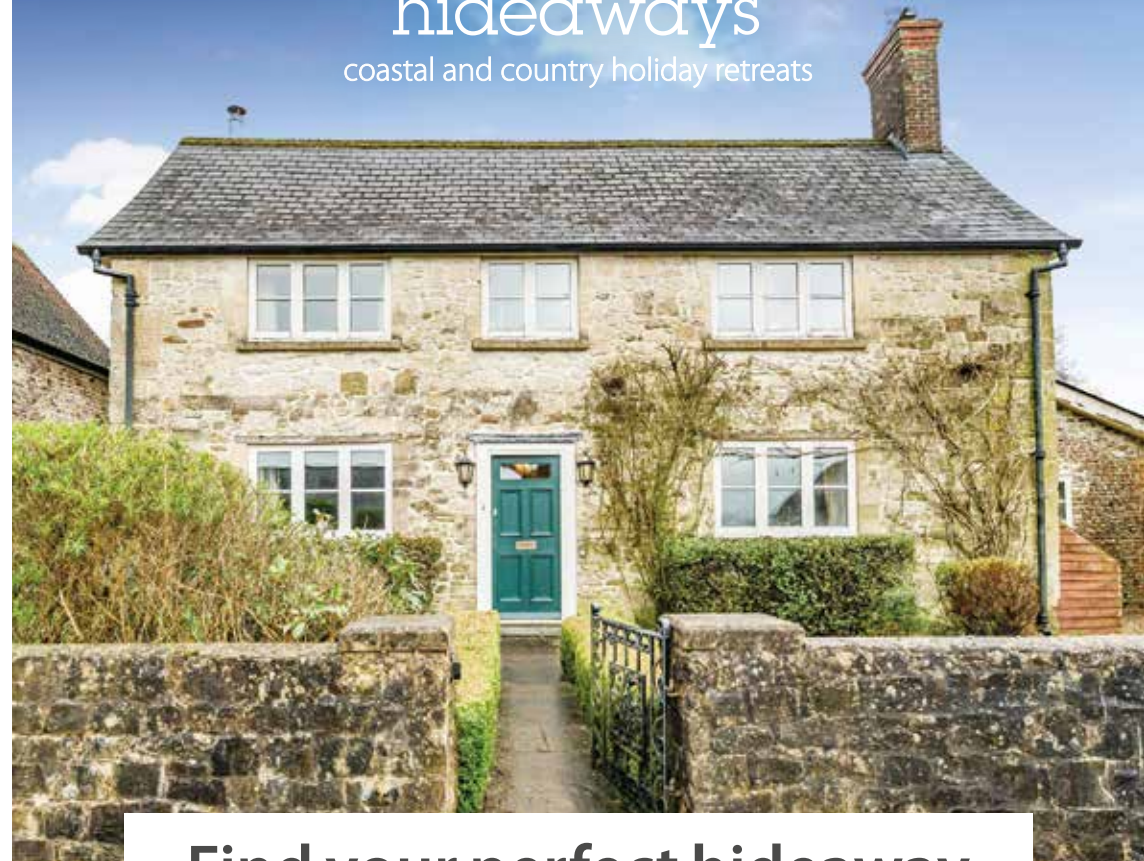
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