



# THE PEN PAPER



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*The newsletter of St. Michael's Church and the Parish of Pen Selwood*



Charles Buckler off to fetch the Xmas tree for the church

photo:Steve Roberts



You are never too old to be selected for the Nativity play!

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## From the Editor

This is the first issue with a new editor. Cliff Clark has handed over the reins to me and it is my challenge to live up to the quality publication and hopefully to build on it.

The Pen Paper is first and foremost a means of communicating with all residents of Pen Selwood and many thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. One of my aims is to work towards complementing content on the Pen Paper and the village website [www.penselwood.ning.com](http://www.penselwood.ning.com).

I hope you like the smaller format, which will enable us to add or subtract pages more easily according to content shared.

Geoff Parcell 01747 841216

## Together or Not?

Having just watched one of the Six Nations Rugby matches my mind is mulling over what makes a good team, and what made England play better than Italy - this time at least! What is obvious is the fact that within a team different individuals have different skills and strengths, and yet for that team to play well – certainly in Rugby Union – these individually strong players have to learn to run and pass, kick, coordinate, understand and communicate as a team.

My mind now jumps to recent conversations about the Pen Paper – how well it has done so far and how it can develop. But in particular I find myself speculating about its purpose and what we want it to achieve.

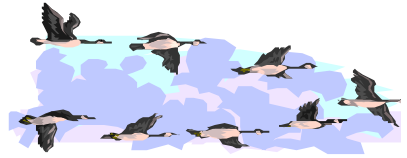
We would all agree we want it to be a good addition, or added ingredient to the life of Pen Selwood.

I realise that it is not a bad idea if we see the Pen Selwood community as a sort of rugby team: a mixture of individuals – talented and gifted in a whole range of ways – like any community when you think about it. And yet, if all these individuals do not understand each other, or do not communicate, or do not work and run together (when social, sports or worship events require it) then there is unlikely to be success or achievement. I suppose therefore that my conclusion at the end of all these thoughts is that the Pen Paper is one of several things that can oil the wheels of that working-together and successful team in Pen.

Of course such ideas about community can easily sound idealistic and unreal- especially when we all have slightly differing ideas about what it means to be a good and successful community. Striving for good and general well-being will always bring a variety of approaches. This, therefore, in my mind reveals an early training challenge for any team – learning how to accept others around me with consideration and care and respect.

As many in the church will know, I am fascinated by the flying geese

(or swans) logo which is a wonderful example from nature of how we can successfully travel together. Those flying behind gain uplift from the waves of air created by the ones in front. The exhausting journey is made easier - especially when the order of formation changes and another bird takes over from the one at the very front. So, let us all pray for loving hearts, and a dose of humility, in order to travel together better, or achieve the good we are all looking for.



With best wishes,  
Nigel (Rector)

### **Churchwardens Report**

A great deal of work has been carried out in the Churchyard during the past 6 months. The hedge alongside the Rectory has been trimmed back and all the laurels removed. A new hedge is now being planted. You will have seen that the five lime trees have been cut back and will be pollarded. The trees themselves were planted approximately 150 years ago and have become quite dangerous. One had to be felled as it was leaning over the Church. This south aspect will now be much lighter and should enhance the beauty of our lovely Church. All this work costs money and the PCC is extremely grateful to everyone who



contributes through fund raising events, without your support we would never be able to carry out similar projects. Interestingly the contractors carrying out the work remarked on how many people on a daily basis visited and passed through the Churchyard. We can be very proud that we have such a jewel in the middle of our village.

Thanks everyone,

Jeremy Cox.

## Clubs and Society News

### **Pen Selwood History Society**

During the winter we have held a number of meetings to share what we know about our local history. We are surrounded by some magnificent historical monuments, and some residents know what is to be known while others remain ignorant and are keen to learn. There are few modern reports on the monuments.

So far we have explored a number of topics including: Cenwalh's Iron Age forts, the three Motte and Bailey Castles, Pen Pits, the Norman Church of St. Michael's, Egbert's Stone, Common Land and the Enclosures.

The format is informal with someone introducing a topic and others contributing what they know. So far we have only just scratched the surface of these topics, we usually leave with more questions than answers! There is an air of excitement in the meetings as people collectively pool what they have found out.



Egbert's Stone (Richard Place)

The next meeting to be held on 3rd March at 7:30pm at Manor Barn will discuss the topic of 'People of Pen.' Do you know of any people who lived in Pen Selwood in the past? Please call Geoff on 841216 if you plan to attend so we can arrange chairs and also let him know what other topics to include for discussion.

As the warmer weather arrives we plan to arrange walks to and around some of these ancient monuments.

### **Sports & Social Club**

The buffet supper in the autumn raised £832. Half the money was donated to the upkeep of the churchyard. At the recent committee meeting it was decided recently to give the remainder to two local causes: The Live at Home scheme and the CAT Bus.

## **Book club**

February's Book Club choice, **Spies** by Michael Frayn, tells in retrospect of a schoolboy growing up in Second World War suburbia. It captures the period very successfully but its central appeal lies in the way in which it filters the behaviour of adults through the perceptions and misperceptions of children. It does not take long to work out that the schoolboy narrator and his friend have got it wrong in seeing the friend's mother as a German spy but it takes us some time to uncover the reality underlying their fantasies.

There are some nice touches in the sub-plots, particularly in the relationship, developing from resentment and suspicion into curiosity, between the schoolboy narrator and the girl who invades the boys' secret hideaway. Frayn also explores the fallibility of memory: we remember events but can we be sure about their sequence and significance, and did we really understand what we now think we understood?

As ever, there was some diversity of view within Book Club. Some found the pace too leisurely and felt that the themes could have been better developed, but in the main we considered it a book to be commended to others.

Next month we're discussing **To Kill A Mocking Bird** by Harper Lee.

## **Footpaths**

Thanks to clearance work by the County Council team there is another footpath open in the Parish. The path runs parallel to the road running up to Pen Ridge Farm on the south side of the woodland track. This means there is good access to the Gallops without having to walk the rutted muddy track through the woods, the stiles have also been replaced. This path has long been overgrown but by regular walking from as many as possible the new growth will be kept down. A great addition to the many paths in Pen.

As I am moving in March, Chris Worrall has agreed to work with

Richard to liaise with our Footpath Officer and support the maintenance work. Thanks to them both for this valuable work. If you have any footpath queries or would like to help with installation and maintenance please contact Chris Worrall 840869 or Richard Gething 841481.

Hester Messom

**The Pen Selwood Allotment Association** continues to be a successful and friendly group located at the picturesque site at Pitts Farm. The tenants have been growing a variety of delicious vegetables, juicy fruits and beautiful flowers all for the kitchen table and hungry tummies!



Currently there are two plots available to rent and this the perfect time to prepare and get ready for the growing season ahead. To rent a full plot for a year the cost is £39, a half is £22 and a quarter is £9. Come and have a look around, and if you would like to find out more contact Jackie Collins on 07811 531 783, or Sharron McVie on 07928 953 495.

### **Summoned by Pen Bells**

The day after I arrived in the village I had a conversation with Bruce Bower. His first question was “*are you interested in bell ringing?*” The reply “*possibly*” led to a call from Jennifer and before I could back out I was having individual tuition in bell ringing.

Learning new skills as a mature student is never easy but with Jennifer’s patient and encouraging teaching my ringing slowly improved. We kept going despite my knocking the clock off the wall and shattering the glass with an uncontrolled rope.

The next step was to join the band for Monday evening practice, there was a most friendly welcome and real understanding of the difficulties of a novice ringer. Importantly the practice nights are fun, we laugh a lot, catch up on village gossip and generally set the world to rights. The friendly relaxed atmosphere made all the difference to the nervous beginner. I very much enjoy our annual



outing with the opportunity to visit other wonderful old churches in the area, followed by a good meal of course.

It is doubtful that I shall ever learn 'rope sight', improve my non-musical ear or ring a quarter but I can count to six and have reasonable concentration so hopefully add to the pleasurable sound of Pen bells ringing out for morning service. When all goes well it is very satisfying. It is so important that we keep these old skills and traditions alive so why not have a go, you may find you really enjoy it.

Hester Messom

### **Wildlife habitat improvement**

We're all aware of the decline of birds, of the struggle for survival of the bee and other essential pollinators, but with a bit of community planning, and a few changes in the way we manage the landscape, we can all help. For instance, by delaying grass cutting until the end of July and then removing all the cuttings, together with managed clearances and the planting of native plants and seeds, the soil will gradually become less fertile, and more attractive to our native wild flowers, encouraging birds, bees, other pollinating insects and small mammals.

In the neighbouring village of Bourton, the *Wildlife and Habitat Group* have taken this approach with the long grass bank that runs along the main road with the hopes of creating an extended habitat for wild flowers and pollinating insects. This group has also placed barn owl nest boxes in a number of locations, including one in the Combe at Pen Selwood. If anyone in Pen Selwood wishes to know more, the group is very happy to share ideas.



Wild flower bank in Bourton  
photo: Bernard Sullivan

Bernard Sullivan  
bernardsullivan2001@gmail.com

## Recent Events

**Defibrillator Retraining** Following the Retraining Meeting with Kim Davey of South West Ambulance Service in the Village Hall on Wed. 21st January she checked the defibrillator is in working order. Rob Doody has fixed the door to the telephone box which was sticking badly. The light in the box has still to be fixed. This is in hand.

If you missed the Talk there is useful information on the website.

Jenny Steadman 841041 email [jennysteadman@btinternet.com](mailto:jennysteadman@btinternet.com)

Annie Harvey 840438 email [annie@annieharvey.co.uk](mailto:annie@annieharvey.co.uk)

These contact details are also in the phone box.

**Neighbourhood Watch** I recently took over as the Coombe Street Coordinator working with the Avon and Somerset Police team.

I get a number of alert emails from A&S Police which I forward to a wide village distribution and also post on the village website, so if you have seen an email from [pennw2@btinternet.com](mailto:pennw2@btinternet.com), then that's from me. Please contact me if you want a bit of support or advice, and I will do what I can, or put you in touch with your area coordinator (Andrew Jenkins or Rick Godley).

Please be aware that there has been a spate of burglaries in the village. So far, five have come to light. All have been garages or sheds which have easy access to a road but are separate from the owner's house. Small items, like a strimmer and a chainsaw, have been taken. Please ensure that your sheds and garages are secure and keep on the lookout for suspicious characters. Please report anything suspicious to the police on the 101 non-emergency help line.

This recent spate of burglaries in the village has started people thinking, perhaps making us more aware of the threat. Hopefully, we in the Neighbourhood Watch can help, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Robin Cuthbert, NW Coordinator - Coombe Street.

Seven Springs, Coombe Street Tel: 01747 841101

Email: [pennw2@btinternet.com](mailto:pennw2@btinternet.com)

## Letter from the Parish Council

The Chairman and members of the Parish Council welcomed Belinda Heal to their ranks at the PC Meeting held on the 12th November. Belinda lives at Encie Farm, Leigh Common and will do her best look out for the interests of the people living in that part of the village. At the November meeting the PC voted to maintain the Parish precept at the same level as last year. This will be the fifth year at the same level.

A refresher training course was held on the 21st January for all those involved in the operation of the Defibrillator. Thankfully, it has not been needed yet!

The village roads are often at their worst at this time of year and Tony Appleton has been in regular contact with SSDC Highways to ask for potholes to be repaired and muddy roads swept. Our requests are usually granted although not always at the speed we would like. We thank you for your patience.

At the January meeting the PC set up a Broadband sub group to deal with the proposed update to Broadband service in the area. Jane Ashman organised the meeting with BT held in mid February.

The next meeting of the PC will be Wednesday March 11 at 7.30pm and it will be the last meeting to be attended by Bryan Young. Bryan has been a PC member since 1971 and was chairman for four years. Elections in May will bring about the end of an incredible period of service to the community of Pen Selwood.

Many thanks to Bryan for years of sterling service.

Peter Fitzgerald  
(Chairman)

### **PEN SELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

*Chairman:*

Peter FitzGerald 01747 840895

*Councillors:*

Tony Appleton 01747 840168

Jane Ashman 01747 841481

Belinda Heal 01747 841015

Andrew Jenkins 01747 840773

Jenny Steadman 01747 841041

Bryan Young 01747 840281

*Parish Clerk:*

Kevin Stow 01747 830431

## Report from Broadband meeting

The PC invited representatives from the Connecting Devon & Somerset broadband programme to discuss broadband plans in Penselwood on 16 February.

At a well attended meeting Matthew Ballard, Programme Manager, Somerset County Council & Laurent Boon, Programme Director, BT provided information and answered questions.

Pen Selwood is connected to the Bourton exchange which has recently been upgraded to fibre-optic making it capable of delivering superfast broadband. The connection for most properties is via a secondary cabinet sited by Long Lane Stables. That cabinet will be evaluated between January and June 2016 to see if the link to the Bourton exchange can be upgraded to fibre-optic. It was noted that a few properties, mainly the lower parts of Underhill and Leigh Common also draw from the Bourton exchange but via one or more different cabinets.

Following the evaluation, cabinets may be upgraded between March and October 2016. The programme deals only with cabinets and links to properties will remain via the existing copper cable.

After upgrading any property within 1.2km of the cabinet is likely to achieve superfast broadband speeds up to 24Mbs. You will need to contract for this through your service provider. Beyond 1.2 km and up to 1.8km properties are likely to see some improvement but not superfast but beyond 1.8km are unlikely to benefit. Jane Ashman

**The Garden Club** sadly ran out of steam a couple of years ago. Are there any keen Gardeners who would like to resurrect this club? Meetings were held approximately nine times a year (none in July August and September). It included an annual social evening at the village hall, annual trips to a National Trust or similar garden with afternoon tea and a variety of speakers at the monthly meetings. If you are interested in helping to bring this club into existence please contact Susan Appleton on 01747 840168.

## Noticeboard

**Tough 10k challenge** aka the Fun run will be held on Sunday 19th April. The Village hall will be open from 9.30am with the start scheduled for 11am. There are toilets available which can be used for changing but space is limited. Refreshments will be available.

The 10k route is a single loop on hilly but very scenic country roads. There is a 5k route open to under 15 yr olds and is the last half of the 10k.

There's also a 2k route for the under 11s. Whilst the route is on quiet country lanes it will not be closed to traffic and care must be taken at all times. Everybody will receive a Chocolate Egg.

Trophies are awarded [see the Gillingham Trotters website for details and entry forms - link available from village website].

Andrew Jenkins is looking for marshals please contact 840773

**A Jumble Sale with Produce Stall** will be held on Saturday 25th April at 2.30pm in the village hall in aid of the churchyard.

Please bring jumble and bric-a-brac to the hall on Friday afternoon 2pm-4pm and the produce on Saturday morning 10am-11.30am.

Heather Doe 840820 or Sandra Jenkins 840773

**Rag Bag Scheme** in Aid of Greyhound Rescue West of England

I am collecting items for a RAG BAG Scheme, I need textile items in any condition, ripped, missing buttons, broken zips even stubborn stains are all acceptable and are all good for recycling. However all items must be **clean and dry**.

Clothing, household linen, curtains, shoes (tied in pairs) and handbags are acceptable but cushions, duvets and pillows are not.

GRWE receives cash for the bags collected. Items are then sold to the textile trade to recycle or sold in South Africa if wearable.

There will be an Orange collection bin outside the Village Hall on Black Bin Cafe morning, and outside Broad Oak Lodge, Coombe Street on Saturday and Sunday for any donations.

Any queries telephone Rita 01747 840551

**Spectra Musica** will be performing its first concert under its inspirational new conductor, Peter Leech, on Saturday March 21st at 7.30 in St. Luke and St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Wincanton. We shall be following our usual pattern of a concert of mixed styles ranging from early church music, through CPE Bach, Brahms, Bruckner, and music theatre. Do come and enjoy it. Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine or fruit juice. You can buy tickets on line from [www.spectramusica.co.uk](http://www.spectramusica.co.uk) or from Elizabeth Carter (01747 841431).

The highly popular **Pen Pub Nights** continue through 2015 on the first Friday of every month opening at 19:30, last orders 23:00 hrs.

Mark up your diary now for the first Friday of every month except August when we hope to run the beer tent at the Village Fete again instead.

**Fri 6 Feb / Fri 6 Mar / Fri 3 Apr / Fri 1 May / Fri 5 Jun / Fri 3 Jul / Fri 4 Sep / Fri 2 Oct / Fri 6 Nov / Fri 4 Dec**

We have local real ales on tap along with a selection of wines, cider and soft drinks - all at very reasonable prices. Pub games, including snooker/ pool are available. Do pop in and sample the delights - what better way to meet other villagers you don't always get to talk to.



Rob Backus

**Pen Selwood Village Fete 2015** The annual Village Fete will take place this year on Saturday 1 August. Each year the Fete grows and this year will be no exception. All the traditional stalls, beer tent and live entertainment will be there again along with the Rhythmic Drums. Additionally the show ground will be spread out more and the stalls decorated with new covers. There is a preliminary meeting at Woodlands on Wednesday 4 March commencing 7.30 pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend and any new ideas will be particularly welcome.

Jeremy Cox.

## **Village walks**

Here are the next three walks with two new walk leaders, come and find out where they will take us.

**Wednesday March 11th 9am** Jennifer Bower (840335) will lead a walk along the newly renovated paths through Pen Ridge farm fields by Stourhead woods. The walk will last 1½ hrs starting by the village hall and dogs are welcome.

**Thursday April 23rd 9:30am** Elizabeth Carter (841431) will lead a walk starting from the triangle at the junction of Bleak Street with the top of Coombe Street. The walk will last 1½ hrs and dogs will be welcome.

**Friday May 15th 10:30am** Clive Simpson Gee (840568) will lead a walk to Stourhead for lunch at 12pm. After lunch we will return to Pen Selwood via Six Well Bottom and Alfred's Tower. You can join us all day or just for the morning or afternoon walk or even just for lunch. Phone Clive or Jennifer to organise lifts for a half-day walk. Dogs are welcome on both walks. Meet by the village hall for morning walk and 1pm at Spread Eagle for the afternoon walk.



A recent Village Walk up on White Sheet photo: Susan Appleton

# Wheel keeps turning

## Pear Ash Farm

Looking back through the history of the village in Kelly's Directory, I saw that in the 1890's the farming here was predominately arable. By 1910 it was mainly dairy. This dramatic change was due to the arrival of piped water on the hill – you can't run a dairy by dipping buckets in a well! – and the arrival of the railway to deliver milk daily to London.

In 1978, our sheep were not the first to have been kept here. Going back 150 years and more, sheep must have been sufficiently important for the farmers to construct a sheep wash pond by damming the stream in the Combe. This was used to wash the fleeces before shearing.

Just as the seasons rotate, so does our life around the livestock. We are just a few weeks from our 37<sup>th</sup> lambing and nearly as many calving periods. We still have a few of last year's lambs left. These are mostly destined for local freezers, but I don't keep as many as I used to when I sold lamb and mutton at Wincanton Farmers' Market. For those 12 years I had to keep sufficient to supply the market until at least July when the new season lamb became available. However the Farmers' Market trade died through lack of customers so now all our lambs are sold through Frome Market and the Wilton Sheep Fair.

Last year's calves are nearly all sold at around 10 -12 months of age, again at Frome market for other farmers to rear and fatten. This provides an annual income to help to pay for keeping the cows for 12 months, which includes hay and silage – making, muck spreading, buying-in straw, tractor and machinery costs and diesel.

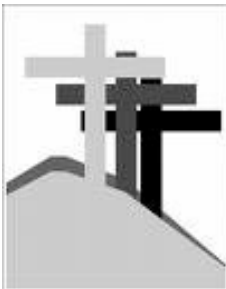
The cycles of farming are still turning; the last dairy farm in the village, Encie Farm, was closed and sold 18 months ago. I sometimes wish the wheel would stop so I can get off!

Charles Buckler



## Church Services

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday 8 March	9am Holy Communion
Thurs 12 March	7:30pm Lent Talk (3) 'Bible books- How and why?' at Bryan Young's home
Sunday 15 March	10:30am Mothering Sunday – United Worship at Wincanton: visiting preacher The Bishop of Taunton
Thurs 19 March	7:30pm Lent Talk (4) 'Bible books- How and why?' at Bryan Young's home
Sunday 22 March	4pm Evensong
Thurs 26 March	7:30pm Lent Talk (5) 'Bible books- How and why?' at Bryan Young's home
Sunday 29 March	9am Palm Sunday
30, 31 Mar, 1 Apr	7:30pm Holy Week meditations at Wincanton
Thurs 2 April	7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Wincanton
Fri 3 April	10:30am Good Friday united churches service & walk of witness at Wincanton Church
Fri 3 April	2:00pm 1 hour Mediation at the Cross (with hymns)
Sunday 5 April	Sunrise service at Bayford Hill, followed by Breakfast at the Rectory
Sunday 5 April	8.55am – Blessing prayers at the children's Easter Garden & Easter festival Eucharist / communion



### **St. Michael's Pen Selwood**

Rector: The Revd. Nigel Feaver

Parish Office: Tel. 01963 824503

Church Warden: Jeremy Cox

Tel. 01747 840325

## Garden notes for Pen

Remember the joy of recognising that spring is on its way when you saw the snowdrops last month? Now is the time to propagate them to help make carpets of flowers. Dig up clumps while the leaves are still green, divide and plant at once. This vegetative reproduction is inexpensive and easy to do.

Don't be fooled by the word spring. After winter we all want to get out and plant or sow, hopefully having prepared for it already. Books give us conflicting times for this. Pen is high above sea level, which affects the temperature, and the wind has a big effect too. Not only is there a marked difference between flowering times, earlier on the Vale but even in lower and more protected areas like Pear Ash. Germination in the open ground is also affected by soil type (heavy soils retain the cold winter temperatures longer than light ones) so an ideal indicator for sowing outside is when the weeds start to show on the bare soil. Broad beans are more hardy and can be sown in March, and you can plant potatoes around Easter time (hopefully already chitted indoors).

You can either give plants and some seeds protection under fleece or glass as they germinate, or try the open soil. If there is any doubt, try sowing half the seeds, saving the rest until later. Record any marked difference!

Most work at this time of year seems to be in the vegetable garden, but it is also the time to help the lawn, plant out various annual flowers (but watch for frost, and harden plants off) and also do any pruning of shrubs grown for coloured stems in the winter, eg cornus.

Gardening is quite variable and I look at it as a prolonged experiment, which is helped by keeping some kind of record of failures and successes. It does seem a bit hit and miss at first but just remain observant.



Snowdrop



Cornus

**Welcome to:** Andrew & Naomi Warren who with their daughter Amelia have moved into the Granary. Andy is already helping me with producing the Pen Paper.

Neil & Claire Pooley are busy at work on the garden at The Rectory and have already opened up the frontage with some tree and hedge trimming and hedge laying at the rear.

Mike & Sheila Carson have moved into Selwood House, Bleak Street from Iver in Bucks and are busy upgrading the heating system. They are looking forward to getting warm!

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The Pen paper is the community newsletter of the parish of Pen Selwood containing news about St Michaels Church, Parish Council matters and other community activities. Contributions for the next issue should be submitted by 15 May to Geoff Parcell at Manor Barn or email: [ourpenselwood@gmail.com](mailto:ourpenselwood@gmail.com). Items can be handwritten, typed or sent by email. The next issue will be published in June 2015.

## Village Diary

Day/ Time	Event
Mon 9am	Nordic Walking: meet at Car Park [Helen Gilchrist 07745 413194]
Mon 7:30pm	Bell Ringing [Jennifer Bower 840335]
Tues 7pm	Yoga [Anne Openshaw 840129]
Wed 10am	Silton Art Group [Joyce Butler 835978]
Thurs 2pm	Pen Art Group [Helen Aylett 826468]
Fri 10:30am	Black Bin Café – Fortnightly [Jenny Steadman/ Anne Clark]
Tues 3 Mar	History Society Meeting 7:30 pm Manor Barn [Geoff Parcell 841216]
Wed 4 Mar	Fete Meeting 7:30 pm Woodlands [Jeremy Cox 840325]
Fri 6 Mar	Pen Pub Night 7:30 pm Village Hall
Mon 9 Mar	Oil Buying group closing date [Don Hoare 840457]
Tue 10 Mar	Mobile Library 9:30 am
Wed 11 Mar	Village Walk 9 am Pen Ridge [Jennifer Bower 840335]
Wed 11 Mar	Parish Council meeting [Kevin Stowe 830431]
Sat 21 Mar	Spectra Musica 7:30 pm at Catholic Church in Wincanton [Elizabeth Carter 841431]
Fri 3 April	Pen Pub Night 7:30 pm Village Hall
Tues 7 April	Mobile Library 9:30 am
Wed 15 April	Village Hall AGM 7:30 pm [Ian Steadman 841041]
Sun 19 April	Tough 10k Pen Selwood Fun Run 11:00 am [Andrew Jenkins 840773]
Thurs 23 Apr	Village Walk 9:30 am [Elizabeth Carter 841431]
Sat 25 April	Jumble Sale with produce stall 2:30 pm in Village Hall in aid of Churchyard maintenance
Fri 1 May	Pen Pub Night 7:30 pm Village Hall
Wed 13 May	Parish Council meeting [Kevin Stowe 830431]
Fri 15 May	Village Walk 10:30 am Stourhead [Clive Simpson Gee 840568]
Mon 18 May	Oil Buying group closing date [Don Hoare 840457]
Sat 23 May	Sports & Social coffee morning – to be held in the Rectory [Sandra Jenkins 840773]

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