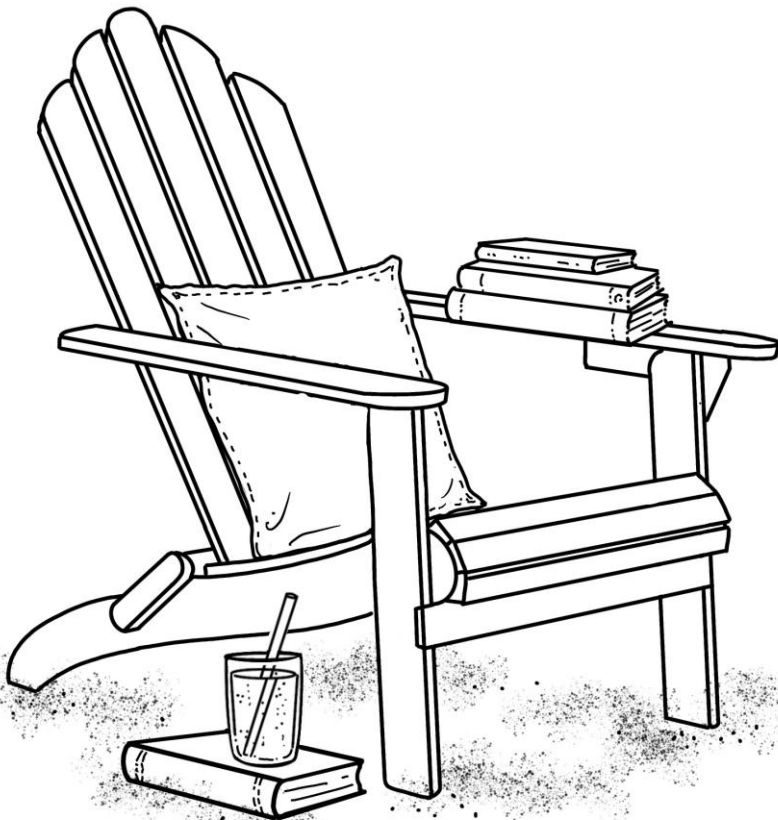


Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
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Church & Village News



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Hospital visits - If you need a visit in hospital or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

Home Communion If you know someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Communion, please contact Bill Bracher on 01980 630173 and he will make arrangements for this to happen.

Please contact a member of the clergy to discuss Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation, the Blessing of your home, Service of Prayer and Dedication, Renewal of Wedding Vows. To visit in hospital, and the dying at home or in hospital. The clergy are here to help and serve, with our Lay Pastoral Assistants

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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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The Clergy Letter

Criticism and Encouragement

Criticism is part and parcel of everyday life. At its best it is constructive and helpful; enabling us to avoid mistakes in the future, make systems and services function more effectively and efficiently, hone our skills and build up our relationships with one another. But there are dangers as I discovered many years ago:

The organisation in which I worked in was going through a very painful period of re-structuring and the management team came in for much criticism. The longer this went on the more negative the workplace became. There was less cooperation, a loss of focus on our core activities and solving the many problems we were facing, an atmosphere of suspicion and a lack of trust. It was extremely painful, but then something happened:

A wise and gentle man, even as he was being made redundant and forced to give up the work he had loved and laboured at for decades, diagnosed the problem and offered a solution: He paraphrased an African proverb, reminding us that we needed to walk a mile in our brother or sister's shoes before criticising their actions. He added that everyone, management included, needed encouragement in order to achieve the best possible outcomes in less than ideal circumstances. We needed to recognise that their ability to solve some of the problems were beyond their control or influence. The atmosphere began to change as attitudes softened and understanding grew. It was not easy an easy path to tread but a culture of encouragement emerged, and we became less fearful of being condemned when we were unable to achieve desired outcomes, better able to give constructive criticism where necessary and more ready to hear and respond to it.

A culture of encouragement does not gloss over mistakes or wrong-doing, but ensures we recognise the positives as well and build on those. It fosters love and respect for others, enabling fruitful partnerships to develop between people, to the benefit of all.

Church life is just as prey to falling into the trap of destructive criticism as other settings, because, after all, Christians are only human. Small wonder that this passage, so often read at weddings, was not addressed to a couple but to a church:

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

The world appears to be in entering a dangerous phase, and too often criticism descends into 'hate speech'. I suspect it's partly due to the ease with which messages and opinions can be broadcast in a digital age; not seeing those we criticise or condemn, no longer mindful that they too are flesh and blood. Changing this culture starts with each one of us, as individuals, taking care when and how we offer criticism.

In August we will reflect again on the horror of war as we mark VJ Day when Second World War finally ended, So, to adapt words of St Paul found in Romans 15:5, I pray that the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us, and all who inhabit this earth, to live in harmony with one another. Amen.

Canon Rhona Floate, Team Rector

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

6 July (Trinity 3)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

13 July (Trinity 4)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall,

11.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Evensong

20 July (Trinity 5)

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Parish Communion

27 July (Trinity 6)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter,

6.00pm Parish Communion

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

3 August (Trinity 7)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

10 August (Trinity 8)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall,

11.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter, 6.00pm Evensong

17 August (Trinity 9)

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Parish Communion

24 August (Trinity 10)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins BCP

St Peter's, Charlton St Peter,

6.00pm Parish Communion

From The Registers

Baptisms

Rupert Charlie William Simmons Baptised on 8th June at St Peter's, Manningford Bruce

Funerals

John Harman Funeral at West Wilts Crematorium on 10th April

David Hacker Funeral at Holy Trinity, Oare on 29th April



VJ Day - Friday 15th August 2025

At the time of going to press, in mid-June, plans are still emerging in various communities across the Vale, so please keep an eye on noticeboards, social media etc. for confirmation of how this occasion will be remembered. To date, within the churches we have agreed:

St Mary the Virgin, Upavon on Friday 15th August 2025 at 6.00pm

A service will be held in Pewsey on Friday 15th August, details still to be finalised. For this and any other services in our churches will be posted on our website, <https://www.valeofpewsey.org/> on the Vale of Pewsey Team Facebook page, and through other local mailing lists and posters.

A Prayer for VJ Day

God our Father, in the dying and rising of your Son Jesus Christ, you have brought life and salvation out of cruelty and death. We mark Victory in Japan in gratitude for the courage of the Allied forces who suffered for freedom in the Far East campaign and in sorrow for all that hinders the coming of your kingdom of peace. Give us wisdom to learn from the bitter memories of war, and hearts that long for the unity of all nations. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, in whom there is no east or west, no north or south, but one fellowship of love across the whole earth.

Amen.

A Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

LATEST UPDATES AND EVENTS

Greetings from the St. Timothy Foundation!

Prayers for Peace in South Sudan

As tensions continue to persist in the region, we renew our request to all supporters to keep South Sudan in their thoughts and prayers. Peace is essential for the communities we serve and for the children being educated, through our donations, reaching their potential.

Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

Murder at The Wedding – 5 July: Dive into the intrigue at this thrilling murder mystery event, featuring live actors. Can you decipher the clues and solve the case? Inspired by '007' characters and set in the 70's, this event promises a night of fun and excitement.

Sample menu is available on our website and in the separate advertisement in this magazine. Dress up and enjoy an evening of mystery! All drinks included. Tickets are priced at £35.

Tickets can be purchased at 'Around the World' and through our website: www.sttimothy.org.uk. If you encounter any issues buying a ticket or want to learn more about the event, please contact Ann at 01980 630256. We look forward to seeing you!

Coffee and Pastries at Rick Stein's Restaurant in Marlborough – 31 July 9.30am to 11.30am:

The Manager of Rick Stein's restaurant has kindly invited us to host a coffee morning in aid of The St Timothy Foundation on 31 July. All proceeds will go to The St Timothy Foundation. Please join us for a delightful morning. No charge but a donation would be very welcome!

As the holiday season approaches, we hope you enjoy good weather, good health and great company wherever you go!

All good wishes,

Ann (Chair)
The St Timothy Foundation

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Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a most comfortable hall with under-floor heating, a large fitted kitchen, off-street parking and Wi-fi.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available to book so please get in touch. Why not come and see us at one of our Hall Fund Raising Events.

Sat 5th July Coffee Morning 10am - 12pm.

For all enquiries and bookings regarding the hall please contact us on:

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com

Phone: [07407 216763](tel:07407216763)

Website: www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk or

Facebook: [Rushall & Charlton Village Hall](#)

Notice from Ann Massey

There was an incident on the road from the Woodbridge roundabout to Upavon a couple of weeks ago. Someone lent blankets, a raincoat and umbrella to the distressed person. These items were left under the hedge, after the incident, at my home (01980 630256). I have washed the blankets and raincoat, and everything is ready for collection if we can find the person or people they belong to.

Upavon Parish Council meeting dates

Dates of future meetings all at 7pm, Upavon Village Hall

- Wednesday 16th July 2025
- Wednesday 17th September 2025
- Wednesday 19th November 2025

UPAVON summer fete

@ St Mary's Church

19 JULY 2025

13.00 - 15.30



TEA & CAKE

A graphic for tea and cake featuring a teacup and a slice of cake. The text 'TEA & CAKE' is written in a semi-circle around the items.

RAFFLE

A graphic for a raffle featuring a red raffle ticket. The text 'RAFFLE' is written in a semi-circle around the ticket.

BBQ AND BAR

DUCK RACE
STARTS AT 15.30

A graphic for a duck race featuring a yellow duck in a pond with other ducks. The text 'DUCK RACE STARTS AT 15.30' is written in a semi-circle around the duck.

BBQ AND BAR

A graphic for a BBQ and bar featuring a red BBQ grill and two glasses of beer. The text 'BBQ AND BAR' is written in a semi-circle around the items.

TOMBOLA

A graphic for a tombola featuring a spinning wheel. The text 'TOMBOLA' is written in a semi-circle around the wheel.

ICECREAM

A graphic for ice cream featuring three ice cream cones. The text 'ICECREAM' is written in a semi-circle around the cones.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

A graphic for a photography competition featuring a red camera. The text 'PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION' is written in a semi-circle around the camera.

CRAFTS, GAMES and MUCH MORE

Upavon Church Fete

Photographic Competition

19th July 2025

Don't be shy, do enter. Help us to make a really exciting show and raise money for our church

There are 3 categories for entries:

Nature: covers such subjects as plants, animals and landscapes.

Art and Architecture: includes buildings, sculpture, machines, anything man-made.

People: includes portraits, groups and street scenes.

6 simple rules:

1. Please enter up to 3 photographs in each category.
2. The photographs have to have been taken by you and not entered in our competition before.
3. The maximum size for any photograph is A5 (150x210mm).
4. The photographs should not be in frames as we will be pinning or sticking them onto display boards. Please don't write your details on the back either
5. The entry cost per photograph is £1.
6. Please return all photographs with an entry form (below) and your payment to Joanna Goulson at 7 Devizes Rd, Upavon (joanna@goulson.net tel. 07970 795237) by midday on Wednesday 16th July.

Please leave your photographs on display until the fete finishes and then collect them. Thank you.

**Upavon Church Fete
Photographic Competition 19th July 2025**

Entry Form

Name	
Address	
Phone No./Email	
Number of photographs entered	Nature Art & Architecture People
Signed	
Paid	£

Charlton St Peter
Pints and Prosecco Evening!
Friday 18th July at 7pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a summer get together at the church to raise money for church funds.





The St Timothy Foundation

WEDDING MURDER MYSTERY

**Be a Guest and Solve this 70s '007' themed Murder
Mystery!**

**whilst enjoying a Wedding Feast
of 4 courses:**

Welcome Canapes and Pimms

Starters: Prawn Cocktail or Eggs Mayonnaise (Vegetarian)

**Main Course: Poached Dressed Salmon, Barossa Chicken
Mushroom Terrine (Vegetarian)**

Selection of Salads

Desserts: Black Forest Gateau, Fruit Salad

Summer Fruits Pavlova

followed by Tea/Coffee and Wedding Cake

Saturday 5th July 2025: 6pm

At Fairacre, North Newnton, SN9 6JT

**Tickets: £35 including all drinks, per person, purchased
online at**

**www.sttimothy.org.uk, or at 'Around the World' from 1st
June**

**or please call Ann on 01980 630256
to enquire or purchase tickets**

Antelope Inn Quiz Night

We run a monthly quiz evening **every 1st Sunday of each month from 1800
hrs.** A professional quiz master will conduct the important
business! Book your teams by calling 01980 630025 or pop into the pub.

Next quiz Sunday July 6th

Upavon Boules

As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to enjoy a game of Pétanque on our newly finished boules court – now complete with a bench and parasol for your comfort!



Upavon Village Hall

Large, well maintained hall available for hire

Competitive hourly rates: village residents £8.00 per hour
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Suitable for large gatherings for up to 60 people with ample
plates, cups and saucers etc.

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**We are always looking for new people to join our committee.
If you feel you could help please contact us!**

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

(Licensed by Wiltshire Council for the Vale of Pewsey Team of Churches)

Our May 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 25th May at 6pm.
Congratulations to the lucky winners:-

£100	A. Watchorn (Marlborough) No.66
£50	P. Narizzano (E. Royal) No.62
£50	J. Darby (Charlton) No.76
£25	S. Long (N. Newnton) No.50
£25	T. Kirby (Charlton) No.99

Our June 100 Club Draw will take place after our service on Sunday 22nd June at
6pm and published in the next edition of the magazine.

We still have a few numbers available, so if you are interested in purchasing
number for £5 a month, please contact Ali Lacey 630385.

Nurture Nature

There are many insect hatches at this time of the season, including unwelcome greenfly and blackfly, Please don't use chemical sprays, we use washing up liquid + water in a spray bottle, which does the job, although it has to be done probably the next day, etc. Better still is to let the birds, especially the tits and some finches, major on them to feed their young. Washing up liquid won't harm them.

An enthralling sight in our garden was the discovery of a web full of a dense ball of tiny spiderlings all clustered together. They dispersed on their own gossamer lines when discovered, but soon re-clustered again. These minute babies transpired to be baby garden spiders, being yellow with black on their rear ends.

Remember to keep feeders and bird baths scrupulously clean, as some of the less well-trained birds have dirty habits and foul the water. Such contamination can infect other birds with diseases, viz bird flu. It's difficult to say at the moment how the nesting season is going, as there are many predators and scavengers about. It's doubtful that some species will even be able to keep their population numbers up. Certainly, hirundine numbers are down, we have only seen two swifts and three swallows so far, with no house martins, heard no cuckoos, seen no flycatchers doing their aerial displays, no nightingales and fewer warblers singing, apart from chiff-chaffs. Species numbers of garden birds are generally low, although robins appear to be doing reasonably well. Think what it will be like for birds and animal species in the many war zones around the world.

A recent piece of interesting raptor news is from the peregrine falcon nest on Taunton Minster, where a last year's fledgling, now an adult, has come back to help feed the nestlings in this year's nest. It remains to be seen whether the parents will welcome this help, or maybe chase him away as an intruder, one who is possibly looking to take over the territory. Has any reader heard of this unusual behaviour anywhere else? One can watch live feed from the web cam on the peregrine nest on Salisbury Cathedral to see how the chicks are fed and as they grow, we saw four.

We didn't have any hedgehogs using our hibernaculums, and have only seen one hedgehog so far this year – has this been the experience of readers generally? In last year's August nature notes readers were encouraged to make time to spend sitting in their gardens from various vantage points for half an hour or so at a time and learn and enjoy the nature all-around them. You will be surprised at all the different activities going on throughout the year.

The writer is going to do more of this, and after 25 years of writing this column for local magazines he is going to put his feet up. So, should you be interested in taking on this column please contact the Editor.

Last autumn the Government announced Envoys for Nature and Climate. We now know who they are: Rachel Kyte CMG is the Envoy for Nature and Ruth Davis OBE is the UK's Special Representative for Climate, effective from 21 October and 15 November 2024 respectively. However, we have not yet seen or heard of any pronouncements, so perhaps a new columnist could do a bit of prodding to reveal aims and objectives.

For up-to-date bird news consult your county websites.

Otis Tarda

Following on from Otis Tarda's retirement - if you would like to write a nature column, or indeed any regular articles on a subject of local interest, please get in touch. -
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Hugh Trenchard: Father of the Royal Air Force

Hugh Montague Trenchard, 1st Viscount Trenchard (1873–1956), is widely regarded as the father of the Royal Air Force (RAF) and one of the pivotal figures in the development of military aviation. His life was marked by resilience, innovation, and a relentless commitment to the future of air power.

Born on February 3, 1873, in Taunton, Somerset, Trenchard's early life gave few signs of the military distinction he would later achieve. Struggling academically and battling health issues, he failed his initial army entrance exams. Nevertheless, his determination eventually secured him a commission in the British Army. He joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1893 and served with distinction in the Boer War, where he was severely wounded.

His military career took a significant turn in 1912 when he learned to fly at the age of 39, an unusual age for a pilot even at that time. He joined the Royal Flying Corps (RFC), the air arm of the British Army, and rapidly advanced through the ranks due to his vision, organizational skills, and leadership. By the outbreak of World War I, Trenchard was instrumental in developing aerial strategy and reconnaissance techniques. He became commander of the RFC in France in 1915 and was pivotal in advocating for aggressive use of air power to support ground operations.

Trenchard's greatest legacy came after the war. In 1918, he became the first Chief of the Air Staff of the newly formed Royal Air Force, which was the world's first independent air force. He fiercely advocated for the RAF's independence from the Army and Navy, believing that air power required a separate command structure to be most effective. His tenure laid the foundation for the RAF's strategic doctrine and emphasized the importance of long-range bombing, training, and a professional officer corps.

After briefly stepping away from the military, Trenchard returned to serve as Chief of the Air Staff again from 1919 to 1930. During this period, he established the RAF College at Cranwell and the Apprentice Scheme at Halton, institutions that professionalized and stabilized RAF recruitment and training.

In his later years, Trenchard was active in public life and was elevated to the peerage as Viscount Trenchard. During the 1930s and early 1940s, he was a vocal advocate for rearmament in response to the growing threat of Nazi Germany. His insights were instrumental in shaping the RAF into a formidable force by the time World War II erupted.

Lord Trenchard passed away on February 10, 1956. He left behind a profound legacy: a professional air force, a lasting military doctrine, and an unshakable belief in the power of aviation. His influence can still be felt in the RAF and broader discussions of air power to this day. **Bob McDonald**