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Launches Emergency
Coronavirus Appeal



The Stable Family Home Trust support adults with learning disabilities.

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the charity has lost a large amount of income through having to close their Aspire day services at Bisterne, as well as the cancellation of crucial fundraising events, which has plunged them into a huge deficit and have launched an emergency appeal to help raise vital funds to continue their care services during these unprecedented times.

SFHT also operate 10 supported living services in Bournemouth and have put into place maximum measures to secure the safety of vulnerable people they support.

"It is the toughest time we have faced as a charity and our dedicated staff care team are critical in providing support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our supported living homes. They are not only keeping our most vulnerable people safe and well but also supporting people emotionally as well as physically".

Their costs have also risen in terms of needing supplies of PPE and extra staffing hours due to the additional support required looking after their vulnerable clients and are seeing increased costs at time when experiencing a huge loss of income.

Funds from their emergency appeal will help them deliver support and in-home activities to adults with learning disabilities, as they continue to use staff resources that are not currently funded, along with games and crafts to keep people occupied.

If you would like to make a donation or require further information regarding SFHT Emergency Appeal, please go to <https://www.sfht.org.uk/coronavirus-appeal>

OBITUARY: FRANK BREWER

Sadly on 14th March we lost the former Gamekeeper on Bisterne, Frank Garth Brewer.

He had suffered from a long term illness which had unfortunately put him in hospital but for his last few days he was at the New Forest Nursing Home in Fritham, able to see the trees and listen to birdsong.

He was 76 years and not long retired from his beloved job as Gamekeeper.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Minna, his three children Rachael, Rupert and Richard, his



daughters in law Julia and Laura and his grandchildren Megan, Feame and Sophia.

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, the family were not able to attend the funeral but are planning a Celebration of Life when the restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to celebrating Frank's life, dry sense of humor and wonderful story telling soon.

Julia Brewer

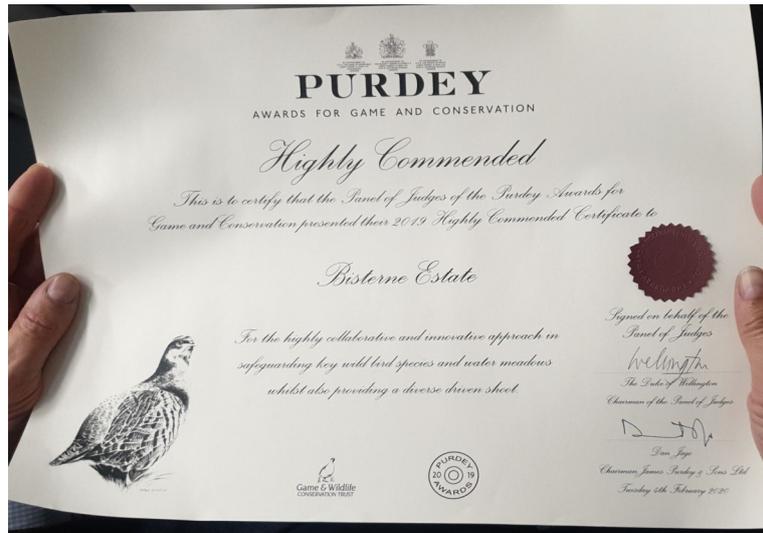
Bisterne Estate at the Purdey Awards

On Tuesday 4 February 2020 gamekeepers, landowners and members of the shooting community gathered at Apsley House in London to celebrate the winners of the 2019 Purdey Awards for Game & Conservation.

The awards recognise those involved in the world of shoot management and conservation, and who achieve outstanding results in improving game bird habitats and biodiversity.

In previous years, entries have ranged from grouse moors restorations to grey partridge projects, from fenland wild pheasant shoots to wildfowling clubs, and a superbly restored one acre wild duck flighting pond.

The Duke of Wellington, Chairman of the Awards judging panel, announced the 2019 winners and the recipients were presented with their awards by Sir Nicholas Soames, former Conservative MP and Minister.



Rupert Brewer the Gamekeeper from Bisterne Estate, accompanied by his wife, met with Hallam Mills for the evenings ceremony and waited with baited breathe to find out if they had won. Unfortunately, it was not to be Bisterne's year, instead picking up the "Highly Commended" ranking.

The Estate entered the competition as a result of the efforts they have made to recover the breeding of the Lapwing (or Pee-Witt). Since 2015 they have seen annual productivity increase from 0.49 to 0.80 lapwing chicks fledged per pair (lapwing need to produce 0.7 chicks per pair to main-

tain a stable population). In plain words, that means the lapwing population is self-sustaining at Bisterne.

The judges that spoke with Rupert after the ceremony said that they were very impressed with Bisterne Estate, which was one of the first Estates of its kind to be so highly recognised in the awards particularly due to the fact that the conserved wader birds are not bred for shoot-

ing.

As a result of this entry, Rupert was then invited to Highgrove to take part in a workshop with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The workshop focused on developing future agri/environment schemes for the benefit of wader species such as Curlew, another successful Bisterne bird.

The success of this project has been due to a number of individuals who continue to carry out this important work to help protect the wading birds that visit our lovely corner of the world.

WILD ENTERTAINMENT

Remember last Christmas 2019!! and then Happy New Year 2020!! Who could have visualised back then that we were all going to have our lives upturned by something so 'wild' and ugly as this Coronavirus.

Our wildlife is carrying on with their lives regardless, and have you like us, taken more time to watch and listen? Oh the Joy! so few cars, no airplanes, we can hear so much more of what is going on around us, the cows and dogs in the distance and the birds around us, people talking as they go walking or cycling past on their chosen exercise has become quite a new sound here.

Our birds are doing well, but seem to be much hungrier this spring, I am forever filling up the feed station.

The Blackbirds and Thrushes fledged early and Robins not far behind, we are expecting our Jenny Wrens from the garage nest to go any day now, also the Blue Tits from their nest by the back door.

Greenfinches and Siskins are regular to the feed station at the moment along with the growing number of Goldfinches and Dunnocks and lots of Chaffinches picking up the scraps from the floor. The pair of Goldcrest and Bullfinches still visit the outback garden along with the summer visitors like Blackcaps and Chiff Chaffs and the Cuckoo loud and clear.

The Tawny Owls are often calling day and night.



We do have one, (actually I suspect a whole family) of unwelcome visitors in the garden, a very persistent mole, that is trying hard to wreck all the plants, even so it is amazing to see the Robins following the mole runs knowing that a worm is going to pop up sooner or later and then along comes Mr Blackbird to help dig it out.

Eileen Gowen

Keep Safe and Well Everyone

Across

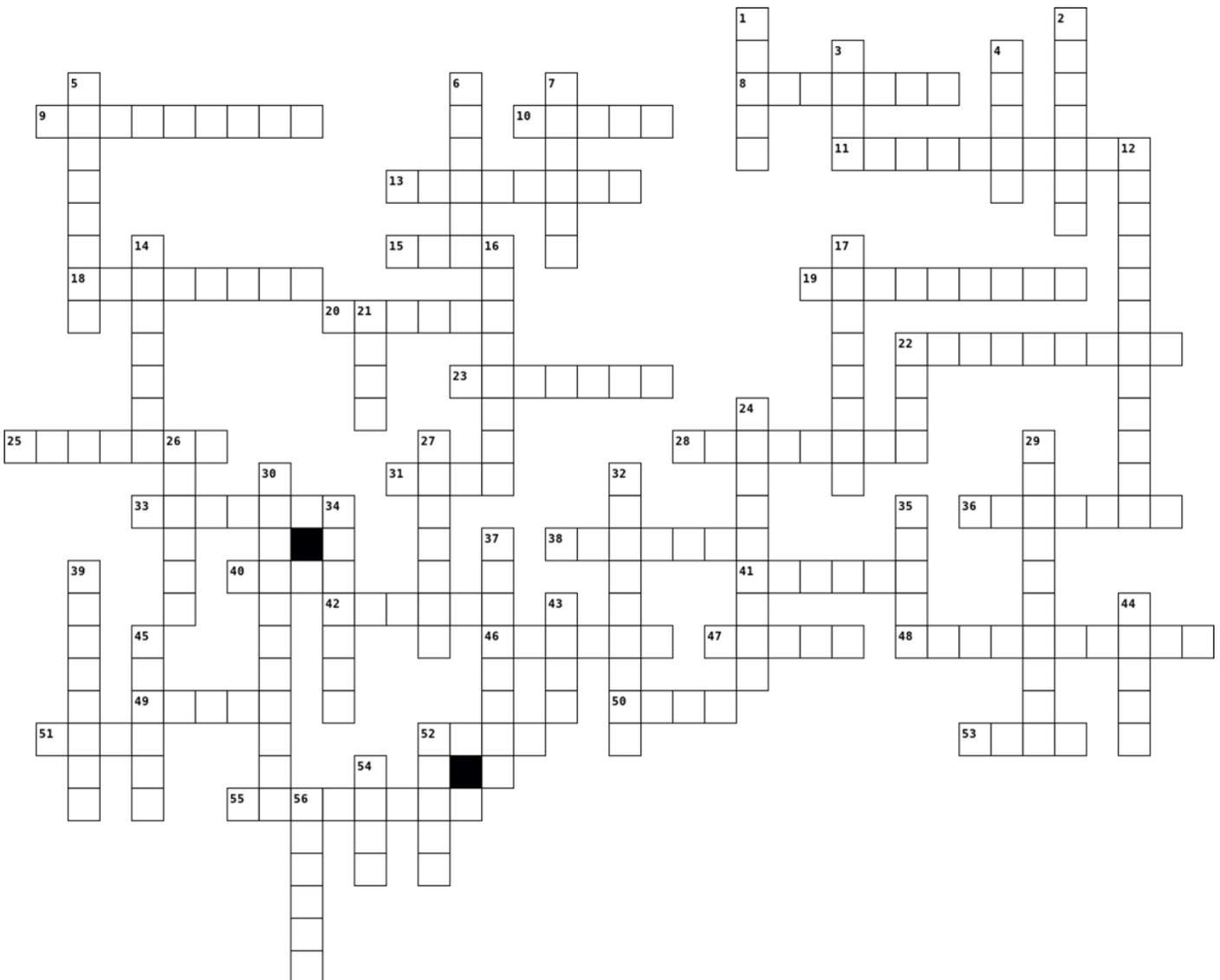
- 8. Another name for plover
- 9. A yellow spring flower that grows from a bulb
- 10. Full of trees
- 11. What you are currently reading
- 13. Pretty blue flower growing in the woods this time of year
- 15. Dragon's favourite drink
- 18. Wartime use of Brixey's Farm
- 19. The name of a local farm as well as the "corkscrew" railway route through Ringwood
- 20. A large fish of the river
- 22. Only seen at harvest time (word 2)
- 23. Where the New Forest wildlife park is located
- 25. Name of the local raptor centre
- 28. A clerical residence
- 31. Where a dance is held every year
- 33. One of the fords across the river
- 36. Only seen at harvest time (word 1)
- 38. Local centre for disabled riding
- 40. The lane marking the southern end of the estate
- 41. Land traditionally open for public use
- 42. Where the dragon lived (word 2)

- 46. Legendary fire breather
- 47. Public's favourite scarecrow winner 2019 (word 1)
- 48. Pen name of Francis Edward Wintle
- 49. Which William was Sir Walter Tyrell accused of killing?
- 50. Black bird giving its name to Bisterne's edge
- 51. The saintly name on the church
- 52. Where agriculture takes place
- 53. The local airport's original name
- 55. The surname of a local knight

Down

- 1. Surname of the local landowner
- 2. Where the eel stage is located
- 3. A pub of this name once stood on the Bransgore road
- 4. Final number of the main road through Bisterne B334_
- 5. Ringwood's favourite autumn party
- 6. This famous ford is nearby
- 7. Francis Edward Wintle's most famous work The _
- 12. Exotic evergreen shrub hated by Rasher
- 14. Frequently seen farm transportation
- 16. Did royalty once live here?

- 17. Type of park the New Forest is classified as
- 21. The river
- 22. More often seen than rabbits
- 24. Locally famous annual festival
- 26. Many New Forest cottages have this on their roofs
- 27. The knight's first name
- 29. One who breeds and protect game birds
- 30. Code all country users should follow
- 32. Public's favourite scarecrow winner 2019 (word 2)
- 34. Buildings converted into a charitable trust
- 35. Fine country house
- 37. A sandy area of Bisterne?
- 39. A common local bird with a long tail
- 43. Our local community building
- 44. The first name of our newsletter editor
- 45. Where the dragon lived (word 1)
- 52. A suitable venue for ploughing
- 54. Large mammal frequently seen in the woods
- 56. The official name of the big woods





Lets keep our minds active with a wordsearch

Can you find the following

- Avon
- Bisterne
- Sandford
- Ringwood
- Avon Tyrell
- Ripley
- Sopley
- Bagnum
- Crowe
- Kinston

News from Avon Valley Young Farmers Club

After a successful year, our club has been awarded the Hampshire Young Farmers Cup for the most money raised for charity. £3100 was raised for local charities from the bi-annual Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally the YFC put on in Kingston.

We had a fantastic Winter programme which included a ghost walk around historic Christchurch, a farm skills day where everyone, even the juniors, got to try their hand at welding, chainsaw maintenance and brick-laying, a brilliant Have-A-Go public speaking evening and another very successful quiz.

Malcolm Bull gave us a superb lesson in how to prepare game birds and we all got to take one home for dinner.

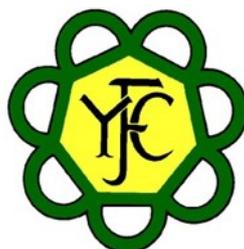
Events we had planned for the Spring/Summer were going to include a visit to a farm in Waterditch, the

stock judging practice, a visit to a water-cress farm and an Easter Egg hunt.

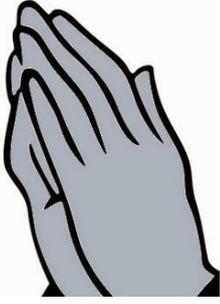
Very sadly we had to cancel all meetings from March onwards and we don't know when we can re-open.

However we always welcome new members from ages 10+. If you'd like to find out more information about us please look us up or message us on our Facebook page. Search for Avon Valley YFC on Facebook or type in this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/AvonValleyYfc>



Chairman Ed Sibley receiving the cup at Sparsholt College, Hampshire YFC headquarters



The age-old IT advice when computers run into difficulties is....'have you

tried turning it off and on again?'. In technical circles this is known as a soft reset. As a world we have run in a global difficulty, Coronavirus and the cost has been high, the loss of life, the loss of livelihoods has been great. Coronavirus has affected all of us, none of us are without a story to tell. And yet another dimension of the pandemic has been to hit the 'reset' button on our lives and most aspects of our daily living. Seven weeks ago, home working was a trendy alternative to the ghastly commute, furlough would have been guessed at as a gardening term and childcare was expensive yet a staple part of family life. Roll on the clock and the world has been reset, our routine irreversibly changed. We have seen life across the world 'reset' itself. This has happened to such an extent that, the NHS and Government and other organisations are talking about a 'new normal'. It does seem to be universally accepted that there is no going back.

In the midst of the trauma of loss, there has been a great birthing of creativity. I have seen stories of opera singing doctors singing to encourage their NHS colleagues and a Manchester DJ leading a roof-top party. There has also been an amazing resurgence in volunteering and sense of community. Quite rightly, the church has been given an opportunity to respond creatively during this time of crisis. The public are turning to Church too for messages of hope over fear and a source of prayer for the pandemic. When public worship was suspended by the Archbishop's of Canterbury and York, +Justin wrote:

Parish Article

"Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance on Sunday and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day."

The Church used to focus its life on what happens in its buildings is now dispersed and distanced. However, despite our buildings being locked the Church has never been so alive. Amongst the volunteers connecting the vulnerable with food and prescriptions are Christians. Members of Churches are helping those who are isolated not to be lonely. There is a sense in which a situation none of us would desire is causing the Church to be 'reset' as the missionary movement Jesus commissioned the Church to be.

Of course, there's a joy to coming together for worship in our buildings. There is that wonderful pervading sense of prayer and the memories of life events celebrated. But so many of the miracles we see in the Gospels, so many of the encounters we read of happen outside of religious buildings. The Church was never intended to be reduced to stone but as a people who along with our wonderful buildings are living sacraments through which God works.

The Church must contemplate, and through prayer, discern its own new 'normal'. What will this look like, we don't yet know. We've met new people online along the way, people whose faith journeys we must continue to support post-lockdown. We are Church families and some members of our church families might remain isolated for some time to come; we must honour them. This article is really an invitation to pray that God would show us the way ahead, we need his wisdom, his guidance for his

ways and thoughts are greater than our own (Isaiah 55.8).

John the Baptist comes to mind, someone who was a messenger, like the Old Testament prophets preparing people for the coming of the Lord, making his paths straight (Mark 1.3). How we can we prepare good, fertile ground that the Lord can use to bring people into an encounter with Him?

On the 10th May the Prime Minister addressed the nation and offered some sense of the 'next steps' towards easing lockdown measures and entering our 'new normal'. The Church of England and our Diocese of Winchester have been hit hard by Covid19 and are facing some challenging decisions on the future shape of Church, this will obviously have an impact for us in Ringwood Benefice too. Over the coming weeks and months, the PCCs and Leadership Team will be working out which Churches and services will open and when at the point where Government and the Church of England reinstate public worship. Underpinning all of this will be that journey of prayer and discernment which I invite you to join us in undertaking.

Peace and all good,

Matthew Trick

<https://www.ringwoodbenefice.org.uk>



Next time!

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE
18TH NOVEMBER.

Any contributions to:

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Bisterne Village Hall Charity No 301747

The Hall is available for private parties, clubs, meetings and organized functions. It has an entertainment license for 100 people and is the ideal venue for a number of events at a reasonable price. For viewing and booking, please telephone 01425 476703

Lockdown recipe file Kindly provided by lovely Bisterne residents

Starter for four - Vinala's prawns:

Big handful of raw butterflied prawns
One red chilli, finely chopped
One clove of garlic, finely chopped
Bunch of chopped coriander or flat leafed parsley
A diced mango
Flatbread

In a medium frying pan, heat a splash of olive oil and add the chopped chilli and garlic and cook for a minute or two. Then add the prawns, cook for 2-3 minutes until they go pink. Finally add the mango and warm through. Sprinkle with coriander and serve on its own as a starter or with flatbread.

Slow Cooker Cassoulet

1 tin chopped tomatoes
1 tin cannelloni or butter beans
1 chopped onion, carrot, celery stick
Handful chopped roast pork
Handful chopped ham
Leftover roast duck or chicken
Garlic paste
Mixed green herbs
Saffron
Chorizo if you have it
Chicken stock
Leftover duck or chicken gravy

Fry off the onions, carrots and celery first. Place all ingredients in slow cooker. Cover with enough stock to cover everything. Leave for 4 hours then check the seasoning (add some if required) and the thickness (and gravy granules if required). Continue to cook for another 2+ hours

Marie's Coronation Chicken (for 4):

One cooked roast chicken divided into chunks
2 Tbs medium curry powder
2 Tbs Mango chutney
2 Tbs Runny honey
2 Tbs salad cream
2 Tbs double cream
Coriander

Heat curry powder, mango chutney and honey until it's bubbling. Allow to cool. Add salad cream and double cream, and stir and add the chicken. Garnish with coriander.

And for the brave...

Nettle soup

<https://www.rivercottage.net/recipes/nettle-soup>



ONLINE!

Unfortunately the Open Farm Sunday that was due to take place on the Bisterne Estate has had to be cancelled and will now not take place until next year.

Instead **LEAF Online Farm Sunday** is taking place on 7th June, join the conversation! #LOFS20 Whilst on farm visits are unable to take place, tune into social media channels from 8am - 8pm on Sunday 7th June, to meet some fabulous farmers!

<https://farmsunday.org/online-farm-sunday>

ASIAN HORNETS

There have been increased sightings of this non native species which poses a risk to honey bees and pollinating insects.

The latest case of Asian hornet was confirmed near Christchurch, Dorset on 1 October 2019. Two nests have subsequently been destroyed.

PLEASE REPORT SUSPECTED SIGHTINGS

How to spot an Asian Hornet:

- have a dark brown or black velvety body
- have a yellow or orange band on fourth segment of abdomen
- have yellow tipped legs
- are smaller than the native European hornet
- are not active at night



If you suspect you have seen an Asian hornet you should report this using the 'Asian Hornet Watch' app available for Android and Apple phones

Or: https://www.brc.ac.uk/risc/alert.php?species=asian_hornet

Lockdown, a time to:

Convalesce: stop: reflect: wash and disinfect hands: bond with one's family: be tolerant: get used to social distancing: thank the NHS: appreciate birdsong: mourn: ring friends and family: support neighbours: get up later: become used to watching TV at 5pm: be innovative: worship the silence and empty skies: bake: contemplate: enjoy the empty roads: shop around for the things you can't find: Zoom: exercise: drink more than one usually does: debate about the new "normal": extoll on the glories of Spring: appreciate the garden: read poetry: play games: experiment with hair cutting: order more on-line: catch up with undone tasks: cheer our key workers: learn how to make kites: get bored of the word "Coronavirus" on our news screens as we did for Brexit: play 'grandmother's footsteps' in the supermarket queues: star gaze: swap jokes and video clips with friends and family: think: be strong: feel blessed: pray for humanity's future on earth: **be grateful to be alive.**

Lal Mills