## CONTENTS

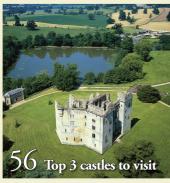
August 2019















Editor-in-Chief/Publisher: Mark Allen Editor: Neil Henty Features Editor: Georgie Green 01722 717020 wl@markallengroup.com Publishing Director: Jane Kennedy 01722 717018

jane.kennedy@markallengroup.com Circulation Director: Sally Boettcher sally.boettcher@markallengroup.com Subscription Manager: Bethany Foy Page Design: Sam Meaden Advert Design: Dan Bevan Production Manager: Carolyn Allen Production Director: Richard Hamshere Chief Executive Officer: Ben Allen

Contributors

Michael Marshman, Geraldine Faulkner, Frances Rasch, Georgie Green, Gary Lawrence, Aly Balsom, Morag Walker, Tim Saunders, Julian Barlow, Madeleine Gilbert, Nick Goss, Marie Thomas

**Photographers** 

Tom Askew-Miller, Russell Sach, Lis McDermott



A MARK ALLEN GROUP COMPANY www.markallengroup.com

Wiltshire Life is published by MA Music Leisure & Travel Ltd, Unit A Buildings 1-5, Dinton Business Park, Catherine Ford Rd, Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 5HZ www.wiltshirelife.co.uk



ISSN: 1358-0582

Village Life: Lacock

## **FEATURES**

My Wiltshire: Fiona Oliver

From the ruins of Fonthill Abbey to the market town of Devizes.	
Gardens unveiling their secrets	16
Now in its 37th season, the Bradford on Avon Secret Gardens events provide a rare	
opportunity to discover some of the town's numerous hidden gardens, says Aly Bals	om.
Potting balls, dropping tunes, military bases	20
Sporting legend and snooker icon, Steve Davis, talks to Geraldine Faulkner about	
swapping snooker tables for turntables and synthesisers.	
Licence fiasco causing chaos for farmers	24
Morag Walker finds farmers up in arms over the General Licences changes.	
The need for more mental health coaching	26
Kerry Hammond used tragedy as inspiration to launch pioneering mental health	
workshops for sports coaches. Gary Lawrence finds out why.	
The wonderful wolves of Wiltshire	28
Neil Henty visits The Little Zoo near Bradford on Avon to meet a pack of new	
arrivals that will have you howling with delight.	
Portraits, patterns and observations	30
Tim Saunders meets Marlborough-based portrait artist Juliet Wood.	
Being in nature can really help to nurture	32
Geraldine Faulkner visited Swindon-based Youth Adventure Trust to experience at f	ìrst-
hand the impact its programme of support and outdoor activities has on young pec	ple.
Helping Wiltshire's bees create a buzz	36
Julian Barlow explains why we need to understand more about honey bees.	
Communities engage with their heritage	38
Wessex Archaeology's Madeleine Gilbert talks about local connections.	
Songs in the key of life	42
Gary Lawrence went to Chippenham to hear what tuneless choirs are all about.	
Cranborne Chase wins the lottery	44
Nick Goss tells Wiltshire Life about the projects being funded over the next five year	ars.
Bombardier to bunkers on course for The Open	48
Michael Browne is playing professional golf, five years after a life-changing accident	
Down your way: Swindon	50
Top 3 castles to visit in Wiltshire	56
Peregrine at the Tower: a fledgling story	58
Marie Thomas speaks to the people monitoring Salisbury Cathedral's very own rapt	ors.

D	T	TI	r /	١ ١	0	

ILLGCLIIIG	
Moonraker	4
Calendar	6
Wiltshire Scene	8
Around the County	10
Photo competition winner	54
New skills	60
Eating out: The Bell, Ramsbury	72
Wiltshire Life Awards 2020	68
The Garden Year	74

## CLIDCODIDTIONIC

SUBSCRIPTIONS				
UK Personal rates (print)				
Quarterly Direct Debit	£14			
Annual Direct Debit	£55			
Annual Credit Card	£58			
2yr Annual Credit Card	£99			
3yr Annual Credit Card	£139			
Subscribe online:				
www.magsubscriptions.com				
Subscribe by phone:				
1/4 (0) 1722 716997				

© MA Music Leisure & Travel Ltd, 2019. All rights reserved. No part of Wiltshire Life may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means electronic, mechanical, photocopying. recording, or otherwise without prior written permission of the Publishing Director.

The views expressed do not necessarily represent those of the editor or *Wiltshire Life*. Advertisements in the journal do not imply endorsement of the products or services advertised.

Please read our privacy policy, by visiting http://privacypolicy.markallengroup.com. This will explain how we process, use & safeguard your data

Cover: View form Win Green by allouphoto/adobestockphoto

August 2019 WILTSHIRE LIFE | 3