

My Somerset Life

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Combined visit to Glastonbury and Wells



Not often that you have a blazing log fire when the temperature is 25 degrees but that is the custom in chalice well when I and Françoise went to join the celebration of Lammas which is to do with the first harvests. I found the numbers were considerably lower then last time but in a way that was a relief and I had one or two meaningful conversations. One was with a German who was camping in this area and last came five years ago.

I have lost track of the number of times I have visited Chalice Well. It was only occasionally before we moved down here in 2012 but we now come about six times a year, always to festivals and celebrations and it is always rewarding in human terms particularly when I meet people who are new to this environment. They all come because of the reputation and all treat the well and its surroundings with respect







The road leading to Chalice Well itself from the town has a number of decorated cottages and this was one that had been considerably renovated since we last visited a few weeks ago. I don't think you could get away with changing the front leading onto a street in any place other than Glastonbury but then this is the local custom

Dear Customers,
I am so sorry to say, and I say it with great sadness, this shop will be permanently shut on August 31.

The shop has been here since 1989. Two of my lovely volunteers have been volunteering for over 35 years. My other volunteers have been here 6, 7 years. I want to thank them all for their immense dedication to the shop and I. They are my rock, they stood by me. I can never be grateful enough.

I also want to say a massive thank you to my lovely regular customers, it's been great seeing you all every week, telling me your stories, having a good old natter, putting the world to right.

Also to the special angels, who have shared their cancer journey with us. Some who are no longer here.

Thank you too the following businesses, some of you have been amazing, gone above and beyond to support us over the years:

- * The Avalon club
- + All the businesses that supported us with the calendar.
- * The Becketts
- + George and Pilgrim
- + Themes
- + Abbey store
- * To Pat Harding. Will miss you all.

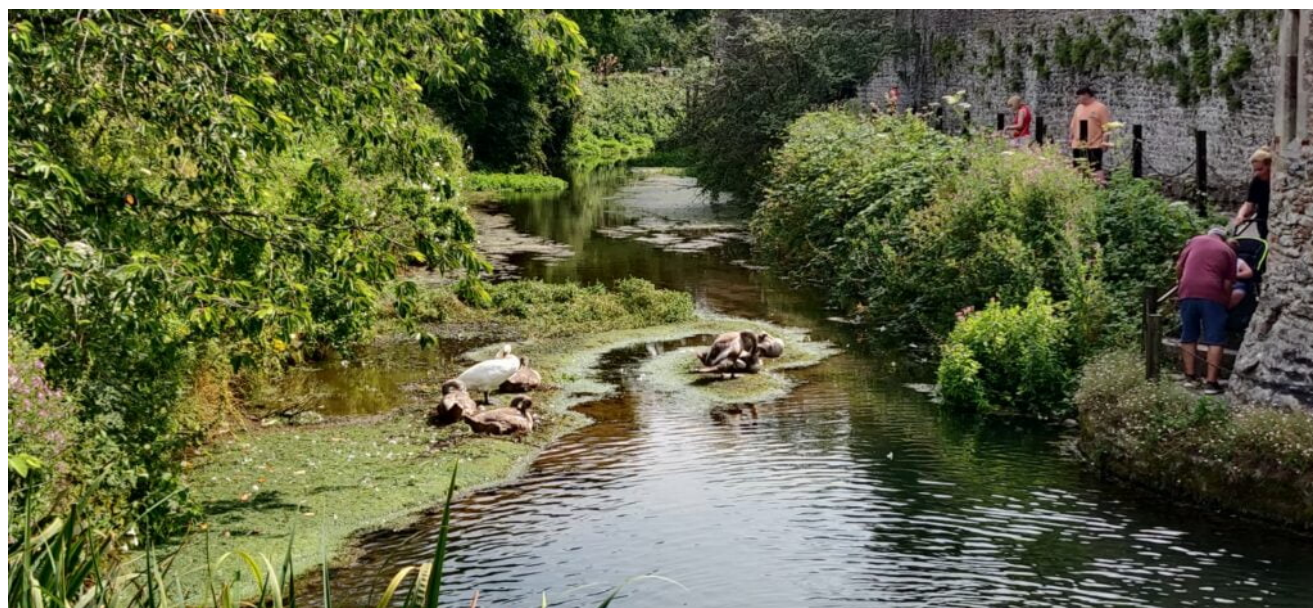
In general, the unique High Street it's flourishing what with the continual stream of tourists but for some reason this second hand shop has had to close who knows whether it is

business or personal. The person who wrote this is obviously very distressed. How sad after so long.

To Wells in the bus. We have a good half hourly service to Bristol from Street via Glastonbury and Wells. The swans were in fine form around the Castle moat. I love the gardens though I am not sure that high summer is the best time. I reckon June, There is too much overgrowth for my liking.



In the Bishops garden





In the evening Francoise and I went for a wine and cheese party with two of the Ex leaders of Vineyard. Vineyard movement has now been disbanded in the area but the people are maintaining contact with each other and reforming their lives in a way that you would do after a divorce or separation. I met Tim, a man who had just cycled from Lands End to John a Groats for charity. He cycled a distance of 1032 miles. He has cycled across America. What a pleasure to meet such people.

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