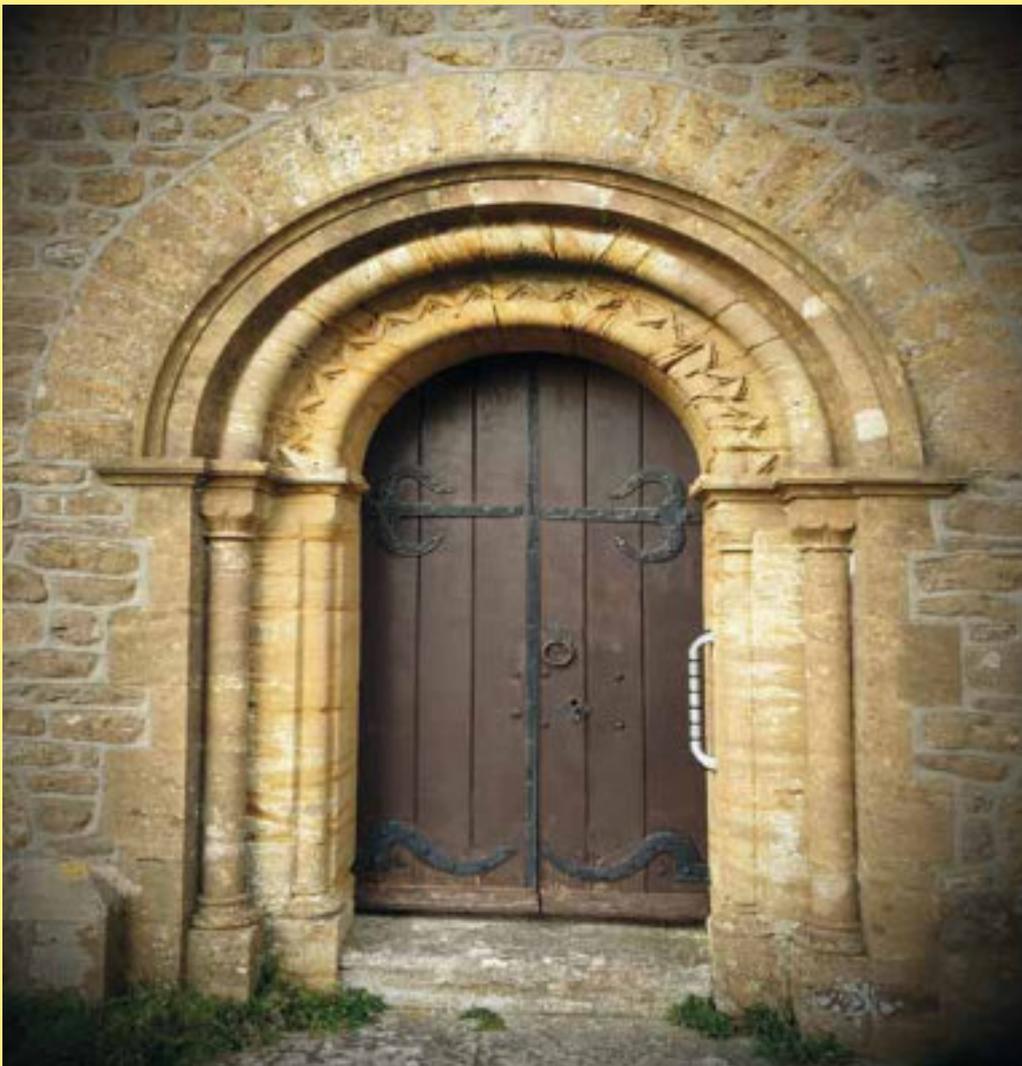


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A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM NEWS EDITORS

In view of the current situation regarding the risk from the Coronavirus, many if not all of the events currently advertised or promoted in this edition of Team News may be postponed or cancelled.

As the Magazine is compiled and edited during the preceding month it has not been possible to amend or remove advertising for all affected events, and also you will notice there are some blank spaces in this issue for which we apologise.

Despite the problems we hope you continue to enjoy your Team News.

Take care and keep safe.

Team News Editors

BEAMINSTER AREA TEAM



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The Rector writes...

Two women discovered it. Predictably, the men they told about it didn't believe them. Not at first. In their times the word of a woman didn't count for much. Nevertheless, when it was written up, the women were included. Some said it was madness to include them in the account if you wanted it to be taken seriously, yet the writers - all of them - stuck to their guns and the woman stayed in. Not that it mattered much anyway. The place it happened wasn't important, more the kind of place you only went if you were sent. Who would be interested and what possible difference could it make so far from where things really happened and mattered? It was bound to fizzle out, if experience was anything to go by.

Yet it didn't sink without trace. In fact it prospered. From city to city, region to region and country to country it spread from one person to another until the Christians were everywhere. Quite a feat given they started as a group of only about a hundred.

Civilised society looked down its collective nose at these followers of a convict executed with the lowest of the low. The same society tried to shut them up from time to time, but many of them counted their 'Saviour' more important than their livelihoods or lives. Calling him 'Saviour' and 'Lord' another name they had for him - didn't help. Everyone knew the only Lord and Saviour was the Emperor and he wasn't about to share his titles with anyone. Perhaps Constantine recognised the ring of truth when he heard it. If it hadn't been authentic it would have slipped beneath the waves of the sea of truth without a gurgle. But that part about the women was hard to take. It was either the biggest mistake or it was the truth. Surely all four writers couldn't have made the same mistake? If it was true then the life, sayings and work of this Jesus of Nazareth took an entirely new look - which is what the Christians had been saying for generations. The resurrection of Jesus is more than a 'conjuring trick with bones'. It is the beginning of the re-making and re-creation of God's good creation blighted by disobedience, pigheadedness, selfishness and sometimes the downright stupidity of human beings.

Easter is the story of the Creator so committed to his beloved but wayward creation that he enters into it in all pain and shame in order to lead us through it. This compelled and sustained Christians in the early centuries of the Church before state recognition, is what sustained Christians in the atheist states of the communist bloc, and continues to do so where their faith is under pressure. Easter is the celebration of rescue and resurrection.

Not a bad legacy for the two women! I invite you to join us at any or all of our services this Holy Week and Easter to rejoice with the women that first Easter morning "He is not here, he has risen." Alleluia!

*David Baldwin
Your Team Rector, Parish Priest and friend*

More information about Partner Priests, Licensed Lay Ministers, Lay Pastoral Assistants, Youth Leaders etc., with contact details about other Team News matters, is printed within the centre pages together with the monthly timetable for services around the parishes.

The Team News is a monthly, Christian-based magazine with very strong community links. It aims to share views, give information and support to all those living in the Beaminster area. The editors hope that you enjoy reading it and become a regular reader! Ideas for development are always welcomed!

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DISTINCTLY DORSET

BELMONT, OR BUNTER'S CASTLE



It is unusual for a single property to be the home of different famous people in different centuries, unless, like 10 Downing Street, specifically retained to house successive holders of an important office.

One such rarity stands on the main road as you climb out of Lyme Regis. It was known as Bunter's Castle when it was first built in 1774. Simon Bunter was a wealthy Dorset-born solicitor in those health-conscious Georgian times when it first became fashionable to inhale ozone and swim in the sea. Since it was rather a long walk to the beach from his office in Axminster, he decided to build himself a bijou little pad by the coast just across the boundary into his native county. It seems he needed a cure, for he died in his 40s, by which time the lease had already been transferred to the Coade family. Perhaps he decided that the sea air was doing nothing for him after all?

Eleanor Coade was already well known. She had moved with her family from Exeter to London and built up a flourishing business in artificial stone. Her 'stone', in reality an extremely durable ceramic product made from Dorset ball clay with a few added ingredients, was called Lithodipyra (literally 'stone fired twice') or Coade stone. Her customers included all the finest architects of the day, and Coade stone was used at Buckingham Palace and Brighton Pavilion. Her success was based on perfecting the recipe and the firing process, and on understanding the importance of marketing.

Back in Lyme Regis her new house was not only a bolthole at the seaside, but also a gallery for her work. She had the place extended and redesigned with Coade stone features everywhere, including, allegedly, the only known likeness of her face on the front door knocker. Rumour has it she was so ugly she would never allow her portrait to be painted. The fortunes of Coade stone waned when Portland cement arrived on the scene, but Coade Ltd are still in business today.



Fast-forward to 1968, when the house was purchased for £18,000 by author John Fowles. It was a setting for *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, published the following year. Fowles lived there until he died in 2005. His office was within the main house, but he liked to encourage the myth that he wrote all his novels in the top room of the observatory tower out in the garden, so he placed toy dinosaurs on the windowsill to make the room look occupied.

During the 1980s Fowles was Curator of Lyme Regis Museum, before stepping down following a minor stroke. He rarely showed himself around the town thereafter, but was notorious for writing angry letters to the press from time to time.



These two celebrity owners could hardly have had more contrasting personalities. Eleanor Coade, as well as having to be formidable enough to compete in a male-dominated business world, was also a prim and proper Baptist lady. She was obliged to describe herself as Mrs Coade, because single women stood virtually no chance of commercial survival, but she never married. If she ever had any romantic episodes in her life they have gone unrecorded. She was a fierce early advocate of women's rights. When she died she left money to several married women friends, but her will made it quite clear that their husbands were to have no control over the funds. John Fowles, on the other hand, fell under the spell of existentialist writers like Sartre, and developed strong anti-Establishment views. He stole his first wife from a work colleague, then, shortly after she died, started writing love letters to a student some 40 years his junior. As far as religion was concerned, he was on record as saying that "being an atheist is a matter not of moral choice, but of human obligation".

Actually, there was at least one other owner who, albeit less famous, still had an interesting background. Between 1881 and 1896 the house, by now called Belmont, was the home of Dr Richard Bangay. He had started his working life as a crow scarer, before graduating to coal mining. In the evenings he taught himself medicine, and eventually qualified as a doctor. He also gained an in-depth knowledge of astronomy in his spare time, and he it was who had the observatory built with its revolving roof.

Belmont is now owned by the Landmark Trust.

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FRIENDS OF BEAMINSTER

The Friends of Beaminster are delighted to welcome back to Beaminster Gabriella Jones (violin) who will be accompanied by Fionnuala Ward (piano) for a concert in St Mary's on Saturday 18 April at 3.00 pm. The programme will include music by Mozart & Brahms. Gabriella has played at the Festival on two occasions and is looking forward to returning. Tickets are £12.00 available from The Yarn Barton Centre, Fleet Street, tel 01308 862715, The Book Shop, South Street, Bridport, tel 01308 422964 and on the door.

Brian Ridley

DEANERY SYNOD FEBRUARY 2020.

The main speaker was the Rural Field Officer. She is leading the project on rural hope. She was working with ideas from tourism and is focusing on Pilgrimage. This may entail small groups walking and talking together, sharing stories. It should be Christian but not just Anglican. What is on the way is just as important as the destination, so the challenge is how to tell people about these walks. The internet is key and using social media. It is so important to make people welcome when they visit a church on the route of a planned walk. Churches could have leaflets letting people know about walks which could be done independently. Some churches have small pilgrim places where people can sit and ponder. There is a network and this can be accessed on the internet. Netherbury has one such place. There is coffee available for visitors. Ideas from PCCs to develop this can be fed back to the next deanery synod.

There is an initiative by the Archbishop, called Thy Kingdom Come. These are special prayers between Ascension and Whitsun. Pray South West is occurring on 30 May at 2.30 pm to pray and sing with anyone on the coastal path. People are booking their spot already.

On 6 September there will be a Deanery family day, 2 30 in Bridport. More details will be announced later. Jo is developing outreach during the summer holidays. She is going to the camp sites on wet days to see if a family fun day can be organised. Camping down here in the rain is not ideal and it seems a good outreach initiative.

The youth worker was a good idea but financially unviable so has been put on hold. There is a plan to have a gap student for nearly a year. He or she will be trained in Salisbury and then shadow vicars and work with the young. There is a model of how this would work in Wiltshire. It is a national project and will be rolled out to other diocese and may start these youngsters into a career in youth work, social work or the church.

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This replaces the normal rate 03454 04 05 06 number, which will still work and carry an introductory message to invite callers to make use of the freephone number.

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More details on the Dorset Council website, Trading Standards pages: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/trading-standards/trading-standards-consumer-advice/trading-standards-consumer-advice.aspx>.

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- TUE** Let's Play – a baby group £1.50
10am -12 noon
- The Phoenix Band open to any young person age 8 to 17 – £1 – 6pm-8pm
Beaminster Youth Club Milkshake Club age 8 to 17– £1 – 6pm-8pm
- WED** Kung Fu with Leon age 7 to 11 – £3
4pm-5pm
- Beaminster Junior Youth Club age 8 to 11– £1.50 – 5pm-6.45pm
- THUR** Prout Bridge Dance Academy
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- Junior Ballet age 6 to 8
4.30pm-5pm – £3
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- FRI** Prout Bridge Dance Academy –
Junior Tap – 4pm – 4.30pm – £3
Junior Hip Hop – 4.35pm-5.05pm – £3
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- Rather than using a commercial descaler in your kettle you can use a lemon. Put a large mugful of water in the kettle and add a sliced lemon. Boil it up and let it stand for 10 minutes or so. Pour off the water and lemon slices and use as normal. Clean kettle and lemon-scented kitchen!
- For less messy pancake making (especially when the children are helping!) pour the made up pancake batter into a squeezey bottle with a small hole. An old tomato ketchup bottle works well, particularly those designed to stand upside down on their lids. The batter can be portioned out neatly, avoiding drips and spills and if there is any left over it can be stored in the bottle for 24 hours in the fridge.

Linda Sherman



CANCER RESEARCH UK

In last month's Team News the date for our Sale in the Square was incorrectly given as 5 July, this should have been 5 June. Apologies!

Ann Hudson

BEAMINSTER CHURCH ECO REPORT

'Say Yes to Life' is the Lent study book suggested by Archbishop Justin Welby and encouraged by our own Bishop Nicholas. We have been ably led by Jo here and Fiona in Mosterton in working through it week by week. The book and course are inspirational, enlightening and encouraging us to action to care for our Earth and all created beings. We have been challenged! Another smaller project is the Greener Choices Group made up of seven households in Beaminster with the aim to be better informed so we can make our own choices in actions that will hopefully cut our Carbon Footprint. Our next topic is Spend less on Energy!



Turn your heating off when you can now Spring is here. Switch to LED lights. Don't leave things on standby. Dry washing in the sun rather than the tumble drier and clothes will smell of fresh air!

The Fairtrade Coffee Morning and Stalls made £350. Many thanks to all who helped and came.

N.B. Beaminster Spring Litter Pick (Great British Spring Clean) Saturday 4 April. Meet as usual at 10.30 am outside the Public Hall. Our New Year Litter Pick saw 15 taking part and we only were able to cover parts of Beaminster so please come along and join in if you are able. We aim to provide refreshments afterwards at 11.30 am.

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BEAMINSTER MUSEUM ENTRY FOR APRIL

Having finished our Winter Season with the last of our successful run of talks and our Book Sale pleasingly raising more funds than in 2019, we look forward to the 2020 season, opening to the public on Good Friday, 10 April at 10.30 am.

New for this season is an exhibition which residents of many Team News parishes will find of interest. The "Parishes Project" is a self-guided tour of images from the 13 parishes beyond Beaminster that make up the museum's catchment area. Megaliths, churches, big and little houses, famous people and ordinary people, important events and quirky events. Local residents as well as visitors to the area will definitely learn something they never knew before.

Another new exhibition is "Growing for Gold",

digging into the history of gardens and allotments in the area, including a Chelsea medal and a celebrity or two. Members of a gardening club in Dorset never dreamed they'd be allowed to design a garden for RHS's Chelsea Flower Show" says the Radio Times from 1980. 40 years later, come and read the fascinating story.

On Saturday 25 April, 10.30 am – 1.00 pm, we are hosting a return visit of the County Finds Liaison Officer for a free drop-in session. She will look at archaeological objects found by the public, in the garden, on a walk through a field, or dug up somewhere from this part of Dorset. It is a great opportunity to discover if it's something or nothing.

Bid Wheeler



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4. Easter-egg foil: Scrunch it up into a ball before putting in the recycling – so that small bits don't get lost in the recycling process.
 5. If you are lucky enough to be flying away, try to offset your emissions. It's cheaper than you might think and the projects this money supports are really worthwhile.
 6. If you are doing some craft work at home with the wee ones look up Eco-friendly Easter Crafts on the wonder-web – there are lots of ideas out there.
- Reduce Reuse Recycle! Have a fabulous Easter.

The Mountjoy School Eco-Committee

BEAMINSTER RAMBLERS



After the previous ramble there were two major storms, Ciara and Dennis, so the walk on February 18 was expected to be soggy underfoot and so it proved. Lois Pearson led 17 brave souls on a six-mile hike from Litton Cheney on a morning of sunny intervals and ever-threatening showers. A single deer was spotted running across the waterlogged fields before the route climbed up for an exhilarating and bracing traverse high above the Bride Valley offering clear views of surrounding hills and heavy rain advancing from the west. Next was a slippery chalk track to an ancient stone circle, then steeply down to Gorwell Farm, through woods to Ashley Chase House eventually reaching another track to meet the road back to the Village.

Eleven days later Storm Jorge dumped even more precipitation onto already saturated ground so yet again there was mud underfoot on March 3. It was a bright sunny morning, when 31 ramblers led by Sue Beaumont and Christine Meharg walked five miles from Sydling St. Nicholas. The route went east out of the village, up the valley side, down to Farm Field Bottom then up to Large Bar Barn and the ridge marking the parish boundary. After a sharp descent into Pond Bottom the dry valley was followed, then a metalled track to Huish Farm and finally a footpath along the bank of Sydling Water back to the start.

Next rambles April 14 and 28. Info from Yarn Barton or secretary Eleanor Moore 01308 863955, email eleano_1_moore@hotmail.com or www.beaminsterramblers.com

Ruth Earl

BEAMINSTER SINGERS



For their concert on May 16 this year, the Beaminster Singers will be performing two vividly contrasting works: Mozart's Regina Coeli K 127 and Brahms' German Requiem. The Mozart is a joyous setting of a Catholic Hymn of

the Divine Office – a song of exultation dedicated to Mary the mother of Christ, the ‘Queen of Heaven’. Youthful and exuberant, it displays not only the virtuosity of the choir but also the coloratura brilliance of the soprano soloist.

The Brahms Requiem, on the other hand, a great choral cathedral of sound which took several years to complete, was apparently inspired by the death of the composer’s beloved mother. Brahms wanted it to be a ‘human requiem’, his own words and so he abandoned the usual liturgical requiem texts for his own selection from the Lutheran Bible. His choices emphasise the impermanence of all human life, whilst offering blessed delights in the world to come. The work will be sung in English, since Brahms wished his message to be understood in the vernacular. The Singers will be joined by two of their favourite soloists, Abbi Temple, soprano and Tim Dickinson, bass. They will be accompanied by a fully professional orchestra.

The concert will take place in St Mary’s Parish Church at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be available from the Church Office and Yarn Barton. The cost is £15 in advance, or £16 on the door.

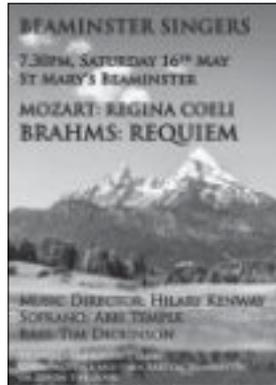
John Ryde

BEAMINSTER SCOUT TROOP



One of the best things about running Scouts is seeing the young people develop through their time with us. We have had a couple of the older Scouts move up to the newly formed Explorer unit and some of the older Cubs have joined us. At the start of March we had a night hike from Broadwindsor to Beaminster and for some this was a first for them. Covering 5 miles in just over 2 hours and walking at night they did extremely well. We continue to teach #skills4life with cooking, craft, mapwork, home and bike maintenance.

Beaminster have also been getting involved in district activities, coming third in the go-kart competitions, joining in with the swimming gala and competing in the district bike competition. I personally enjoy the district events and feel it’s great character building when Scouts from different groups get together and work toward a task together. This May we are hoping to have a bug out camp at Hooke Park. This is where the scouts will have to bring rations for a couple of nights and build their own shelters and hopefully we will be joined by some other groups.



If you wish to find out more about Scouts or any other Section in our Beaminster Group, or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Joy our Group Scout Leader on 01308 862055.

Sam Robins

BEAMINSTER AREA SENIORS



My goodness how time flies! Spring, lighter days and hopefully warmer and dryer. Our Fit4T chair exercises with Natalie as usual on

Friday afternoons, except Good Friday 10 April. On the third Thursday in the month we will have our meeting with Bingo and Easter Hat competition, cakes, tea, chats and laughter. So nice to see you all supporting our events but it improves of course the quality of life for us, and our physical and mental wellbeing. Definitely no need to feel lonely or depressed. So keep it up and keep smiling!

For any information contact Margaret on 07933 345691 or Annemarie 01308 488058

Annemarie

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BEAMINSTER W.I.

At the February W.I. meeting we had an interesting talk by Brian Earl on Mr Hearn’s long walk across the frozen wastes of Canada. He was employed by the Hudson Bay Company to find the trapper’s route for the fur trade and to draw up maps of the area. It turned out to be several long walks with periods of feast and famine which played havoc with his digestive system!

We were sorry to have cancelled the W.I.’s March meeting but felt that considering Government advice and the general age of our members it was unsafe for all of us to meet. We will keep an eye on the coronavirus

situation as we approach the April Annual Meeting and keep you all informed accordingly. Meanwhile we must all look out for one another and stay safe.

On a lighter note we were excited to see that Beaminster has recently been named Town of the year by the British Scaffolding and Roadworks Association. The prestigious award (see below) was for promoting and raising awareness around construction and road repair works. Beaminster has been congratulated for the amount of disruption and inconvenience caused to the Townsfolk and the general public. The impressive exhibition of scaffolding, traffic cones, temporary traffic lights, sandbags, plastic barriers of all descriptions and myriads of metal diversion and road closure signs has been highly rewarded!

Bea Fox-Collins

THE LIVING CHURCHYARD

Beginning of March, no different from the beginning of February – it's raining! Everywhere is so wet and gloomy. We have had some fine afternoons when we find ourselves with itchy fingers ready to start tidying the churchyard. We battle in the Summer when we long for the Winter so that we can switch off and have a rest. Now, we are longing to get back to gardening. This just proves how satisfying and rewarding gardening is to us, so we bide our time and await for fine Thursdays to get back into the Churchyard.

One fine Sunday morning with the sun shining I had a wander. It was so peaceful. I listened to the birds and the Spring flowers around gave splashes of colour here and there, a reminder of gardening days to come. Pretend all is right with the world just like our own corner in Beaminster. Enjoy

Joan Moverley

AWARD FOR BEAMINSTER

Beaminster has recently been named Town of the Year by the British Scaffolding and Roadworks Association. This prestigious award is in recognition of the contribution the Town has made to the promotion and raising of awareness around the construction and road repair industry and is an accolade to the enormous level of disruption and inconvenience caused to the Townsfolk and the general public. The citation reads, The Association wishes to congratulate Beaminster for it's impressive exhibition of scaffolding, traffic cones, temporary traffic lights, sandbags, plastic barriers of all descriptions and the myriad metal diversion and road- closure signs. The various tarmac patches are just the icing on the cake! A Town Council spokesperson confirmed the Award had been presented at a recent Council meeting saying, "Beaminster residents should rightly be proud of this auspicious award and we look

forward to many more years being a flagship town for the Industry.

Jo King

Coffee Morning Cake Stall and Raffle

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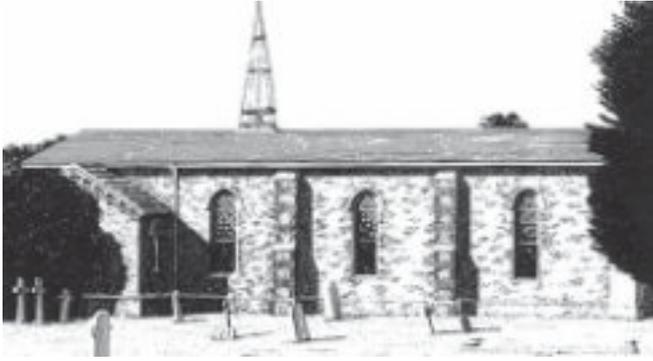
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BLACKDOWN

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Thank you to everyone who came to the Pancake Service in February and brought pancakes to share afterwards. This year as well as the usual sugar and lemon we enjoyed raisins soaked in Grand Marnier with Ice Cream. As we don't have a service on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate Palm Sunday (5 April) the week before. Service starts at 6.30 pm.

The next church fundraiser will be a walk on Sunday 3 May, see advert for details. Please remember to book your lunch, as it helps with catering on the day.

Congratulations to Jack Bailey who was the winner of the Farmers Weekly Inventions Competition this year with the 'stonebine', which the family use to harvest building-grade flint from fields adjoining Pilsdon Hill.

Whist Drives continue at Blackdown Village Hall on the first and third Thursdays in the month, it has been suggested that a refresher's or a beginner's how to play session may encourage others, perhaps a session before an actual drive, are there any takers? Contact Helen.

The W.I. have their Maundy Thursday Coffee Morning in the Hall with cake stall, handicrafts, bring and buy, raffle, etc. on April 9 from 10.15 am – 12.15 pm.

The Marshwood CLT are once again running a one day accredited First Aid Course led by a professional training company with an accredited certificate at the

Blackdown W.I.

Coffee Morning



Thursday 9 April
10 a.m. - 12
Cakes - Stalls - Tombola
at
Blackdown Hall

"You will be warmly welcomed"

end of the day, the course is free to CLT members (only a small subscription required to become a member). The course was last held three years ago. This will be held in the Hall on Friday 24 April from 8.45 am – 3.15 pm, contact aliedwards34@icloud.com/01297 678382.

Helen Doble



BROADWINDSOR

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BROADWINDSOR WI



To mark International Ladies Day several Broadwindsor W.I. members will join Donna to take part in The Park run / walk in Bridport

We discussed the future direction of the group, i.e. –

- Do we want on carry on as we are?
- Do we want to get involved with National Campaigns?
- Do we want to organise more day trips? (Fine for those of us who are not working.)

We were invited by the Fun Day Group to supply refreshments for the Fun Day in July. We declined because we provide refreshments each year for the Horticultural Society in August.

We welcomed back Bruce Upton from Bridport Museum to entertain us with his A to Z of Dorset Curiosities, and my goodness there are plenty. Far too many to mention.

Did you know that St Pauls Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Winchester Cathedral all refused to have the tomb of T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) within their walls so he is buried in a tiny burial ground near his cottage in Clouds Hill Dorset.

At Moreton Church there are examples of exquisite etched glass seen at their best on a bright sunny day.

William Weare did not want his tomb inside the Church or outside in the Churchyard so he is buried in the wall at Portesham.

At Wimborne Minster there is an astronomical clock dating back to the 1300s. It shows the earth with the sun going round it on a 24 hour dial. It rings every quarter hour. The chime is rung by a full size figure of a Grenadier Guard on the outside of the bell tower. He is known as Quarter Jack

Camille Newell

POST OFFICE

This week the Post Office Users Group have taken delivery of their own coffee machine. We have also received a kind donation of 18 new fine bone china mugs. Now, you can enjoy a hand roasted fairtrade cup of coffee from the Indigo valley when you visit the Post Office Outreach Service in the Comrades Hall, either on Tuesday or Friday mornings anytime from 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.

Camille Newell

RECYCLING

Yesterday afternoon we were finally able to acquire for Broadwindsor Primary School and for the Craft Centre a couple of special additional recycling bins. These bins are not special in themselves (they currently look just like the ones we already use), but they will be designated to accept litter that the Council does not currently recycle, that is nevertheless recyclable elsewhere. Things such as crisp packets, Pringles tubes and plastic-lined drinks cartons, among others. The idea is to decorate these bins with pictures of the packaging that can be put in them, so that everyone will be quite clear about what they can and can't put in them. A rota will be set up to empty them and take the contents to Bridport. Another small but important step to help our planet.

Linda Sherman

BROADWINDSOR OVER 60's

Annette welcomed everyone to our meeting on February 27 and told us that subscriptions were now due and the programmes for this years outings, etc. were now ready and thanked Rita for doing them.

Annette also informed us of the recent death of a former member, Sheila Legg of South Perrott, who, when she could, enjoyed coming to meetings and outings.

She then introduced Natalie who showed us some simple exercises we can do at home, this caused quite a laugh! We then had a mini dates quiz organised by Rita. This was followed by the usual tea and biscuits and then the raffle.

The first outing of the year is to Sidmouth and then back to Otter Nurseries on Wednesday May 13. The

price for all our outings is Members £10 and Non-Members £12. To book or for more details please ring Rita on 868729

Rita Haggett



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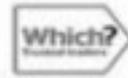
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Oh, to be in Burstock now that April's here! Hopefully we don't get too many April showers, as there has surely been an enough rain for a while.

Spring flowers are bursting into life, putting on a wonderful display in the hedgerows and gardens around the village. Many thanks to Pam and Richard for planting some spring bulbs outside the Church, they really do look so cheerful.

There will be no service at St. Andrews on Easter Sunday this year, as it falls on the second Sunday of the month, but a Palm Sunday service will be held on Sunday 5 April at 11 am.

Sunday 1 March was St. David's Day and we were joined in St Andrews by the choir for a Matins Service. As always, the singing was very much enjoyed by the congregation. If you would like to hear the choir, please come and join us for the next Matins Service on Sunday 3 May at 11.00 am. This is also the date set for The Three Churches Walk and Lunch (see advert for details).

If you would rather not walk, then come to Burstock for the service and join the walkers afterwards for a delicious hot lunch and scrumptious pudding at The Comrades Hall Broadwindsor.

THE BURSTOCK BELLS

(From notes by L. Studley at a vestry meeting, 1853.)

It was moved by several rate payers that the two broken bells in the tower, which have been of no use for years should be sold and the money be applied towards defraying the expenses incurred in repairing the said parish Church at Burstock.

These bells were broken by some village boys, who were sent to the tower to ring the bells by Mr Samuel Paull to celebrate the return of Mrs Elizabeth Spurdle monthly nurse.* To make all the more noise the boys were said to have beaten the bells with hammers thus breaking them.

** The term monthly nurse was most common in 18th and 19th century England. It describes a woman who looked after a mother and her new baby during the postnatal period. The nurse would frequently remain with the patient for four weeks.*

LENT LUNCH

Burstock Ladies will be cooking up and serving a selection of homemade soup for the last Lent lunch on Thursday 2 April at Comrades Hall 12.30 am – 2.00 pm.

Please join us if you can.

Our flower and cleaning lady for April is Mrs J Pennell.

*April dressed in all its trim,
Hath put as spirit of youth in everything.*

William Shakespeare



VILLAGEEDITOR: **NORMAN MARSDEN**

DRIMPTON NEWS

St Mary's Church, Drimpton 100 Club Draw February 2020:

	<i>Name</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Prize</i>
1st Prize	Mr S Trott	22	£15
2nd Prize	Mrs C Pilz	100	£10
3rd Prize	Mrs I Francis	44	£5
4th Prize	Mrs J Tyas	55	£5

CLAPTON, WAYFORD, DRIMPTON AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On February 19 the Society held our Annual General Meeting. Those in attendance received a report from the Chairman John Wright detailing the activities of the Society over the last twelve months. His stand out speaker of the year was Tony Cooper, whose very amusing talk about establishing the vineyard at Wayford reduced many in the audience to tears of laughter. John then thanked all those who supported the Society throughout the year, from making the teas, putting out the tables and chairs, and producing the posters, etc.

Brian Hesketh as Show Secretary for 2019 gave a report highlighting some figures from last summer's flower show. There was a total of 457 exhibits from 78 exhibitors with show entrants coming from 13 towns and villages. Brian is stepping down as Show Secretary and thanked Robin Moses for agreeing to be our Show Secretary in 2020 which will be the 75th Flower and Produce Show.

The Treasurer Julia Borland thanked John Watts for examining and verifying the accounts. The April meeting on Wednesday 15 April is our Spring Show, which is open to members only to enter, but visitors are welcomed to attend. Judges for this show will be as last year, our members. However, with such a mild, wet Winter and Spring, it will be surprising if there will be any daffodils to exhibit. Most of my late flowering

daffodil varieties are blooming already.

Our Summer Flower and Produce Show schedule will be available in April.

Julia Borland

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(2hrs 11min)

Wednesday 8 April, 2020

Drimpton Village Hall

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CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWERS

Mrs A Bugler and Mrs D Belcher

LESSON READERS AND SIDESPERSONS

April 5	Mrs P Johnson	Mr B Cliffe
April 12	Wilkins Family	Mr B Cliffe
April 19	Mrs H Churchill	Mrs D Belcher
April 26	Mrs G Brugge	Mrs P Wallbridge

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY SERVICE IN MARCH

On this day we studied the Gospel reading of the day, which featured Nicodemus visiting Jesus. It was a difficult concept for the young people to understand, so we spoke about questions asked at school and in our lives, knowing that if you follow Christ, God would always have the answers to your questions. The Craft part of the session was making Cards for Mothering Sunday, having card double mounted, with a picture of snowdrops using the edge of a piece of card dipped in paint for the stems, and finger painting using white paint for the flowers. They each had a contrasting colour of paper inserted into the middle with well thought out written wishes for their mums!

The Service which followed was taken by Rev Fiona, using 'The Hungry Caterpillar' story as a means of explaining the gospel reading for us all. It was a lovely Service, with the lengthy Gospel reading read beautifully by Grace.

Joy and Pat

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY SERVICE IN APRIL

There will be no Sunday School and Family Service in April, because it is Easter Sunday, and everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate our Easter Sunday Eucharist Service. However, we hope that our young people will be able to help decorate the Church Porch for Easter, on Easter Saturday.

Joy and Pat

HOOKE LEAP & MUNCH INTO MARCH

On February 29 the residents of Hooke gathered to enjoy a feast of scrumptious home-prepared food, a tittle or two and a good catch-up on all the latest news and gossip!

Hosted by Pauline Wallbridge and supported by a dedicated crew of volunteers in aid of St Giles Church. Guests were treated to a fine buffet with desserts so good the line 'lead us not into temptation' springs to mind.

The event was a great success raising £939 for the church. This considerable achievement and the enjoyment of so many is thanks to the efforts of those cooking, preparing, clearing and washing up and those who contributed prizes for the raffle and of course those who attended.

On behalf of the village, thank you to all who helped and in particular, a special thank you to Pauline and Bernard for opening their home to the village yet again, to support St Giles Church.

Derwent Walsh

Easter Coffee Morning with Easter Egg Hunt

April 13, 10.30am

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

July 4 – Summer Tea Party

MOVING IN AND OUT OF HOOKE

Our Good wishes to Juliana and Norman, who have moved from Hooke to Bridport.

We welcome Linda, Martin and their daughter Alice who have recently moved into Green Lane. We hope you will be happy in Hooke.

Hooke PCC



Team Page

The address of the Beaminster Team's website is <http://www.beaminsterteamchurches.org>

As I write this on 14 March this is the latest guidelines on how we should respond to the present state of the Covid- 19 Virus. Below I have reproduced the letter from the Archbishops to all clergy.

It is our view, in the light of the continued increase in Covid-19 cases in the United Kingdom, that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during sharing the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands".

We therefore advise that all priests should:–

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;
- Suspend direct physical contact as part of blessing or "laying on of hands".

The diocese is adopting the national church's guidance and we all must ensure that we follow it fully. If you wish to read the guidance in full it is available on the Church of England website to which there is a link from our own team website. I will continue to keep us all fully aware of any updates or revisions in what is a fast developing situation and which is current as I write this on Thursday past.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of those who have served on our Parochial Church Councils over the past twelve months or in the case of many of you for many years. I have been made aware that a number of people will be standing down at this year's meetings, to allow our churches to continue to flourish we need new members to replace them. If you would like to know more about becoming a PCC member please speak to the Rector.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS

This years' Annual Parochial Meetings are taking place throughout April and May. This is an opportunity for you to take part in the life of the church even if you are not a regular attendee at church. To vote at the meetings you need to be on the church electoral roll. Notices regarding Rolls and the dates of each Church meeting will be found on the official notice boards at each church.

ST GEORGES DAY

On Thursday 23rd April we will be celebrating the Patron saint of England with a service of Holy Communion at 10.00am all welcome to join us for this celebration at St Mary's Beaminster.

David Baldwin

Next Messy Church is on Friday 10th April, Good Friday at 9.45am. We will explore the Easter story together in an interactive way with activities, games, prayer, stories, singing followed by hot cross buns. Worship for all ages.

Dates for 2020

Fri 10 April 9.45am
Messy Good Friday

Sat 9 May

Sat 13 June

Not in July or August

Sat 12 September

Sat 10 October

Sat 14 November

Sat 12 December



Messy Church
2nd Saturdays
4.00 – 5.30pm
St Mary's Church
Beaminster

Contact Revd Jo: revneary@gmail.com for details

If you are an adult and would like to be confirmed, then please do speak to Jo. We will start adult confirmation preparation soon and we would love to have you join in. We don't have a local confirmation booked but we do have the opportunity to go to Salisbury Cathedral and join in the confirmation service there.

We continue to make tentative plans for summer holiday activities in villages and Beaminster this year. We are still booking venues and planning dates, all under the shadow of Covid-19 which makes forward planning difficult. However, I hope to have a definitive list of dates soon so that we can recruit volunteers to help in the kitchen, make cakes, help prepare and offer craft activities and be welcoming for the families attending. We also have dates planned for Prayer Spaces in our primary school in June which we are beginning to prepare for. Do pray for our connection with children, families and young people in the weeks and months to come.

It is very difficult to know how much of the planned

activities for the next few months will go ahead. Plans are being made but the information changes daily. If we have to shut or reduce our activities, then life will feel very different for all of us. We are encouraged to think of others rather than just ourselves, acting sensibly and carefully in order to have compassion for all in our community. Do please continue to donate to Beaminster Food bank as it is likely that the need for food and support will increase over the coming months. You can drop off supplies in the Co-op, Yarn Barton, St Mary's Church and the doctors' surgeries.

Keeping in touch with neighbours and members of the community is important too – phone calls are perhaps the best way to do this or dropping a note or card through their door? If people are having to self-isolate than how can we best support them? Pastoral care continues to be important – please do let us know if you would like a visit, a phone call or any kind of support. There are people in our churches and in the wider community who can help, however being able to ask for help can be hard. Don't suffer in silence, do contact us and let us know what we can do.

We will be increasing our online content over the next few weeks in an effort to stay connected and continue the spiritual activity of the local churches. David and I made a video every week discussing the gospel reading for each Sunday. Prayer suggestions are posted every week and we are also beginning a weekly post linking to articles, worship songs, hymns, reflections to keep us connected together and connected to God. www.beaminsterteamchurches.org

In our collective worship in schools this week we have been thinking about how we can love God, love our neighbours and take care of ourselves. We thought of many different examples – including a cup of tea. Make a cup of tea, or coffee. Choose Fairtrade then you are already loving your neighbour. Sit in silence and enjoy your drink with God. Spending time in prayer with God shows how much we love him. Pray for your friends and neighbours and the needs they are facing. Think about the needs in the world and the people we will never meet but want to care for. Pray for the things that are on your heart too. Take time in each day to do something that cherishes God, that cherishes other people and that energises you. That's what our school children are trying to do. Perhaps it might be useful for us too.

Jo Neary

Beaminster Church Bookings

These are to be made with Judith Hansen
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VENUES FOR HIRE

Beaminster

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Prout Bridge Project: 07802 514171

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Strode Room: Vivien McMurray 862966

Yarn Barton: Reception Desk 862715

Blackdown Village Hall: Rowland Hibbard 01460 30269

Broadwindsor Comrades Hall: Mary Taylor 868518

Chedington Village Hall: Ivan Williams 01935 891059

Drimpton Village Hall: Rosemary Shepherd 867694

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Melplash Village Hall: Geoff Street 488627

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South Perrott Village Hall: Jill Turner 01935 891291

Stoke Abbott Village Hall: Caroline Carless 868421

Toller Porcorum Village Hall: Jan Turner 01300 320182

WELLSPRING MISSION HALL

Broadwindsor Road, Beaminster

Breaking of Bread – Sunday 11.00am

Sunday School – Sunday 12.15pm

Evening Service – Sunday 6.30pm

All Welcome

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FROM THE REGISTERS

THE DEPARTED

'I am the resurrection and the life'

Thur 5 March **Beaminster**
William Frank CHUBB

HOLY MATRIMONY

'Till death do us part'

Fri 6 March **Toller Porcorum**
David Nicholson LOWE
& Jennifer Anne ROLFE
(at home)

Sat 28 March **Beaminster**
Alexander David MORRISON
& Danielle Louise JEFFREYS

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at Beaminster at 10.00am. There are also celebrations on all Saints Days as follows:

Thur 23 **George, Martyr, Patron of England**

Fri 1 May **Philip and James, Disciples**



HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS

There are regular housegroups, Bible studies and other church group meetings across the Team. Please refer to Pew News or call the Rector for more details.



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

This section lists those activities which take place on a regular basis, and to which new members and visitors are always welcome. If you would like your own organisation to be included, please contact the editors at teamnews.eds@gmail.com or via the Church Office. Organisers are also asked to notify the editors whenever there are any exceptions to the normal pattern.

Mondays: Let's Play, 10.00am – 12.00 noon, Beaminster Children's Centre (Prout Bridge), term time (07730 373075)

Julian Meditation Group, 1st Mon each month, 10.15am, contact Joyce (861785)

1st Beaminster Scout Group, weekly in term time, Beavers 5.30 – 6.30pm, Cubs 6.30 – 8.00pm, Scouts 6.30 – 8.00pm,

Beaminster Children's/Youth Centre, contact Joy Edwards (01308 862055)

Short mat bowls, weekly, 7.00pm, South Perrott VH, contact Bob (01935 891404)

1st Mosterton Scout Group, weekly during term time, Beavers 4.45 – 6.00pm, Cubs 6.00 – 7.30pm, Scouts 7.30 – 9.00pm, contact Gill (01308 868419)

Broadwindsor Rainbows & Brownies, weekly during term time, 5.30 pm – 7.00pm Broadwindsor CH, contact Debbie (01308 863169)

Beaminster WI, 3rd Mon each month except August, 7.30 pm, Beaminster PH, contact Alison Witham (485641)

Yoga, weekly, 11.15-12.30, Netherbury VH, contact Jacky Bush (488303)

Coffee Club, 1st Mon each month, South Perrott VH, 11.00am

Over 60s Move it or Lose it Class, Beaminster PH, 9.30 and 10.45am, Natalie (07897 684345)

Beaminster Table Tennis Club, weekly, 7.15-9.15pm, Beaminster School (Lower Gym)

Tuesdays: Beaminster Horticultural Society, 3rd Tue each month, 7.30pm, Beaminster PH

Mosterton & District Over-50s Computer Club, weekly, 9.45am – 11.45am, Admiral Hood Mosterton

Mosterton Gardening Club, 3rd Tue each month, 7.30pm, Mosterton VH

Short Mat Bowls, weekly, 2.00pm, South Perrott VH, contact Bob (01935 891404)

Short Mat Bowls, weekly, 7.00 – 10.00pm, Netherbury VH, contact Paul Radford (01308 487868)

Quiz Night, 2nd Tuesday each month, 8.00pm, Admiral Hood Mosterton

Quiz Night, 2nd Tuesday each month, 8.00pm, New Inn, Stoke Abbott

Pilates, weekly, 4.00pm – 5.15pm, Netherbury VH, contact Jacky Bush (488303)

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, 6.00 – 8.00pm, Phoenix Youth Club Band (8-18)

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, 6.00 – 8.00pm, The Milkshake Bar (8-18)

Friendly Whist, weekly, 2.45 – 4.45pm, Salway Ash VH

Open Folk Session, 4th Tuesday of every month, 8.00pm, The Anchor, Salway Ash. Anybody is welcome to bring their instruments and join in.

Wednesdays: Clapton Wayford Drimpton & Dist. Horticultural Society, 3rd Wed each month, 7.30pm, Drimpton VH

Walk In Wednesday, weekly, 10.00am – 3.30pm, Beaminster ch

Drimpton Film Club, 2nd Wed each month, 7.30pm, Drimpton VH

Mosterton Craft Group, 1st Wed each month, 2.30pm, Mosterton VH

Bell Ringing, weekly, 7.30 – 9.00pm, Beaminster ch tower, contact Harry (07972 630905)

Yoga, weekly, 9.00 – 10.30am, Netherbury VH, contact Jacky Bush (488303)

Beaminster Bridge Club, weekly, 2.00 – 5.00pm, Strode Room

Village Lunch, 3rd Wed each month, 12.30pm, Drimpton VH

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, 5.00 – 6.30pm, Junior Youth Club (8-11)

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, 7.00 – 8.30pm, Young People's Mental Health Support Group (11-18)

Knitting, Crochet & Crafts Group, weekly, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Yarn Barton Centre (last week of month at Tangerine Café), (07922 142496)

Over 60s Move it or Lose it Class, Mosterton VH, 9.30 and 11.00am, Natalie (07897 684345)

Thursdays: Wyvern Savings & Loans, weekly, 10.00am – noon, Beaminster Yarn Barton

Blackdown Whist Drive, 1st & 3rd Thu each month, 7.30pm, Blackdown VH

Beaminster Badminton Club, weekly, 7.30 – 9.30pm, Beaminster Community Sports Hall

Parent & Toddler Group (Desperados), 1st Thu in month, 9.30 – 11.30am, Netherbury VH

Bell Ringing, weekly, 7.30 – 8.30pm, Netherbury ch tower, contact Graham Hawkins (488466)

Table Tennis, weekly, 7.00 – 9.30pm, Netherbury VH, contact Susy Varndell (488341)

Yoga, weekly, 9.30 – 11.00am, South Perrott VH, contact Corrie (01308 485544)

Short Mat Bowls, weekly, 7.00 – 9.45pm, Beaminster PH (side door), contact Geoff Neal (538971)

Short Mat Bowls, weekly, from 7.30pm, Toller Porcorum VH, Paul Comer (01300 320573)

Citizens Advice Bureau, weekly, 12.30 – 3.00pm, Yarn Barton Centre, Beaminster, walk-in, or call 01308 456594 for appointment

Thursday Club, 3rd Thu each month, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Beaminster St Mary's Gardens, contact Annemarie (488058)

Steel Band, weekly, 6.00 – 7.00pm, South Perrott VH, contact Mike Hayes (07762 260582)

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, 6.00 – 7.00pm, Acapella Singing (6+)

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, 6.00 – 8.00pm, Years 7/8 Youth Club

Fridays: Coffee at Church, weekly, 10.00 – 11.30am, Mosterton ch

Over 50s chair exercises, weekly, 2.00 – 4.00pm, St Mary's Gardens, Beaminster, contact Annemarie (488058)

Choir Practice, 6.30 – 8.00pm, weekly, St Mary's Church, Beaminster

Prout Bridge Project, weekly, afternoon, Ballet, Hip Hop & Tap Dancing (6+)

Saturdays: Prayer Breakfast, 1st Sat each month, 9.00 – 10.00am, Beaminster ch

Pub Quiz, 2nd Sat each month, 8.00pm, Royal Oak, Drimpton

Coffee Morning, 1st Sat each month, 11.00 am, Chedington VH



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APRIL	SIDESPERSON	READER	FLOWERS
12 (9.30am) – EASTER SUNDAY			
	Di. R.	Christine	Pauline/Sue
26 (11.00am)	Guy	Barbara	Sue/Pauline

FROM THE OLD VICARAGE

Nurses and the 6C's: Care, Compassion, Courage, Communication, Commitment and Competence

Nursing in England has a long history, relating to the development of the profession since the 1850s. Before that it relates back to ancient history, when the sick were cared for in places of worship. In the early Christian era, nursing in the UK was undertaken by various women belonging to the Christian Church, including home nursing, with no real training but experience taught them valuable skills. Of course everybody knows about Florence Nightingale who started “modern nursing” by starting formal schools in late 19th century.

The shortage of nurses has only come about when the government gave up the training of the 2 year course for State Enrolled Nurses, known as SENs! The role of State Enrolled Nurse was recognized in 1940. The National Health Service was launched in 1948. The SENs became so useful with hands on care, giving tender, loving care, so needed when you are sick.

A lot of people are turned away from nursing because of the university training now and not being accepted. I have found in my own nursing experience of many years, that it made for such good caring nurses. A lot of nursing auxiliaries working on the wards, and wanting to learn more, enrolled for SEN training. Then, they could carry on to become SRNs, midwives or district nurses. Their basic training from day one started on the wards caring for the patients. So bring back the SENs!

Annemarie



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MOSTERTON PCC

DEPRESSION can be brought on by Worldwide Headline News – Climate Change, adverse weather conditions – the suffering of those in areas of flooding... the spread of Coronavirus, etc... or maybe one's own personal problems... **but wait...** rearrange the letters of the word to make “**I PRESSED ON**” – bearing in mind that our current situation is not our final destination and spiritually, God the Creator and Sustainer travels with us... keeping watch over all. He acts in ways we can never imagine or determine. So our little lives, our little dreams, our little fears, our little worries are all subject to God, who calls the shots.

A really ‘big thank-you to everyone’ who generously contributed and supported our annual socialising Pancake Supper which, as always, was a huge success. Ann had taken up the challenge of continuing Dinah's mammoth tossing of a huge amount of pancakes. Church funds have benefitted by £458.79.

Ella Venning

FLOWER ROTA AND CLEANING

At the moment no-one has come forward offering to take on the task of overseeing the Church Cleaning/ Flower Rota. Surely, *surely*, there must be a candidate in our midst willing to give a little of their time in organising a team to ensure a welcoming atmosphere in our Village Church throughout the year. Maybe YOU are still thinking about it. If so, please do come out of hiding!

Meanwhile we would like to call upon helpers to show up at 10.00am on Saturday 11 April with their flowers to decorate the church in readiness for Easter.

Ella Venning

STORM DAMAGE AT ST. MARYS CHURCH

The recent severe winter storms have moved the flashing between the tower and the roof on the South West side of the building. This has caused the vestry and South

West corner to become very wet. Local contractors have been called in to assess the problem and quote for a repair. A claim has been accepted by our insurers and the contractors instructed to go ahead with the work. Hopefully the warmer spring weather will dry the building once the repair is completed, but meanwhile we carry on with our normal Sunday worship.

Graham Fry

FRED YOUNG TRUST

This charity was established so that the rent from two small fields in Mosterton could be given to people in Mosterton aged 70 years and over if they needed help. If you feel you come into this category please ask one of the Trustees for an application form. Your request will then be dealt with by the Trustees. Any information we ask you to give is treated with complete confidence.

The Trustees are: Graham Fry (Chairman), The Rev David Baldwin, Richard Burrough, Toby Eeles and Dinah Brazendale (Secretary).

As you can see we only have the rent (plus an occasional donation from the Meat Raffle money, for which we are very grateful) so we are not a rich Trust.

Dinah Brazendale

MEAT RAFFLE

I understand that the Meat Raffle has finished. With my membership of the Craft Group, the Gardening Club and a trustee of the Fred Young Trust hats on, I would like to thank Dave Burton most sincerely for all his (and his band of helpers) years of phenomenal fund raising. I cannot begin to think of the amount he has raised for this village over the years. I am sure my tribute will not be the only one. I wish Mary and Dave well in the next phase of their lives.

Dinah Brazendale

As chair of Mosterton Gardening Club, I'd just like to endorse all that she has said.

Sue Burnard

PARRETT AND AXE CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL



By the time you read this we will be enjoying an Easter break and we will be looking forward to the excitement that a Summer Term at Parrett and Axe inevitably brings.

Swimming lessons will re-start in April with the continued aim of Mrs Harris and everyone else to ensure that every child leaves us able to swim at least 25 metres comfortably. The Year 4's will be going on their residential trip to Grittleton House which I'm sure will be an enjoyable experience.

Thursday April 16 is National Offer Day on which all families discover which school their Foundation Stage

child has been allocated for September 2020. There will be the usual mix of disappointment and pleasure but the good thing in our area is that every child will be guaranteed a good education in whichever school they attend.

Our Cup run is continuing. The football team will be travelling to the other side of the county to play against a large primary school in Poole. We are also through to the semi-finals of the Kenway Cup. A big thanks to the team for their sportsmanship and application and a massive thank you to all parents who help with transport and for their respectful support on the sidelines.

Simon Smith, Headteacher

Parrett and Axe CEVA Primary School, Mosterton

MOSTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Having had the rear hard area of the hall re-surfaced last year we have now completed another project, bringing the gates to the side of the hall forward and creating a new path making access to the 'garden' area of the hall much more accessible to all.

The sums donated from the Meat Raffle to the Village Hall over the years have been very much appreciated and used to help maintain this community facility. On behalf of the Village Hall Committee 'Thank you Dave'.

Barbara Goode

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Mosterton Village Hall



SATURDAY 25 APRIL

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MOSTERTON GARDENING CLUB



Our Chairman welcomed everyone to the February Meeting and introduced one of our members, John Greenbank who gave a talk on 'Experiments with Vegetables'.

John commenced by showing some projected photos of Clare College Gardens, Cambridge, renowned for their beautiful borders and lawns and where he was educated.

He then continued with the trials he had carried out, some of which were:-

- 1) The use of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi (AMF), which helps plants capture nutrients from the soil especially phosphorus, he suggested that when growing potatoes in large pots or bags to add a dusting of AMF.
- 2) Hydroponics, a method of growing plants without soil. Instead the roots hang in water with a mix of nutrients dissolved. Kits can be purchased ranging from £20 to £300.
- 3) Grafting, we were shown a video where a potato plant had been grown in a pot and then cut to enable a tomato plant to be grafted on top. The result being a crop of potatoes down in the pot and tomatoes on the plant above, saving space.
- 4) The use of plastic containers. If we HAVE to buy food in containers don't discard the plastic but use it to bring on seeds as they act like mini propagators.

Our next meeting will be on April 21 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall when Sally Nex will be returning, this time to talk about 'Gardening without plastic'.

Guests always welcome for a small fee of £3 including raffle and refreshments.

Mo Sullivan

1st MOSTERTON BEAVER SCOUTS



Despite the alarming amount of rain which we've had over the last few months we decided that we would add to that and go swimming! We had a great, fun, evening at Bridport Leisure Centre, along with the Cubs and Scouts from our Group, where they all had the opportunity to earn, or at least work towards, a swimming badge. We were also invited to visit Specsavers in Bridport and we all got to learn a lot about what goes on in an opticians, what some of their equipment does and perhaps to not always believe what we are looking at! Some very interesting visual games!

We've also grown grass heads where they learnt about what plants need to grow and about how trees react in the different seasons. We celebrated the Chinese New Year and had a musical evening which provided them with the opportunity to have a go at playing a trombone, a first for me too! A visitor came in to talk to

them about taking photos. He explained that it's not just about taking a photo of someone or a plate of food but to really think about what interests them and perhaps to get really close to something and look at it in greater detail than you would normally. We also had a really good evening learning about sign language and methods of communication.

For information on Beavers (aged (5¾-8), Cubs (aged 8-10½), Scouts (10½-13½): mostertonscoutgroup@gmail.com

Gill Collier (01308 868419)

MOSTERTON RAMBLERS

Our first outing of a weather-lashed February was a rearranged circuit from Broadwindsor via Whetham Mill, Childhay Manor and Hursey, prior to a convivial lunch at the White Lion in Broadwindsor. Eight members participated.

The second walk saw 11 members on a lovely route from Stonebarrow Hill via Morcombelake down to St Gabriel's, then along the Coast Path and back up to Stonebarrow. A very satisfying lunch followed at the George in Chideock.

This month's intended programme is:

- Wednesday 8 April – South Petherton area, with lunch TBA
- Wednesday 22 April – Yetminster and Chetnole area, pub lunch

Meet at Orchard Way 9.30. Further details from Chris on 01460 76405.

Roger Hudspith

MOSTERTON GARDENING CLUB

ANNUAL SHOW

15 August 2020



Advanced notice of adult handicraft classes:

One item of cross-stitch (framed or unframed).

One item of embroidery (framed or unframed).

I made it. A knitted article. A hand-made greeting card.

A sewn article not covered elsewhere.

A pencil/charcoal/ink drawing, max. size A4.

Article made from re-cycled material.

Soget crafting!!



NETHERBURY

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

4 Apr LENT
 11 Apr EASTER
 18 Apr Anita Brake (Tidy)
 25 Apr

GARDEN CLUB

20 Apr Orchard Lodge

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 Apr Spring Show, Village Hall, 3.00 to 4.30 pm
 25 Apr Treasure Hunt, Playing Field, 10.00 am
 25 Apr Curry Evening, Village Hall,
 7.00 for 7.30 pm
 12 May Village Lunch, Village Hall, 12.00 noon
 6-7 June Open Gardens
 14 July Village Lunch, Village Hall, 12.00 noon
 1 Aug Summer show, Village Hall
 18 Sept Harvest Supper, Village Hall,
 7.00 for 7.30 pm
 13 Oct Village Lunch, Village Hall, 12.00 noon
 10 Nov Village Lunch, Village Hall, 12.00 noon
 12 Dec Christmas Supper, Village Hall.
 7.00 for 7.30 pm

100 CLUB DRAW

February

1. John Caines £15
 2. Robert & Lauri Frost £10
 3. Malcolm Webster £5

March

1. Lewis & Elizabeth Findlay £15
 2. Shirley & Norman Ludders £10
 3. Guistina Ryan £5

VILLAGE NEWS

My thanks to Steve Doman for responding to my comments about the clash of pub quiz evenings with both the Hare and Hounds in Waytown and Half Moon in Melplash staging one on the last Sunday of every month. Steve points out that when he was asked to comper the one at the Half Moon, he did approach the Hare and Hounds who told him they would be holding quiz evenings on the third Sunday of the month. The Half Moon deliberately chose the last Sunday in an effort to avoid a clash. But, as Steve also says, both pubs are full on quiz nights so there is no sign that the clash is having an adverse effect.

Paul Radford

SATURDAY 25th APRIL 10am
Netherbury Village Treasure Hunt
 Fun and friendly trail for all the family
 £5.00 entrance ticket
 Families, groups or individuals
 Completed trails will be entered into a draw to win a prize!
 10am start at the Playing Field
 Finish at the Village Hall for tea and cake
 Prizes drawn at midday
 More info from Clare: 488670
 clare_southwell@hotmail.com
 Raising money for new Cricket Nets in Netherbury Playing Field

Curry Evening

Saturday 25 April 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Variety of curries & Desserts
 Coffee/Tea

Bring your own drinks

£10.00

Please book with Jacky 488303

NETHERBURY SPRING SHOW

Open to all
Saturday 4 April 2020

To request an entry form or for more information on entering please contact Peter on 488411, Anne on 488648, Linda on 487843 or Cathy on 488060

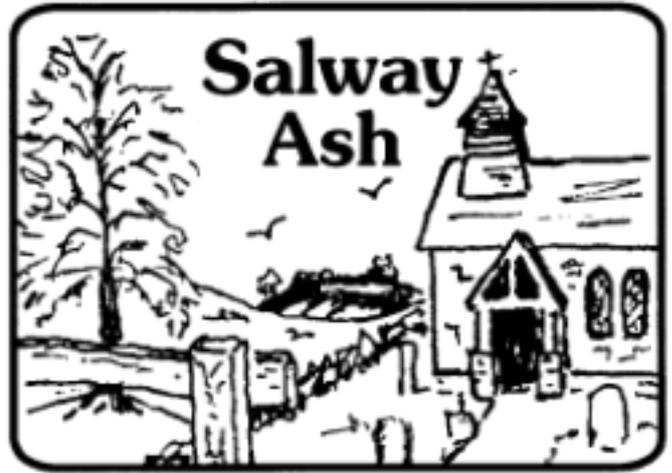


3.00 – 4.30 pm

In the Village Hall

Admission £1, Children free

To include tea and cake



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100 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW

The two £15 prizes drawn on 29 February went to Roland & Sally Moss (no. 60) and Crissie Clare (no. 113).

Anne Woodward

salash100club@gmail.com

SALWAY ASH SCHOOL REPORT

It has been another busy month at Salway Ash School, with the annual talent show seeing 28 acts and 55 pupils taking part. There was an amazing range of different talents on show, from singing, dancing, comedy to acting. It was inspiring to see the confidence of those taking part.

The cross country run on February 11 had 31 children taking part with three pupils finishing in the top five for their age group.

Year Six children all took part in the Bikeability training, completing their level 1 and 2 qualifications. They really enjoyed bringing their bikes to school and learning about the importance of safety on the roads.

The 2020 Salway Ash pantomime 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' was a triumph, with sellout performances. 72 children, mostly current or past pupils of the school took part, from reception to Year Ten. The children have been rehearsing since last September and worked extremely hard to make it such a success.

The school would like to say an enormous thank you to Kelci Poole and Lorraine Larder for giving up so much



of their time to produce it and the parents and others who also helped behind the scenes; it gives the children such a rewarding and inspiring experience!

Clare Handford

Governor, Salway Ash School

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR NETHERBURY PLAYING FIELD READY FOR SUMMER 2020

Thanks to the amazing support of the village community at the many Fireworks events, Duck Races, Jumble Sale, show tickets sold and much more. We would like to announce that TWO! new pieces of play equipment will be installed ready for Summer 2020

Zip Wire/Flying Fox



A Large Swing Frame with Birds Nest Swing



We will be adding the extra end pieces of equipment in 2021/22

Both items are planned to be installed in time for a

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VILLAGE PANTO

Dull, wet, windy days of February were soon blown away with Salway Ash Panto.

Vibrant colours of costumes, lively singing and dancing, story-telling and laughter is just what we all needed.

Thanks to all the performers and Kelci and her team for a brilliant take of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Roberta Chubb

SALWAY ASH LADIES GROUP

Caroline Dilke's talk about keeping honeybees gave us much to digest about these remarkable social insects, and not just the delicious honey they produce.

Inside the hive there is a well-run community that defies belief when you consider the size of their brains.

We were delighted to learn about the life of a beekeeper, what we can do to help give bees plenty of blossom to visit and how landowners, by communicating with beekeepers, can stop chemicals destroying the delicate balance within the hives.

Our April meeting will be on Thursday 23 (St. George's Day) at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This is being held on the fourth Thursday of the month rather than the usual third Thursday meeting time.

Bruce Upton is returning, this time to speak about 'How to Lose a Kingdom in Fifty Days', which sounds intriguing!

If you think this might interest you then please come along.

We are always happy to welcome visitors and this would be an opportunity for you to sample a Ladies Group meeting.

Any questions, then feel free to be in touch. You can contact me on 01308 488384.

Loraine Parnell

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT, 'TIL IT'S GONE!

When I was a little girl in the 60s, history taught in primary schools seemed to be about Kings and Queens and battles and that was it.

Later in life, I read 'What is History' by E.H. Carr. Having thought that history is just the events that happened in the past, I realised how incorrect and ill-informed I was.

So, taking a leap, because I only have 250 words to get this across, history is so much more than the 'big bits'. They may be exciting, but what does it tell us about the lives of most people?

I was therefore very excited to be

loaned a programme card for Salway Ash and Bowood WI from 1954, which belonged to Margaret Croad.

You will see, on the accompanying scan of the outside of the programme, people's names, which some of you may remember, but also fascinating is what is on offer inside.

In the Social Half Hour there were such things as 'Disguised Members', 'Songs at the Piano', 'Fashion Parade, My Oldest Hat', and 'Cook's Tour'.

Competitions were 'Something New from Something Old', 'Best Christmas Present for a Shilling', and 'Best Home Made Sweets'.

My favourite is a Debate on 'Is Spring Cleaning Really Necessary?'

The programme gives a window in to what was happening in the villages, what concerned women, and what they enjoyed. It tells us of those who were involved, how much things cost, and how organised matters were.

It is a treasure not to be lost; it has no monetary value, but it is priceless and if lost before being archived, it will be gone forever. So if you possess any local and social history documents, please copy and retain them, to make sure they are preserved for your family and for posterity.

FLOWERS AND BRASSES

Mrs J. Huxter

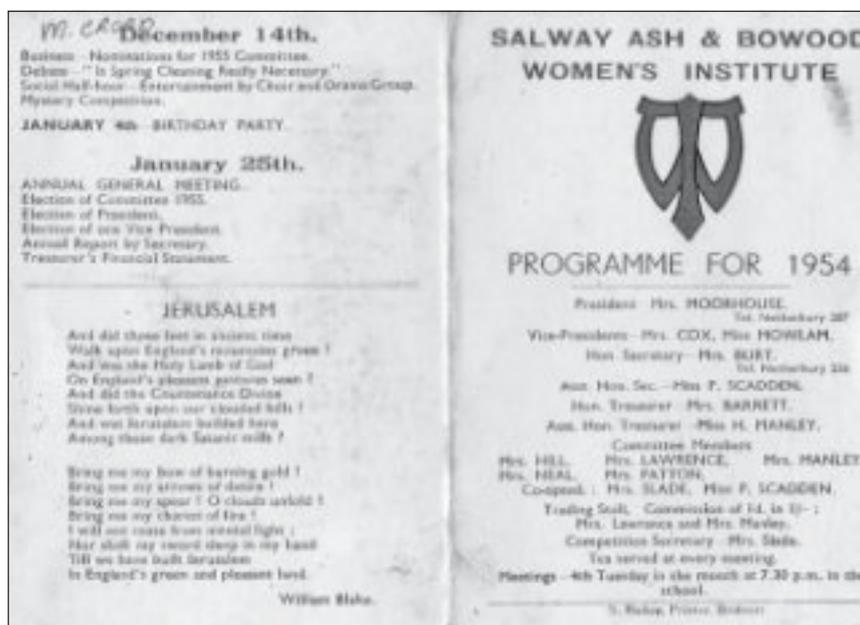
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5 Apr Mrs S. Willment

12 Apr Mrs J. Huxter

19 Apr Mrs R. Thorpe

26 Apr Miss M. Gadsby





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APRIL CHURCH ROSTER

	<i>Sidesman</i>	<i>Reader</i>	
5	TBC	TBC	9.30 am (BCP)
12	TBC	TBC	3.30 pm (ES)
19	TBC	TBC	11.00 am (FS)
26	TBC	TBC	11.00 am (CW, CM)

CHURCH CLEANING

Mrs. L. MacLeod

ALTAR FLOWERS

5	LENT – No Flowers
12	Mrs. L. MacLeod
19	Mrs. L. MacLeod
26	Mrs. L. MacLeod

VILLAGE NEWS

The big breakfast raised £386.50 towards the church roof fund, what a great result. We are off to a fabulous start on the fund-raising efforts for the roof fund with the first few events being a massive success, still a long way to go! Thank you to each and every person who has been involved in the events held so far.

This month is traditionally the month we are all looking forward to Spring, more sunshine and getting out and about more. However, with worrying times in the UK with the spread of Covid-19, thoughts turn to self-isolation and how friends and families will be affected.

It is early days in this journey but the government message seems to indicate that things will get worse before they get better, even today my employer closed the offices as a ‘test’ for if we need to close things for a longer period and everyone needs to work from home.

During this time it’s important to keep in touch with neighbours, we may all have our movements restricted soon so it’s important to keep numbers to hand and keep

in touch and look out for each other.

Stay safe and keep calm, in the words of Winston Churchill “The English know how to make the best of things. Their so-called muddling through is simply skill at dealing with the inevitable”.

Jane Baker

APRIL DATES FOR THE COACH AND HORSES

- 4 Woman v Cancer Charity Car Wash 11-2pm
- 5 Quiz 7.30pm £2.00
- 19 Carvery 12-3pm – please book your table!
- 26 Charity Breakfast: Woman v Cancer 10-12pm

PUMP AND POUND APRIL/MAY 2020

South Perrott Steel Band

The Band has expanded in recent weeks and we now have five younger players who are a great addition to our performances. This is now a mixed age group band and so we welcome anyone who wants to have a go. We meet on Thursdays in the Village Hall, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. We will be performing at Corscombe Fest on Saturday, 13 June at 12.00.

Mike Hayes

MAD (Music and Drama)

Many thanks to all who supported our performance in Beaminster Church on 27 February. Our next MAD Night is planned for Friday, 15 May 6.30 pm– 7.30 pm in the Coach and Horses, South Perrott. Everyone is welcome to take part or just listen. Entrance is free. Please let me know if you want to perform, especially if you are a trapeze artists or a lion tamer.

Mike Hayes

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READERS

5 (9.30 am) <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Eucharist	Service at Salway Ash
12 (9.30 am) <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Eucharist	Mrs Woodward
19 (9.30 am)	Eucharist (BCP)	Mr/s RJ Roberts
26 (9.30 am)	Matins (BCP)	Mr/s Kelsey

FLOWERS

12	Easter Sunday
19 & 26	Annie Roberts

CHURCH CLEANING

7 April at 10.00 am. All welcome.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

A referendum of the Upper Marshwood Vale Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was held on 13 February with the following result: in favour 79 and against 35. Dorset Council will make the plan official at in mid-April, after which all planning applications will have to take the NP into account.

The plan can be seen at <http://uppermarshwoodvale.org/>

The West Dorset Local Plan focuses new development on the larger towns and villages with little expectation that our parish should be included. However, it does allow local NPs to allocate sites for future development to meet local needs. This NP was initiated by the Parish Council in 2016 and developed via various public meetings held in Marshwood and Stoke Abbott. Main elements, over a 15-year period, support development for:-

- limited growth in housing to reflect local need.
- the local economy: home working, rural workshops, small-scale tourism.
- community facilities, the initial focus being to establish a new shop in Marshwood and parking facilities for the school.
- protecting the environment through sensitive design.

The plan identified two new development sites in Marshwood, one for some housing, a car park for the school and church, with an adjacent site for a possible new shop, and another for some small-scale business development. No sites were put forward for consideration for Stoke Abbott village.

Future development needs of the parish could be met through revisions to the NP via further local consultation.

Charles Somers

SOIL IS ALIVE! (THANKS TO TARDIGRADES)

On Friday evening 21 February Stoke Abbott was privileged to hear a talk from Dr Mark Kibblewhite on soil systems and soil health. Mark is the current Vice-Chairman of the Dorset Wildlife Trust and is currently involved in technical support on soil management for the FAO Global Soil Partnership and other international bodies.

Using Lewis Carroll's idea of Alice and her bottle and cake ability to shrink or expand at will, Dr Kibblewhite first diminished us to microscopic proportions to introduce us to the tiniest organisms, including the wonderful tardigrades which look like a cross between an unwound ammonite and a woodlouse, working for us in the soil, gradually feeding us crumbs of enlarging cake to demonstrate how the larger soil denizens like worms and woodlice are some of our best friends when it comes to keeping the soil healthy. Mark further explained how we have our own parts to play in 'NHS soil' as we garden or farm: how 'active management' can be as beneficial as just letting nature get on with it herself. It was explained how a sylvo-arable approach – trees planted with grass and arable fields supporting animals – would appear to be the healthiest approach for the Stoke Abbott and West Dorset environment.

I came away with the idea that 'loam' was the way forward and heard myself promising to introduce more organic matter into the areas of soil I'm responsible for around Stoke Water House!

Hilary Kenway

LEANING IN TO DISCOMFORT

After a fascinating village hall talk by Professor Mark Kibblewhite on soil we went to a climate change day in Exeter Cathedral, a warm up for Lent, this year

themed on 'Care for God's Creation'. The keynote speaker Bishop Nicholas (Salisbury, and lead bishop on the environment) reminded us of that first image of planet Earth taken from one of the early moon missions, the moment, he reckoned, when humankind began to change its perception of this planet.

Another memorable reflection came from a fellow participant who suggested that 'we'll all have to lean in to discomfort' as we change our daily lifestyles to make our contribution to slowing global warming. If a rise of 2° rather than 1.5° in the Earth's temperature sounds elusive, try listening to Christiana Figueres, former head of the process culminating in the 2015 Paris Agreement, talking to Ruth Valerio, author of the Lent book 'Saying Yes to Life' (here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQ387Xs8Bks> – or email david@conveners.eu for the link). In a nutshell, that difference would extinguish twice as many species, destroy twice as much global infrastructure and, most of all, expose three times as many people to water scarcity, food insecurity and forced migration. And they, of course, will most likely be the poorest: think Syria many times over.

Bringing this back to the local, Drimpton held an illuminating workshop to guide those present through calculating their own carbon footprint. Google offers many routes to doing that: if you don't know yours, try one!

And the bacon baps were as good as ever.

David French

STOKE ABBOTT BOOK CLUB

In these rapidly changing and challenging times, there's something particularly soothing about escaping into a book.

Our March read was John Larison's *Whiskey When We Are Dry* which had luke-warm reviews, mostly centred on the disappointing characterisation.

Our next gathering is on 16 April and is John Niven's *The Second Coming*, not for the faint-hearted with its strong language and irreverence, but a highly recommended read, according to one of our regulars.

On 14 May, we will be marking the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands with *The Occupation* by Deborah Swift.

If you are a fan of the classics, we have Anne Brontë's *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* on 11 June.

If there's a book you would like to recommend, please let me know what and why. Do feel free to join us, 7.00 pm at the New Inn (April venue tbc).

Catherine Leech

ED'S RECOMMENDED READING

Do read Daniel Defoe's 'Journal of Plague Year' published in 1722. Defoe was five years old when the bubonic plague raged through London but it is thought that he based his book, ostensibly a contemporary account, on his uncle's journals.

It describes in great detail the progress of the plague throughout the streets of London and the response of the population, both rich and poor. He includes statistics concerning the dead, data on the progress of the disease, the government's attempts to contain it and how they disposed of the dead. He chronicled the despair and terror experienced by Londoners to a plague which was far more frightening than the current alarms and how quack doctors, fortune-tellers, astrologers, amongst others, preyed on these fears.

Do read it; it is fascinating, and keep washing your hands.

Ingrid Hull

NEWS FROM UP THE NORTH WAY

Over recent weeks Norway Lane has been transformed from 'a way through' to being a cul-de-sac. It's not quite 'the bottom of a sack' but more 'a street or passage closed at one end' (OED).

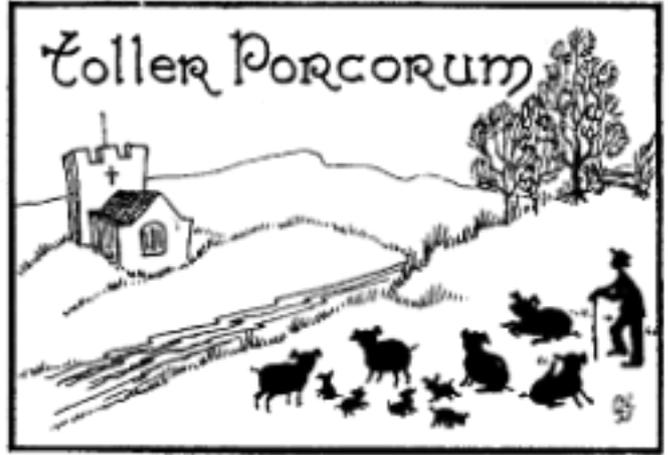
Since 1 November the lane had survived two major storms with a few weeks' telephone disconnection and, in January, closure by a fallen tree. Then, in mid-February, storms *Ciara* and *Dennis* arrived over two consecutive weekends. Each brought down a great ash tree. We named these two trees after them.

Ciara in the lane above us was the lesser of the two but twisted and jammed in the narrow space, was impossible for us to clear. The collapse of *Ciara* came as a warning that trees can fall not only during a storm but also unexpectedly afterwards. It was mid-morning on the Monday when she slid silently down the bank and very fortuitously no one was underneath.

The following Saturday night *Dennis* came along in waves of terrifyingly fierce gusts. In the calm of Sunday's first light we discovered the lane's second tree casualty and that we were now blocked in! *Dennis'* immense forked trunk was firmly embedded in the lane and his great limbs obligingly splayed out to be cut. The Norway community team of chainsaws immediately sprung into action. With great skill and perseverance the gang worked throughout the day and by 5 o'clock had triumphantly cleared a way through.

The rings on the main trunk were 250+. "Poor tree" exclaimed a passing jogger.

Anna Zee, Norway Cottage



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After 30 years as our village editor, Mrs June Wilson has decided to retire from the position. All residents are extremely grateful to her for all her contributions to Parish News over this time. It is worth noting that when June started as our editor, there were no emails and she spent much time collecting slips of paper from people before editing them into a script that would be acceptable to the Beaminster Team Office. In retirement, we wish her a more relaxed future when deadlines will not matter any more! Thank you, June, for all you have done for Toller Porcorum.

As from April 14 our new Village Editor will be Mrs Judy Miller. Please send items for editing to judybmiller@btinternet.com Judy claims this is a temporary position and she will be advertising for a long term replacement in due course.

David Ennals

All services will be in the Church.

SIDESPERSION

- 5 Mrs J Miller
- 12 Mr K Miller
- 19 Mr K Miller
- 26 Mr D Wallbridge

READERS

- 5 Mrs J Miller
- 12 Mrs R Miller
- 19 Mr D Ennals
- 26 Mr D Wallbridge

FLOWERS

- 5 Lent
- 12 Mrs R Gower & the Village
- 19 Mrs R Gower
- 26 & 3 May Mrs J Wallbridge

BRASS CLEANING

Mrs T Billen

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TOLLER & HOOKE W.I.

Another well attended and enjoyable meeting! All our “extra” groups are thriving, Rambling, Singing and Mah Jong.

Judith passed on the grateful thanks from the Food Bank organisers, to which we donate each month. We do appreciate Judith continuing with this much needed work.

We plan to hold an “Open Fund Raising Event” on Friday 11 Sept , in the form of a Wine Tasting Evening (sounds good!) Please put this date in your diaries, and Watch This Space!

Our speaker was Simon Wakely, a well known local Funeral Director. He is fifth generation of this well run family business. His great, great, great uncle started the business in Broadwindsor many years ago. It really is a family concern, with at one time dad, uncle, brother and sister all involved. There are now ten offices in the Dorset/Devon/Somerset area employing 80 staff. Simon told us some very interesting, sad and amusing stories. Thank you Simon.

Our next meeting which is now an OPEN one is on April 7 when Jeremy Pope will be speaking about Brewing. The competition is My Favourite Ornament. Refreshments Jo Stephenson, Sue Farmer and the Committee, vote of thanks Judith Hansen. Please be there!

Rachel Miller



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DOORS

I am always fascinated by doors and why are they there. What is the story behind those closed doors? Of course the doors we open and close decide which path we choose. Your whole future could change by going in or staying away. Doors are everywhere in all shapes, colours and materials.

A 5,000-year-old Neolithic poplar wooden door is in Switzerland, believed to be the oldest door in Europe. Britain's oldest known door is at Westminster Abbey from 1050. Mysterious fragments of fasteners to the outside were once thought to be flayed human skin, but since been proven to be cowhide.

Churches were invariably built to the north of roads and tracks, to ensure their main entrance was on the south side. You still find in old churches a small door at the north side, called the Devil's door, the purpose being to allow the devil to escape from the church. A widespread belief in the Middle Ages held that the Devil lived in an unbaptised child's soul: at the baptism, the Devil would be driven out of the child and left through the north wall. Most Devil's doors have been bricked up, to prevent the Devil re-entering. Devil's doors can still be found in various village churches, including Melplash.



Beamminster is an exception to this rule, for its main door is on the north side. There are doors on the west and south sides too. The reason for the church's position is not completely clear, but there is a steep slope to the south, and the town developed on the other side. It certainly made sense for the main door to be closest to where the people lived.

The mystery and magic of doors has lasted for thousands of years. There are some truly spectacular examples, like the painted versions on Egyptian tombs, or the famous nineteenth-century bronze Columbus Doors in Washington with scenes from the life of explorer Christopher Columbus, or the elaborate carvings on an African wooden door. Yes, some are beautiful or historic and symbolic and there is also the false door, 3,500 years old in Luxor, which takes the spirits of the dead to the afterlife, made of red granite and belonging to the tomb of a senior official.

Annemarie Bishop-Spangenberg



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