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REMEMBER OUR FARMERS - GREAT AND SMALL

By Kate Williams

SO, here we are, entering week six of lockdown, most of us finding ourselves in some kind of routine, by now, albeit laced in a feeling of ludicrous unease.

I am humbled to witness - mostly by some sort of digital means - that communities countrywide, but ours in particular, are continuing to support each other in the same amazing way without any novelty wearing off.

Unlike home schooling. That has now definitely lost its appeal - as much with me as my children. We are bearing with it but ensuring we do other things as well, to ensure we keep our sanity.

Elsa, my daughter who is five (nearly six as she continues to tell us) has been taking part in other activities including looking after her pony and 'defluffing' him as the weather gets warmer. The pair are pictured, far right, as well as the fluff.

My eight-year-old, Oscar, has been very busy helping Daddy out at work a few times, since he's been off school.

Don't worry, they are still sticking to social distancing - you can't get further away from people than when farming!

Oscar is pictured, right, changing the points on the plough, apparently.

On the subject, I'd like to publicly



thank all of our wonderful farmers, who are still carrying on, getting out there and feeding the nation, every day (and night) as always.

Sadly, they do tend to get forgotten, so let's celebrate them as well as all the other wonderful key workers. I hope you like this month's back page, ploughing photo courtesy of Mr Williams!

Whilst on the subject of gratitude, I'd like to say a special thank you to our parish correspondents, who have adapted their usual copy, mainly reporting on events, to fill our pages with interesting and informative articles.



Tim Phillips, our talented photographer whose pictures generally grace our front covers, has very kindly put together a photo competition for fun (see pages 10 and 11. See how many places you can spot and we'll publish the answers in the next issue.

I hope you are entertained by the special features the team has created for you and please get in touch with your own stories and photos, including your 'thank you' letters.

We are all still in this together, whilst being apart and we are so lucky to live in this part of the world.

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WHY DOES GOD ALLOW A CRISIS?

Rev Barry Brewer

WHEN Dr Johnson finished his dictionary, he was visited by a delegation from a group called 'London's Respectable Womanhood'.

It is said they bustled into his Fleet Street office and declared: 'Doctor, we congratulate you on your decision to exclude all indecent words!'

He replied: 'Ladies, I congratulate you on your persistence in looking them all up!'

Arguably, he was a little harsh but the good doctor perhaps caught, in situ, a whiff of the sanctimonious. Those immersed in the Christian faith will hopefully have heeded the saying, 'We are merely beggars showing other beggars where to get bread' but may their humility entertain no faint-heartedness in the pursuit of righteousness and truth.

Curiously, the current pandemic can actually help with authentic godliness for it has brought with it an unprecedented squall of fears, pressures and insecurity. These come loaded with questions like, 'How can this be and what does the future hold?' Some might also ask 'Why does God allow such troubles and what is He doing about it?' If I were not a convinced Christian, I too would want to question God with such challenges as 'I thought you were supposed to be all powerful, do you not care – in the God business you don't seem to shape up!'

Having been honest with questioning God in the past I have come to understand something of what His Word reveals about existential reality. Malevolent evil exists. Like a virus, it is an insidious corrupting force, keeping its head down before breaking out when it wishes to inspire fear and panic. Furthermore, the prime source of any malevolence, past or present, is not China or anywhere else on earth but in the spiritual domain, beyond the material cosmos where angelic beings of diverse kinds have their being.

Here on earth, God allows evil in its various forms to exist, for the time being and this is not easy for us to understand. We learn that God has delayed the final judgement on evil until the end of this present creation. This means that as many as possible, through the years, will be able to find the heavenly path of the Gospel and join the joyful bliss of eternity. The delay is finite but it does mean we will see some tough times.

All is not negative though. God regularly brings good out of evil and as CS Lewis said, 'Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world.' The New Testament explains: 'All hardships are painful rather than pleasant but they will bring about the fruit of righteousness to those who allow themselves to be trained by them.'

Two examples spring to mind. There once was a man who flatly ignored God's word. Then trouble struck. He found himself involved in a near-death experience which severely shook him but by some miracle he survived. Did he then listen to God? Well, he heard but he argued.

Fortunately, God did not abandon this obtuse man and pressed on causing him to lose his accommodation ensuring that he had to sleep rough. Eventually, this angry man responded to God's word but with what conviction and sincerity remains an open question. Jonah indeed!

But there was another man, known to be religious and prosperous but he too began to experience troubles. Interestingly enough though, his suffering was caused not by deafness or wilfulness but by his genuine faith. Is that not odd?

The answer to the puzzle is that this good man was accused of being a fair-weather believer, self serving, self righteous and all that. But God took issue and proceeded to prove the man's integrity. In doing so, evil was unchained in order to do some

accusing, interrogating and terrible testing.

The outcome was vindication, for this religious man kept faith and was justified in the sight of all. Moreover, God thereafter blessed him abundantly. Job indeed!

Here then are at least two good reasons for God allowing a crisis to arise: one to sift the faithless and the other to test the faithful. He pursues us to win us. In fact, the Greek word 'crisis' means a 'judgement' which looks for a godward decision on our part.

Unfortunately, many of those in the corridors of power and influence have largely lost sight of God. At the time of writing in the midst of the lockdown, I hear that faith in science or as Prince Charles says "faith in ourselves and one another" is what is needed.

Sure, we are very thankful to have medical science and altruism but the psalmist proposes we 'put not our trust in princes nor in any human power'. At this time of testing we would rather look to the 'Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour'; the Saviour, 'Risen, Ascended, Glorified'. Just because you have a crown 'Covid 19', who do you think you are?

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits thou hast given me
For all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother
May I know thee more clearly
Love thee more dearly
And follow thee more nearly
Day by day
Amen*

Richard of Chichester

*Lord, we know that you are good
And long to bless us
Pour out your blessing on the paths where you are leading us
And make us a blessing to others*
Anon

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 118: Salvation and steadfast love - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

YOU will not be surprised to learn that verses 1 and 2, plus verses 4 to 14, of this psalm are set to be read on Easter Day. Nor do any of its other verses detract from the clarity of its message.

Moreover, while Eastertide continues, there is also much here to give us comfort, strength and hope in these strange times.

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!
2. Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
3. Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
4. Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."
5. Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.
6. With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?
7. The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
8. It is better to take refuge in the

Lord than to put confidence in mortals.

9. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

10. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

11. They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

12. They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

13. I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me.

14. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

15. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous; "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

16. the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

17. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

18. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

19. Open to me the gates of

righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

20. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

21. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

28. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

29. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Bible readings May 2020

Sun 3 May [W] Easter 3	Gen: 7 Ps: 23	Acts: 2:42-End John: 10:1-10
Sun 10 May [W] Easter 4	Gen: 8:1-19 Ps: 31:1-5,15-16 or [31:1-5]	Acts: 7:55-End John: 14:1-14
Sun 17 May [W] Easter 5 OR Rogation	Gen: 8:20-9:17 Ps: 66:7-End	Acts: 17:22-31 John: 14:15-21
Sun 24 May [W] Easter 6 OR	Ezek: 36:24-28 Ps: 68:1-10, 32-End or	Acts: 1:6-14 John: 17:1-11
Sunday after Ascension Sun 31 May Pentecost OR Whit Sunday	[68:1-10] Num: 11:24-30 Ps: 104:26-36,37b or [104:26-End]	Acts: 2:1-21 John: 20:19-23 or Joh: 7:37-39

From the registers...

Funerals

Raymond Bradley, of Dalwood.
Funeral at East Devon
Crematorium March 23rd

Penelope Rutherford-Jones, of Stockland. Funeral at East Devon
Crematorium on April 20th

Christopher Gerald Pole-Carew, of Shute, Funeral at St Michael's Church, Shute, on March 6th

Mary Constance Moore, of Kilmington. Funeral at East Devon
Crematorium on March 24th

Weddings - None

Christenings - None



AXE Valley Wildlife Park sent in these photos of what some of the residents have been up to since the lockdown. The park is grateful to those who have donated food for the animals recently



SARAH Patch had a birthday with a difference last month. Sarah, who celebrated her 14th birthday on April 6th, wanted to go to the beach for fish and chips but the lockdown would not allow the trip. Instead, the beach came to Heathstock, Stockland. What a great idea! Happy birthday to Sarah

STAY SAFE AND STAY IN TOUCH

Help keep the parishes connected - send your local lockdown stories, news, views and photos to your correspondents or direct to the editor via email at

kate.williams5@icloud.com

We are continuing to put together special features for the coming issues to keep our community together whilst apart. See page 31 for all contact details

RELAXED COUNTRY DESCRIBED AS BRITAIN OF THE PAST

CROSSING the Tasman Sea towards New Zealand, it is noticeable that there is still a lot more water to fly over as your plane perhaps crosses over the vast Kaipara Harbour to Manakau Harbour on which Auckland Airport is situated.

Auckland itself has been built on the narrowest part of North Island so water is everywhere. Another interesting aspect is the lack of high rise buildings, the Sky tower still dominates the horizon with few others to compete. The possibility of an earthquake or volcanic eruption mainly in South Island, or Wellington, has meant that modern building science has evolved, so the buildings are virtually shock proof, but skyscrapers are not part of the city scapes.

The volume of traffic travelling through the city makes a painful journey and bridges and tunnels and many new relief roads are being constructed to try to solve the situation. However, once away from the constantly growing conurbation, the better the conditions become. Crossing over the Harbour Bridge going northwards, the silver masts of the thousands of yachts in the Marina in this city of sails, glitter on the water.

This young nation is still in the process of developing and pointed lumpy hills formed by the volcanic eruptions seem to have been placed randomly across the land. Away from the cities, the roadsides are covered with vegetation, evergreen trees, deciduous and broad-leaved native trees intertwined with palms and high grasses. Agapanthus flowers grow profusely, their blue or white flowers nodding as you pass.

An area going north on State Highway 1 is known as The Hibiscus Coast and masses of blooms brighten the hedges. Off the main highways, secondary roads pass over many little rivers crossed by single lane bridges with signs advising right of way. Chevrons on



BEACHES are often almost deserted by UK standards and families take to parks and beaches with picnics and barbecues to enjoy the air



the bends are marked with the 'suggested' speed limit so you know if it is '15' you must be very careful.

Due to the terrain, roads are not often straight and one has to admire those who set the infrastructure in place. This mammoth task usually upgraded the logging tracks made by the initial settlers. Since my first

visit 15 years ago the road system has improved, gravel roads, which cause a certain amount of dust in the dry weather, are still the norm off the main highways in the countryside, but are gradually being replaced with hard seal.

There is not much use made of the railways but single lane tracks

used by the logging trains crisscross the countryside and it is essential to stop at a level crossing as a train can appear at anytime.

Farmhouses and buildings are not at the roadside but can be seen in the distance, usually on an elevated level accessed by very long driveways. Dwellings in the countryside are often either reliant on huge water tanks which fill readily during the wet season - which is quite long - and supply all their needs throughout the year, or by private boreholes. This year there had been no rain since December and the earliest forecasted was the middle of March. I understand it is still continuing, so a drought situation is in place and people are being very careful with usage. Water companies have had to decline new business as their tankers cannot cope with demand.

Most of the original houses are bungalows made from what was available, therefore mainly wooden. Some are slatted surrounded by 'decks' and some with intricate verandahs in colonial style. Roofs are often made of tin, obviously insulated so you do not hear the rain. Out in the countryside, they often have several acres of land so a neighbour can be within view but not on your doorstep. It is quite common in the towns to see that gardens have been subdivided and new buildings erected very close to each other. People would move to a different area and their house could be transported to a new site by road.

You can order a new home, get the foundations built and transport your complete home ready to move into with electricity and plumbing connected within a very short time.

Transportation of such dwellings usually takes place at night, to try to avoid traffic jams and due to their width it is common for post boxes at the roadside to have to be removed to allow access. Due to the dust and traffic noise it is quite common for the newer buildings to have mounds erected between the house and the road. New vegetation grows so quickly that it only takes a year or two before the buildings are almost invisible from the road. Now with the

incredible increase in the population, brick houses are being erected, sadly, as is the case everywhere, in very close proximity, despite the seeming amount of land. Double-storey, terraced, semi-detached and town houses, are being built further out into the



THE terrain and infrastructure across New Zealand is far from this country's

countryside extending the city boundaries. Outbuildings are often cobbled together using a lot of corrugated iron, nothing seems to be wasted. Post-and-wire fences divide the paddocks in straight lines traversing up and down the hills.

Towns are usually a mix of new and old buildings with covered walkways and generally not of any great beauty. There are plenty of massive shopping centres containing everything under one roof, with food halls and underground parking facilities. Towns like Russell, Devonport and Arrowtown are remarkable for keeping their old colonial buildings, but generally an 'historic building' is an old shed.

Car parking is usually free with

allotted time limits and roadside parking is allowed in the direction of travel. There are large park-and-ride options to ferry people to Auckland city centre, bus lanes having preference and single car occupancy penalised by having to give way to multi-occupancy vehicles - which has been known to be abused by blow-up or cardboard cut-out figures sitting in the passenger seat!

New Zealanders have an amazing sense of humour. A rocky outcrop on our way home has encouraged the land owner to paint a huge beady eye overseeing the road and at least one road sign on a slip road to the motorway says 'You are going the wrong way'. Many of the side roads are named after the landowner, or previous occupants, and due to the terrain marked 'no exit'.

Beaches in the towns are usually accessed across grassy strips with plenty of trees giving shade away from the sand which can become very hot and painful to bare feet.

Cafes and shops line the roads across from the beaches but there are not usually promenades. The Department of Conservation has many designated areas open to the public with fantastic beaches to which families throng, taking their tents, blankets and barbecues to spend the whole day enjoying the fresh air. But the beaches themselves are not crowded and, indeed, almost deserted, certainly by our standards. Many of these sites have permanent gas barbecues which can be used by the public. Showers and toilet facilities are available, but everyone is expected to take their rubbish home at the end of the day.

It is said that New Zealand is like Britain in the past, the pace of life being more relaxed, certainly in respect of traffic on the roads away from the main towns, but quite as daunting within the built up areas.

It certainly rains a lot, frosts are very rare and snow can be observed on the mountains in the South Island.

But you can be on a sunny beach within a short distance, so how about a ski session followed by a bathe?

Gratitude to these people

- There are quite a few people who need a 'thank you' but I'd really like to mention the young people. There are a lot of teenagers helping in the shop and also Amelia Martin, who is 12, has got her sewing machine out and is sewing face masks for the NHS.

In Kilmington, Craig Seward is doing his charity garden waste collection.

Other people helping us personally are Andrew Ross, who fixed Morris's bike for us so that Morris can ride it when we go delivering food, and Brian Howard is restoring the skittles pins so they are ready for next season.

Tracey McGowan

- Kathy Laing and Dalwood Community Shop's band of volunteers!

Hilary Horley

- Tracey and family at the Tuckers Arms.

Anna Crabbe

- How about all the village - the word 'community'!

Without you all the shop and pub would not do what we do so a big thank you to you all for continuing support and for that we are grateful.

The Tuckers Arms, Dalwood

Friends helping Philippa bake

Editor,

Here are my 'thank yous' to three people in Millhayes [Stockland].

A very big thank you to Anna Trott and Barbara Dunkerly for help with ordering and delivering shopping for us. We appreciate it so much.

And to Gill Metcalfe for having the fruit and vegetable stall outside her gate. Eggs from Gill's hens and bread

flour from Anna meant I could make my hot cross buns (pictured) on Good Friday.

I would also like to thank Suzanne Bradbury, who has been very kind in regularly phoning local people who are in self-isolation to check they are okay.

Thank you,

Philippa Wilks



Send your 'thank you' letters to the editor by email for inclusion in the June issue of The Parishes' Paper - kate.williams5@icloud.com

The June issue deadline for editorial is May 12th



By Anna Crabbe

My lockdown life is so much calmer

AS I am writing this, we are in our third week of lockdown and it is amazing how quickly we have adjusted to a different way of life, not seeing family or friends, restricted in where we drive and only shopping for food and medicine.

Life is calmer, less frenetic and peaceful! We rely much more on technology and people are being amazingly creative in the way it is used.

I have joined the Great British Home Chorus, run by Gareth Malone, and it's great fun and it's always good to sing! It's on YouTube at 5.30pm each day.

Robert is making a new woodshed which has involved concrete blocks, wood, and a lot of noise! It's looking great now. He has also installed a tiny wood burner in the living van which will make steam fair trips very cosy!

I have made two dresses and now have started on tiny clothes for the three grandchildren due soon. One in two weeks, a brother or sister for William, and the twins in August! Rachel and Boo are having a boy and girl which is very exciting. Reuben will be two-and-a-half.

We have been very blessed by the sunny dry weather which means many people have been in their gardens. We are lucky to be able to socially isolate relatively easily. Not so easy in London, Birmingham or other large cities where, sadly, the coronavirus has spread extensively.

I have been moved by the clapping on Thursday evenings for our wonderful NHS workers and other essential workers. I pray that this spirit of community will continue when the lockdown has been lifted and people will remember the importance of looking after the vulnerable and lonely people in our communities.

Thank you for our support team in Kilmington organised by Peter Ball, Sam Seward and Sally Huscroft. Thank you to Darrell, Mike and Jed for streaming the services from Beacon Life and for including the St Giles family in that. The church is continuously finding imaginative ways of supporting and encouraging each other. Thank you to Tracey and Craig at the Tuckers Arms,



Carey and Mandy at the New Inn and the Old Inn for providing takeaway meals. Thank you to Chris Rowley, our postman hero, and all the staff at the Post Office. A big thank you to all at Millers Farm

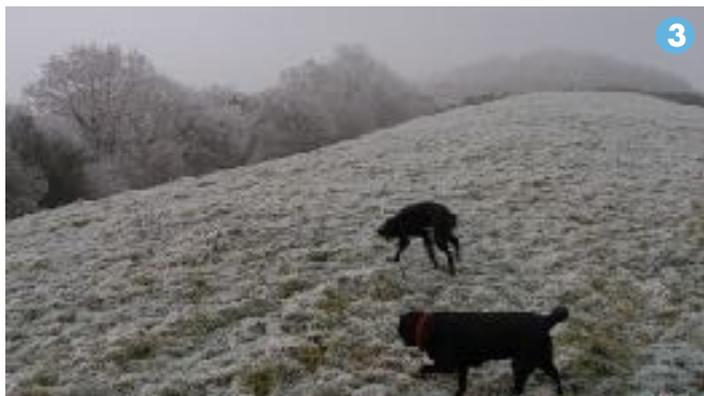
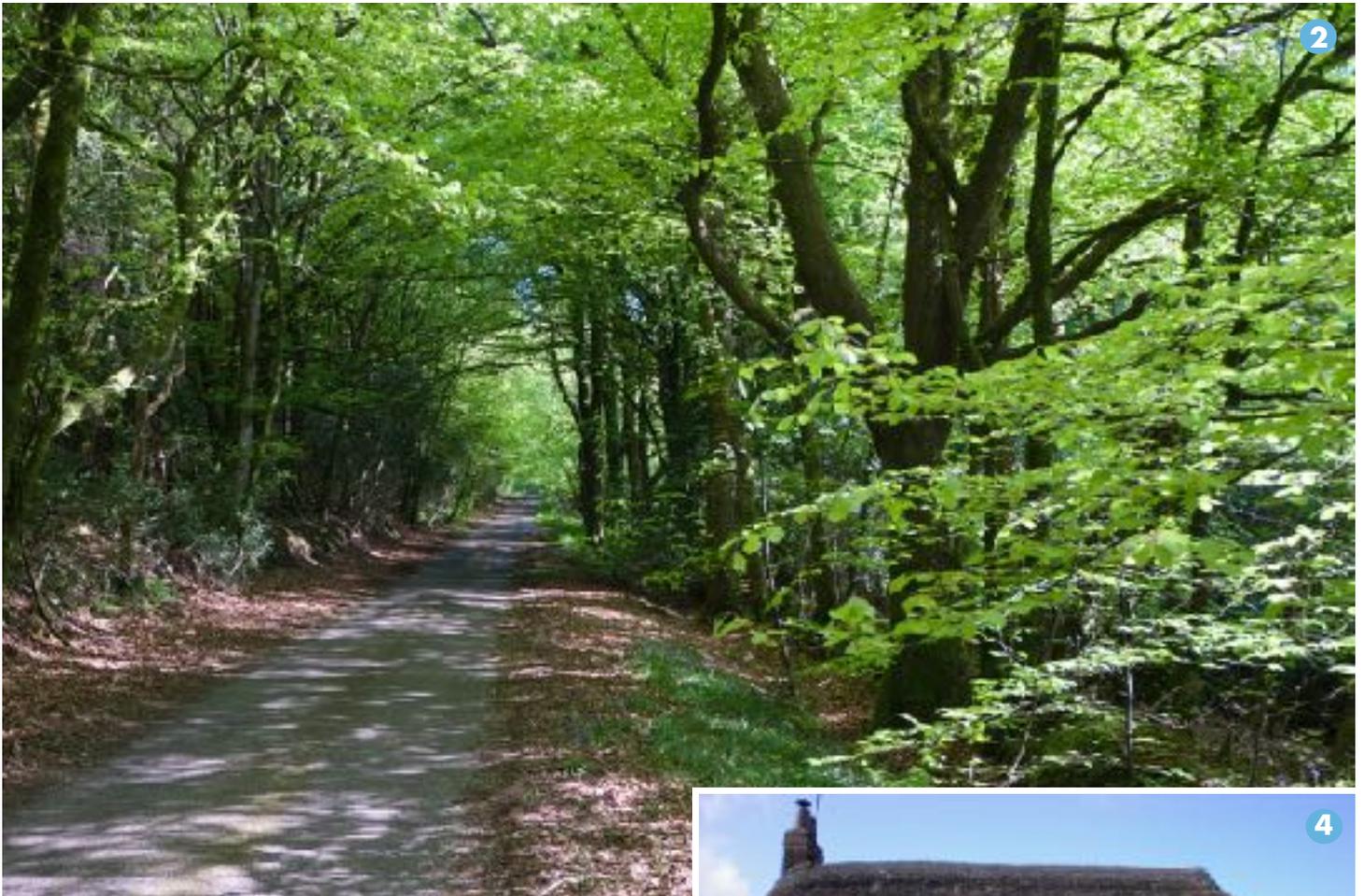
Shop, who have been under huge pressure to restock continuously because of the increase of people shopping.

I pray you will all keep well and safe.

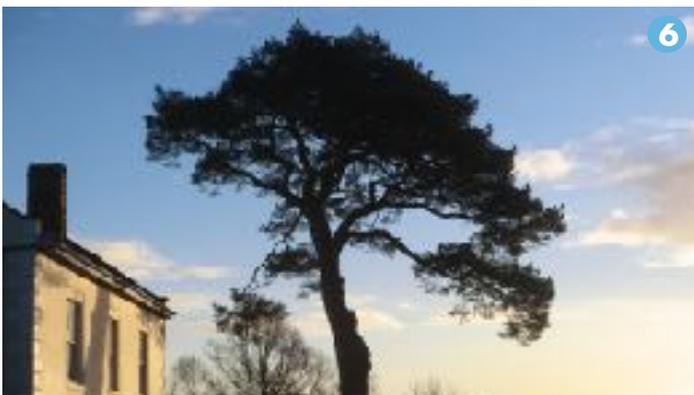
PARISH PHOTO FUN

How many places or objects do you know in the Five Alive Community? The Parishes' Paper's resident photographer, **Tim Phillips**, has chosen a selection of some of his local pictures for this feature everyone can play along with...

This is your chance to identify the object, location and/or view of this month's first selection of images. In these days of self-isolation, this is a 'just for fun' game for you and your family to play along with. See how many places you can spot and the answers will be published in next month's magazine, so put your thinking caps on.



PARISH PHOTO FUN





DALWOOD NEWS

Parish correspondent Michael Dods - dr.michaeldods@btconnect.com

Parish distributor Susan Hunnisett – 01404 881268

Prescriptions for villagers

DALWOOD village is boasting a prescription collection service to help the vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic.

Resident Shelagh Fearnley, who is co-ordinating the project, has outlined the way it will work and thanked everyone involved..

“Thank you for registering with the scheme,” she said. “You can still register, just ring or email me, it really is helping to keep the footfall down in the surgery.

“Please, please don’t forget to let me know you have ordered a prescription for collection.

“Dalwood’s collection day is Friday, I

need to know every time you order a prescription by Monday of any week to be ready for collection on the following Friday.

“This allows me to send the weekly collection list to the surgery, to ensure it is ready for collection when we arrive. Thank you.”

The volunteer collection team, along with Shelagh, is Catherine, David, Tim, Emily, Jake, Natalie and Caroline.

Residents can contact Shelagh on 01404 or by email at bsfearnley@icloud.com.

The group is rotating the weekly collections and deliveries.

Please grow!

ALTHOUGH Dalwood Plant Sale has been postponed, the organiser of the event is asking for the public to continue to grow plants.

Shelagh Beak, who runs the event which would have taken place in May, said: “Although the plant sale has to be postponed to later in the summer please continue to grow and pot up plants which can be sold at a sale later in the year.

“I have a good selection of pots if needed.

“This is a valuable fundraiser for the Recreation Field and any contributions including unwanted containers and sundries will be gratefully received.”

For further information, please contact Shelagh on 01404 881760.

Don't forget to...



CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!



To say THANK YOU to ALL key workers



DON'T FORGET to smile TODAY

STAY SAFE STAY WELL

Remember

There's always a rainbow after Every storm

And don't forget to smile today



Every Thursday 8.00pm

Make some noise: clap, sing, bang to say

THANK YOU

Tuckers Takeaway

We are aware that a lot of people in our community are currently staying in their homes to self-isolate

To try and help the community during this time we will temporarily be offering a takeaway and collection service

Customers can order food over the telephone and we will deliver within two miles of Dalwood or food can be collected from our premises

Menu from Tuesday the 13th of April

Antipasti meats with bread, olives and salad

Smoked Salmon and Prawn Salad in Marie Rose with Bread

Steak and Ale Pie with Mash, Peas and Gravy

Smoked Haddock, Cod and Plaice Stew with Bread

Chicken Biryani with Rice, Naan and Curry Sauce

Vegan Sweet Pepper Biryani with Rice, Naan and a

Coconut Milk based Curry Sauce

£8 each delivery or collection included

All food is freshly made to order in foil takeaway containers for the customer to heat at their convenience at home

Order on 01404 881342

Order in advance or by 12pm on the same day

Home delivery can be made 12pm-1pm

Collection before 12pm or at 5pm only

Sunday Roast can be ordered for Sunday 20th of April

Slow Roast Silverside of Beef, Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets and Stuffing

Please ask for veggie/vegan options. All will be available for delivery before

12pm or collection between 11.30am and 12.45pm. All Roasts are £10 each.

Please order roasts by 9pm of Friday evening at the latest so we can order in enough stock.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide Sunday roasts on weekdays only on Sunday

Payment can be made over the telephone by credit/debit card or cash on delivery/collection

Please understand that due to the current situation to protect our staff and customers we can only allow customers Covid 19 symptom free onto the premises for collections. Once you have collected you must leave immediately

Please advise staff of any allergies or intolerances when ordering

We at the tuckers arms would like to thank our customers for always showing their support, were proud to be a business in the heart of Dalwood

The PARISHES' LOCKDOWN

To keep the Five Alive community thriving during the coronavirus pandemic, we want to hear from our readers

- What is keeping you busy during lockdown?
- Send us your photos
- Send in your 'thank you' letters

You can email your contributions to your parish correspondents or direct to the editor - see page 31 for contact details

FIVE ALIVE COMMUNITY OIL SYNDICATE

THE MAY DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMITTING OIL ORDERS FALLS ON **MONDAY 25TH**.

I WOULD ASK THAT MEMBERS EITHER MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN EXACT AMOUNT OR IF ORDERING A 'TOP-UP' THEN PLEASE SUBMIT AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE AS POSSIBLE WITH A MINIMUM OF 500 LITRES IN ALL CASES.

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SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 6.00pm
Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm

POST OFFICE opening times

3 mornings a week

MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am
TUESDAY: 9.00-11.30am
THURSDAY: 9.00-11.30am

We **ARE OPEN** and can only remain open during The Pandemic because we have so much support from volunteers managing their usual shifts and taking extra shifts. Welcome to our new volunteers who've joined the team, those volunteers shopping for the shop, and others delivering orders to those self-isolating. To our customers who have loyally used the shop, some increasing their purchases in these challenging times



Every single Volunteer and customer have made a huge difference,

We couldn't do it without YOU, from Kathy, Shelagh B, George, Shelagh F, Lyn and Colin Proud of Dalwood Shop and Post Office, its community and to be 2019-20 Dalwood Shop's committee



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Film crew and archdeacon attend Finlay's Christening

By Brian Lavender

A FILM crew joined the Archdeacon of Exeter at Kilmington church in March, which was shown on ITV West Country.

The service was broadcast on the regional news programme on the following Monday and Tuesday, March 16th and 17th, as an example of the church's measures against coronavirus.

The archdeacon, the Venerable Andrew Beane, led a service of Holy Communion and Christening in St Giles's Church.

Amid concern about the coronavirus, measures

recommended by the Church of England were put into effect - the washing of hands before and leaving the church, the absence of handshaking during 'the peace' and avoidance of close contact with others being examples.

There was a good attendance of young people in particular because Finlay Buse, the third child of Simon and Samantha, was about to be baptised as had his two sisters, Matilda and Eliza, in recent years.

The Archdeacon bade a warm welcome, and the service started with prayers and hymns. The Gospel reading from St John was given by Brian Lavender and the intercession prayers led by Diana Mellows.

In the archdeacon's address, he involved the children directly who responded to his questions. Parents and godparents assembled in front of the congregation to make their vows before Finlay was signed with a cross from water in the font and baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The sharing of communion was limited to the bread, the wine being taken by the priest on behalf of all present. There were some lovely hymns chosen by the Buse family and the service concluded with the lighting of a candle to symbolise the light of Christ for all the days of Finlay's life. The service was lively and a very happy occasion.

Elizabeth will be deeply missed by all, says son

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Mary Foster
April 12 1934 - March 13 2020

ELIZABETH Mary Foster aged 85 passed away on 13th March 2020 at her home in Kilmington.

A devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt and friend, Elizabeth was happiest when surrounded by her family and friends.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Elizabeth's neighbours and friends in Kilmington

for all their help and support at this very sad time.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be sent to Elizabeth Foster's home or the funeral directors WG Potter in Axminster.

Due to the situation of self-isolation for many people, we will have 'A Celebration of Elizabeth Mary Foster' in Kilmington Village Hall, when the current restrictions are lifted.

Details will be announced in due course.

She will be deeply missed by all her friends and family.

Andrew Whitney



Please send Kilmington news, views or ideas to the parish correspondent Michael Tyler - mwtyler2@googlemail.com



Scrubbing up: Susie gets sewing for NHS

By Kate Williams

PHLEBOTOMIST and cake designer Susie Gambie has dusted off her sewing machine to make scrubs for the NHS during her time in lockdown.

Susie, of Kilmington, works part-time at Axminster Doctors Surgery as well as running her cake business, Creations by Susie, but has turned her hand to another creative project during this time of need.

In her job at the medical centre, she has been involved with patients and seen some of the turmoil the virus has brought.

She says: "I've been busy making scrubs for hospital. It's hard work but nothing compared to what NHS hospital staff are doing.

"I felt the need to do more to help so when I spotted a post on Facebook from The Love of Scrubs, I realised there was a mass shortage of scrubs everywhere.

"I'm no seamstress but decided I could do my bit by getting sewing. It has proved to be more hard work than I thought but I'm getting into a routine now. I've had offers of help both from donations of cash for supplies and from others happy to sew.

"Axminster Power Tools donated £100 which bought enough fabric and other supplies to make 12 sets of scrubs, which was very kind of them. They have also provided protective equipment to our surgery.

"Making scrubs has definitely kept me busy. It has been a great opportunity to try and help fellow NHS staff who are very much in the thick of it.

"My first set of six went to Stoke Mandeville as there was a request there. I have another five nearly ready to go but they do take a little while even though I've got into a great routine.

"There are so many amazing people sewing individually and as part of groups. West Dorset Scrubbers set up just after I got my fabric so I may look to join them when I run out of supplies.

"Others have been directed to a [charity funding] page that supplies volunteers with fabric to carry on the good work. The need for more scrubs, hats, laundry bags is massive. I just wish I could do more.

"So, instead of enjoying the Easter holidays in the Lake District I got sewing!"

For more details go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/scrubs-aid-for-materials-and-postage?utm_source=facebook.

Dad and son launch green waste project for charities

KILMINGTON father and son have teamed up to help villagers with their garden waste during the coronavirus pandemic.

Stafford Seward OBE and his son, Craig, realised the council had stopped the collection service so they have taken it upon themselves to take it on and are only asking for donations to local charities.

Craig says: "Me and dad have been doing a green waste collection in the village. I noticed that the council had stopped doing it for the foreseeable, due to the coronavirus outbreak.

"We decided to offer a green waste collection in the village for the residents so they could continue gardening.

"I felt it would help people being self-contained and isolated, to keep busy and active.

"We did it for the first time on the April 10th and had a very positive response to it.

"All we asked is that people would kindly donate some money so we can help some local charities and organisations in the local area.

"We have decided to continue this, until the council resume green waste collections. At the end of it, whatever money we make will be split towards charities of mine and dad's choice.

"We made £400 on the first collection and, hopefully, we can add to that in the near future.

"We are really happy that we can help, and if it means it can help and benefit people in this difficult time, then we have done our job."

*Kate Williams
Editor*



STOCKLAND NEWS

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By Gill Metcalfe

THE coronavirus lockdown has meant major changes for the parish community.

January 2020 saw a thriving vivacious community, overjoyed with the re-opening of The King's Arms and the welcome return of a centralised community vibe.

The village was truly buzzing. How quickly things change! Faced with the current total closure regime and stay-at-home embargo, somehow the parish has mobilised into an unbelievable caring community coping admirably with the imposed restrictions.

The Stockland Tree has covered all the local help groups; slots in super markets have been booked, take-away meals arranged - The King's Arms and the Fish and Chip organisers, Phil the Fish gratefully commandeered at the end of agreed roads, phone help lines established, and prescriptions collected and surely more.

There are so many unsung heroes out there and examples of goodwill just ensuring the welfare of neighbours and others. It really is a well done and thank you to so many.

Close to home - Shore Bottom - is the fruit and veggie stall set up outside Cawleys by Anna Trott and Barbara Dunkley, with Anna organising the supermarket slots, egg sales and greengrocery collections from wholesalers - offering goods at cost. Given the increase in such produce prices they did well to achieve this.

Barbara's plants, recently added to the stall, have proved a point of

WE'VE GOT THIS

Life goes on as parish rallies in Shore Bottom and beyond



interest to those who garden and indeed, given the need to stay put have encouraged others to garden.

In addition, Kayley has provided the prescription collection run.

Shore Bottom has been so fortunate to have been so well looked after. It is clear from the online Stockland Tree communications that the Stockland parish has it covered.



As we continue in a state of lockdown, it is vital to keep in touch with the community - as is being demonstrated so wonderfully in the Five Alive parishes. Please continue to send your Stockland news, views and photos to Stockland correspondent Gill Metcalfe - gilldog12@gmail.com

STAY HOME - STAY SAFE - STAY IN TOUCH

STOCKLAND NEWS

All human life is here, if you have the vision

COLIN Bennet offers a personal perspective of his life in Stockland having made an enriching move to the area some nine years ago...

Author and inordinate traveller Bill Bryson wrote, 'Britain still has the most reliably beautiful countryside of anywhere in the world. I would hate to be part of the generation that allowed it to be lost'. Bryson's sentiments resonate with me. The rich diversity and beauty of rural life in Stockland continues to be my daily delight.

Sojourning North in the 1960s, to further my 'stuttering education', I left the village of my birth where, it is said, the soil in rural Worcestershire is so rich and fertile you can throw a seed over your shoulder and it will germinate and grow and thrive without any help. Agriculture in Devon, however, can be just a little more challenging.

Living alongside a dairy farm, I see daily the 24-7 challenge presented by 21st Century agriculture. Such are the demands, challenges and exigencies of hillside farming, which tends to be a traditional family succession where grandfather, father and sons follow each other in tending the stock, land and countryside.

Easter is a time of renewal and new life. As if right on cue, the sound of a tractor labouring with the task of ploughing a huge meadow next to my home attracted my attention. I watched in respectful fascination.

Years of grazing had impacted the spent old turf that demanded the best from the tractor and driver. Row by row, rich furrows replaced, refreshed and aerated the soil. It was a mammoth task, but one of great reward known best by those fortunate to have completed such tasks.

Now of that 'stuttering education' mentioned earlier. I was fortunate enough to have come into contact with the musings of Seamus Heaney. Mindful of my own thoughts, feelings and emotions watching the old



meadow being ploughed bought to mind a Heaney poem I first read when I was little more than a boy myself. My dad was a farm worker, a ploughman and every inch a country man when I was such a boy a lifetime ago. Ironical that I am now well into my 70s and dad a distant memory and pictures in a family album.

Easter, hey, to remind - a time of renewal, aspiration and moving on. Stockland! All human life is here if you've the time, inclination and vision to see it.

Follower

My father worked with a horse-plough,
His shoulders globed like a full sail strung
Between the shafts and the furrow.
The horses strained at his clicking tongue

An expert. He would set the wing
And fit the bright steel-pointed sock.
The sod rolled over without breaking.
At the headrig with a single pluck

Of reins, the sweating team turned round
And back into the land, His eye
Narrowed and angled at the ground,
Mapping the furrow exactly.

I stumbled in his hobnailed wake,
Fell sometimes on the polished sod;
Sometimes he rode me on his back
Dipping and rising to his plod.

I wanted to grow up and plough,
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.
All I ever did was follow
In his broad shadow around the farm.

I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,
Yapping always. But today
It is my father who keeps stumbling
Behind me, and will not go away.

Seamus Healey

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

*A lovely hymn by Jan Struther,
for saying or for singing...*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy;
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe;
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, y our arms to embrace;
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Submitted by Philippa Wilks



It's game, set and match to the mole

By Gill Metcalfe

LAST month, *The Parishes' Paper* contained an article which berated the return of the rat from its holiday elsewhere other than the rural fraternity.

The recipe for 'alluring rats' - with grateful acknowledgement to Jayne Wilks's Really Rural text book on such subjects - sadly brought no comment from magazine readers - perhaps the recommendation needed more thought.

It is clear that the rat problem will have to be addressed with some immediacy for some of those less fortunate than others whom the said creature has bypassed.

This month, it is the turn of the gentle mole to be rebuked. Reference once again to Jayne Wilks's text notes a question posed by an anxious reader as follows:

Question: 'I would be most grateful for advice on ridding my property of moles under the lawn'. Why the focus on just the lawn is questioned here! Anyway, Jayne comes up with the following rural answers:

- Insert empty bottles base down into the runs - the wind noise across the neck of a bottle is supposed to drive the moles away.

- Place small slices of lemon down holes about 6ins - 8ins deep in the lawn on grassed areas. If a grid of, say, 3ft square is made of holes over the lawn, this seems to have some effect. The disadvantage of this method is that lemons in bulk are expensive.

- Having read somewhere that moles will not go within 70 ft of Caper Spurge, and having been told by a friend that experience had led her to agree, I put in a few plants near the runs of my moles. See end note!

- Moles can be kept at bay by planting a certain plant called Euphorbia.

- I was very pleased to see your notes on the subject of moles. I can give a straight forward answer - shoot them, and I am not joking!

The latter smacks of 'high noon' on British Lawns. The final word on the subject of mole eradication is proffered as follows:

'Firstly, for clarification, Lathyrus and Caper Spurge are one and the same. Personally, I don't think it works. I have tried all the above remedies and to encourage you, must admit that I have more moles on my lawn/land than I have ever had before. Mole traps were also purchased - but say no more, or with apologies, say no moles!'





SHUTE NEWS

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Festival Zooms in with launch of digital event

SHUTE Festival, which is now in its fifth year, will be beating the coronavirus lockdown by holding its 2020 events online.

Rather than cancelling its line-up of bestselling authors, festival organisers have arranged for the events to go online via digital video programme Zoom. As a bonus, virtual visitors can access the events for free from the comfort of their own homes.

Half a dozen events are lined up for the next few months. Forthcoming highlights for May include Financial Times travel editor and local resident Sophy Roberts on her new book, *The Lost Pianos of Siberia* on May 22nd, 6-7pm and Devon author and broadcaster James Crowden, pictured right bottom, well-known in the region for his expertise in Devon food, poetry, and cider, on his recently-published *The Frozen River: Seeking Silence in the Himalaya*, May 23rd, 6-7pm.

Festival co-director Samantha Knights says: "Both of these books have taken on a new meaning personally at this time as we all face difficult times and much uncertainty.

"Both are set in areas of deep isolation and adversity, and describe travel and endurance in times of profound austerity. Both of these talks will have a lot to say to those who are dealing with the stresses of the lockdown."

Later events in June and July include a strong travel theme, with Peter Fiennes on *Footnotes: A Journey Round Britain* in the Company of Great Writers on June 26th, 7.30pm, and the award-winning Robert Twigger - an old friend of the festival, who appeared in the first festival in 2016 - on *Walking the Great North Line: From Stonehenge to Lindisfarne to Discover the Mysteries of Our Ancient Past*, June 26th, 7.30pm.

In July, Sunday Times chief foreign correspondent Christina Lamb OBE, pictured right, will speak on her new book *Our Bodies Their Battlefield*, on women's experience of war, July 18th, 10.30am, based on her own reporting from war zones over 25 years.

The festival is normally held at St Michael's Church and Shute Primary School, and the profits from the festival are used to support both of them. Despite the lockdown, the festival hopes to continue its charitable support for both of these local institutions and further details will be available in due course.

Festival events this year will be broadcast as Zoom webinars. Those wishing to attend should visit the festival website at www.shutefest.org.uk for further details on how to join these events, and also to sign up for the festival website.



Please stay in touch by telling us what you are doing during lockdown
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YARCOMBE NEWS

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Village's coronavirus response

By Lesley Sutton

THE village is grateful to Miranda Gudenian, editor of our informative magazine, The Voices, who set up an e-voices extra in the late summer of 2016, originally to advise details of news that had come too late for publication but were worthy of note.

This has included information about road closures, lost dogs and other such information. Those distributing The Parishes' Paper and The Voices have contacted their subscribers to ascertain whether they are on Miranda's mailing list, to ensure that most can be kept in the frame.

This service has become invaluable in keeping everyone up-to-date with the coronavirus outbreak bulletins and those who are offering assistance, regular messages being sent out to all. Copies of these notes are posted on the village noticeboard as it is felt that those not with internet access are likely to post letters and can, therefore, be kept in the loop.

The village is aware of local businesses which can provide domestic needs which can either be delivered or ordered by phone and safely collected and those who have volunteered to help those in need.

Complete Meats; Christine Parris, eggs; Lorna Burdge, pork products; Phil Pearce, fish; Churchinford village shop, Barleymows farm shop, Ganesh health foods, Joshua's Harvest Store and Claire Pearce at Combe Dingle Nurseries, for example.

The Kings Arms in Stockland can provide takeaway meals and the Flintlock in Marsh is providing a similar system for the Marshans!

Danny, our indefatigable paper man, delivers newspapers at some ungodly hour as usual. David Little has taken, as part of his daily exercise, to climbing the 54 steps to the church clock mechanism to wind



the clock so we may know the time even if we do not know what day it is.

Churchinford Surgery, to which many in the village belong, is arranging prescription deliveries, together with other offers of help via our Good Neighbours scheme. This has been a service provided to the village since a parish survey conducted in 2003 and is co-ordinated by Judith David. Originally used mainly to organise trips to hospital appointments, or visiting relatives, it has taken on a new lease of life with many willing volunteers offering to help those in need. Judith tells me that someone on the outskirts of the village - which is actually a very large parish in size, though not population - contacted the Beehive Centre in Honiton and was redirected to her.

Peter Tarrant, village webmaster, has created a coronavirus page on the home page of www.yarcombe.com which is full of information.

A seed swap has been set up in the Post Office porch. Philip Kerr, graphic designer, has left a box with packs of two cards with stamps in the Lytch gate to keep people in touch by mail. Pat Bright has offered

craft work for all which can be collected and the flower show committee has organised a couple of competitions. Various quizzes are winging their way round the village and jigsaw puzzles, knitting, gardening, home baking, book swaps have taken off with a vengeance.

Here in the centre of the village, we have been aware of the nationwide response to the clapping for the NHS - the first event being very eerie as it was dark and we couldn't actually see anyone but could hear them all - and the bell ringing, which took all forms from bicycle bells, wind chimes and the tolling of the Belfry Bell by Neil Martin to show our appreciation.

On the whole, we feel really lucky here as most of us have gardens of various sizes and the good weather is keeping us outside, even those who do not usually enjoy the necessary work. A shame that this year the flower show has been cancelled as there will no doubt be a plethora of vegetables and flowers of supreme quality.

We are also able to go for walks and enjoy all the spring flowers in the hedgerows, now being joined by the bluebells which are starting to

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peep through the foliage. Also, meet others bent on the same exercise and able to chat to each other from a safe distance, so some form of social contact is being made.

As one who lives by myself I, together with so many others, am immensely grateful for all the telephone calls and emails which keep me sane - if possible - from my friends and family. It has been a great opportunity to catch up with people not seen for some time.

Yarcombe looks forward to a time when we can all meet together and throw a 'beano'.

Please stay in touch by telling us how you are spending your lockdown days

Contact your Yarcombe correspondent,
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Young farmers make best of it with virtual contests

AT the beginning of March, 36 Yarcombe and District Young Farmers' Club members went away for the most anticipated weekend of the year - South West Area event.

Taking place in Newquay from March 6-8th, members were joined by others Young Farmers Club (YFC) groups from across the South West. A very good time was had by all, sampling Newquay's pubs and clubs.

We have been playing pub sports and on March 11th, a group of members played against Axminster YFC at York Inn where Yarcombe YFC won the pool and darts.

A coach full of members had been looking forward to going to Whimple and District YFC ball at Crealy Adventure Park, but this unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Members are hoping this ball will be rescheduled for later on in the year.

All other Young Farmers Club

events have also been cancelled for the time being.

In these uncertain times, as a club, we have been getting involved with various virtual challenges and baking competitions through social media, as well as still keeping our farms going.

Due to the current situation on coronavirus, as a Young Farmers' Club, some of our members have set up a campaign to help the local community around Upottery, Combe St Nicholas, Cotleigh, Yarcombe, Broadway and surrounding areas. Please contact us on 07411 837605 if we can assist you in any way to help the vulnerable and elderly.

We hope you all stay safe and well in these uncertain times. If anyone has any further questions please contact chairman Dan Olive on 07811 744714, or secretary Laura Dare on 07411 837605.

Natalie Sampson
Press Secretary

YARCOMBE WEATHER MARCH 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	11.2°C	12.4°C	8.2°C
Average Min.	3.6°C	5.2°C	2.2°C
Average Overall temperature	7.4°C	8.8°C	5.2°C
Rainfall	72.2mm	109.6mm	213.2 mm
Wettest Day	4th 16.3mm	8th 34.2 mm	14th 31.5 mm
Sunniest Day	25th 12.0 hrs approx.	27th 11.5 hrs	25th 9.5 hrs
Warmest Day	24th 17.1°C	28th 17.0°C	25th 14.0°C
Coldest Night	6th 0.1°C	8th 0.7°C	1st -6.2°C
Sunshine hours	86 hours approx.	110hrs	81 hrs

The weather in March changed for the better as soon as the country went into coronavirus lockdown. Not a drop of rain fell for the last 11 days of the month and plenty of sunshine.

Weather forecasts could get less accurate due to the fall in air traffic especially over the Atlantic, although forecasters gain a lot of information from shipping, aircraft normally produce 700,000 high quality observations per day of the high altitude wind speed plus the direction together with the air temperature which are all fed automatically into computer models around the world to help to produce forecasts.

Tony Newman

Seven groups benefit from transition project's grants

AN upside to the current crisis everyone is facing with coronavirus has been the way the communities in the Blackdown Hills have come together to help and assist those who have been unable fend for themselves.

The pubs have taken to becoming local shops and takeaways, neighbours have delivered essential goods and services including prescriptions to those unable to get out. It has galvanised community support networks in order to ensure as many of us as possible get through the crisis unharmed.

This working together and promoting community support networks is a fundamental requirement and an essential objective of the transition movement in order to promote local

sustainability.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group through its various activities like the Repair Café and apple days, has been fortunate to be able to offer some small grants funded by donations at events in order to support local environment improvements.

The group would like to thank everybody who has made a donation to make these small grants possible.

Seven local groups applied and have each received £250 to progress their objectives. They are:

1. Churchstanton School local hedge regeneration project
2. Hemyock Primary School Kitchen Garden Project.
3. Blackdown Community Bus - Providing A Service To The

Community.

4. Repair at Home and Skills Share Scheme

5. CBO news schools Climate Change project

6. Longmead Environmental Project Raised Bed

7. Hemyock Wildflower Verge Project

We have cancelled all future Repair Cafés until further notice.

For more information and to volunteer your help, please contact Stephan Lehner via email at blackdownhillsrc@gmail.com or by phone on 0771 546 0783.

All details are on the website at www.blackdownhillstransition.net.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group and Community Fund



Our church warden is not letting people into the church just now



The twins had been doing Messy Church at home.

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD...

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard... sorry, Bronnie, no bones in my cupboard either, but enough flour and sugar and a tin of pineapple to make a cheerful upside-down cake

Ingredients:

The recipe is Canadian, so the measurements are in cups

2 cups of plain flour
 3 tsp baking powder
 ½ tsp salt
 ½ cup soft margarine/soft butter
 1 ¼ cups caster sugar
 2 eggs
 1 tsp vanilla
 1 cup of milk

For the topping

1/3 cup of butter
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 tin pineapple rings
 A few glace cherries

Method:

- Heat the oven to 180/160C fan and line a 9-inch square cake tin
- Stir flour, baking powder and salt together.
- In another bowl, beat the margarine/butter with the



sugar. Add eggs gradually and the vanilla.

- Fold in the flour etc. alternately with the milk.
- The pineapple topping. Melt the butter in the square cake tin; add the sugar and stir well.
- Drain the pineapple rings, arrange on top of the butter/sugar mixture in the cake tin. Put a cherry in each ring.
- Cover with the cake batter. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes. Cool in the tin for 15 minutes before inverting carefully on a plate. Serve warm or cold.

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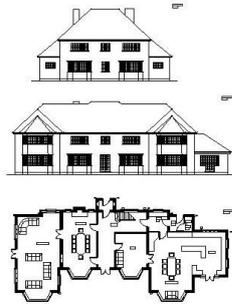
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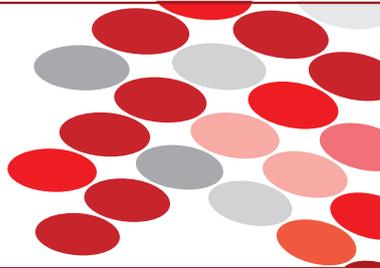
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www.fivealive.org - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as previous issues of The Parishes' Paper.

www.stockland.org.uk - For information on what is happening within Stockland and some surrounding areas, including takeaways, online entertainment, useful general information, as well as access to join in the Stockland Tree, please visit this website.

www.dalwoodparish.co.uk - Information on what's currently happening within Dalwood, contacts for each church in the area general and includes a list of local walks.

www.yarcombe.net - Stay up-to-date on what is happening within Yarcombe in their local website which includes information on any contacts required, local walks, and general information on the area.

www.kilmingtongvillage.com - Kilmington's local website is ready with plenty of information on what is currently happening with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak and is providing many links to government websites and advice as well as contacts for needs within the parish. You will also find on the website lots of useful information on the local area.

The Church of England - Online services are being posted weekly on the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online. As well, you can find many other resources are available on the website for prayer reflection, devotions and practical information during this time.

The Beacon, Kilmington - Currently hosting LIVE Sunday services on their Facebook as well as on Youtube at 10:30am. You can find these by searching for Beacon Life on YouTube, as well as www.facebook.com/TheBeaconLife. Along with the Sunday services, online house groups and mid-week live sessions are also taking place on these platforms.

Dalwood Village Shop - Local food deliveries in the Dalwood area. For more details call 01404 881401.

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