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HIGHS AND LOWS, BUT WE ARE SO LUCKY HERE

By Kate Williams

EVEN though we are isolated from friends and family with our freedom restricted, we must be thankful for living in this stunning part of the world.

I am the first to admit that I am starting to get twitchy now and the ups and downs of life in lockdown are extreme.

I am not ashamed to share that home schooling versus working from home has had me in tears on more than one occasion but, on the whole, I am utterly grateful to be living in Dalwood, able to venture out - either on foot, bike or horse - to drink in the beauty of the valleys around me.

With this in mind, this month's issue is celebrating how lucky we are to live in the Five Alive community with the photo special on page 9 - Blessed to Live Here.

I would also like to draw attention to some of our younger readers who have featured in this issue, particularly Morris McGowan, of Dalwood, who has written a report of what his life in lockdown has entailed so far and what it means to him, see page 10.

This issue also boasts a VE Day feature with pictures of how the community celebrated this victorious day. My children were treated to a history and topic lesson from their Grandma (at a social distance) on what life was like for her own mother and others during the Second World War. We also enjoyed a British tea



party, pictured above, with cupcakes made by my daughter, Elsa, pictured top right.

My message this month is, although it's perfectly acceptable to struggle with the situation, please, please be grateful for where we live when so many do not have this luxury. And, if you're struggling with home schooling and all else fails, shut your children in a sheep feeder, see picture below.

Disclaimer: No children (or sheep) were harmed or stuck during the photography for this page.



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CORONAVIRUS: WHY DOES GOD PERMIT SUCH EVIL?

Rev Roger Waring

REV Barry Brewer's response in last month's issue of *The Parishes' Paper* is very helpful. It is well worth repeated reflective reading in part and in full. He has certainly lit more than a spark or two of positive thoughts in me.

For a lot of years I have reflected on the place in life of earthquake and flood, on human wickedness, and many responses of generous love. These are big questions and a continuing puzzle. If I were still preaching, I would now be working very hard on saying something useful, concise, and clear.

Some years ago, a friend introduced me to a visiting preacher, "I would like you to meet Roger. He preaches simply on simple subjects." That was so very kind... but untrue!

Having been a professional teacher for most of my working life, I always seek to explain clearly and simply, in as few helpful words as I can. But the topics I now seek to communicate are usually not at all easy, and cleverer people than I write profound books on them!

So here goes, in as few words as I can muster...

Understanding the complexities of natural and man-made cruelties - such as earthquake and abuse - for me begins with opposites.

We can recognise Love because we know its opposites of indifference and hate.

We can identify forgiveness because we know how to harbour resentment and bitterness.

We make sense of constructive attitudes by comparing the destructive - peace with disturbance, honesty with cheating, generosity with exploitation, mercy with cruelty, courage with cowardice, and in the natural world - the growth of spring flowers with volcanic destruction!

It seems to me that if there were no negatives to compare with the positives we would never really know or value qualities and actions such as love, or forgiveness, or faith, or friends.

There would, in fact, be no choices to make, with no need for faith or any other choice. We would lack the ability to choose the positives and life would become bland. We would be less like real people and more like mindless zombies. We would not 'make' friends, as everyone would be the same. We would not give our hearts in marriage. We would not give our life to God as we would have no means of ever seeing the enabling love in that commitment. We would, in fact, be senseless!

So that, I suggest, may be why good qualities and events are present in us and in this wonderful world and universe, alongside damaging ones.

So we can make our choices and ourselves be worth knowing, where we can give our hearts and energies to each other and to God, who loves us so very much in spite of our clumsy shortfall; the God who loves us and came among us in the person of Jesus to draw us towards himself and is now ever present with the comfort and strength of his Spirit... so that we may choose to be filled with God's great love and share him with each other.

In the sadnesses and worries of the present lockdown and illnesses, let's thank God that we can still share his wonderful love with neighbours and friends, offering prayer for those who suffer anxiety, and encouragement and practical support for those in need.

How about using this prayer, recently recommended by Bishop Robert of Exeter?

*Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred;
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen*

The Five Alive Mission Community will be holding a monthly Sunday Service of Worship online on the first Sunday of every month starting on Sunday, June 7th at 11am. The first service will be led by our Archdeacon, Andrew Beane, and both Gill and Anna will be participating. Everyone is welcome to join the service using the online meeting forum, Zoom and if you do not have access to a computer by telephone. For details of how to use Zoom and how to join the service please contact Rachel Hudson by email using 5alivemc@gmail.com or telephone 07568531579 or your church warden/parish representative. We do hope that you will be able to join the service to listen to Andrew and to 'meet up' with friends.

The *Parishes' Paper* would like to clarify where contributors should send material they wish to be published.

Parish-specific editorial material for publication on a specific Parish page (Dalwood, Kilmington, Stockland, Shute, Whitford and Yacombe) should be sent to the respective parish correspondent. Non-parish-specific

editorials and all adverts (including for charities and charitable events) should be sent to Martin Nunns.

In order to ensure your advert is printed please do not send adverts to the parish correspondents.

We welcome photographs and request that these are sharp images and at least 1MB in size. Items for

inclusion on the Future Events page and pages 1-7 should be sent to Martin Nunns.

Email addresses for the above contacts can be found on page 31 and we would be very grateful if you could submit your contributions by the deadline date printed each month on page 31. Thank you.

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 3 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

FOR those who specify the psalms into groups of a like kind, Psalm 3 is often classified as a 'lament', as are a sizeable proportion of the 150 psalms. Such psalms vary in type, from those in which the psalmist is all but overcome by a passionate outpouring of grief to those where it seems that the author is simply fed up.

Psalm 3 comes somewhere in between. On the one hand, an element of self-pity is evident, but, nevertheless, after the opening two

verses, the remaining six show complete confidence in God. Perhaps, in our locked down situations, we will do well to do the same.

PSALM 3

1. Lord, how many are my adversaries; many are they who rise up against me.
2. Many are thy who say to my soul, "There is no help for you in your God."
3. But you, Lord, are a shield about me; you are my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

4. When I cry aloud to the Lord, he will answer me from his holy hill;
5. I lie down and sleep and rise again, because the Lord sustains me.
6. I will not be afraid of hordes of the peoples that have set themselves against me all around.
7. Rise up, O Lord, and deliver me, O my God, for you strike all my enemies on the cheek and break the teeth of the wicked.
8. Salvation belongs to the Lord: may your blessing be upon your people.

Bible readings June 2020

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 7 [W/G] Trinity Sunday	Isa: 40:12-17,27-End Ps: 8	2 Cor: 13:11-End Matt: 28:16-20
Sun 14 [G] Trinity 1 [Proper 6]	Gen: 18:1-15 or [21:1-7] Ps: 116:1,10-17 or [116:9-17]	Rom: 5:1-8 Matt: 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
Sun 21 [G] Trinity 2 [Proper 7]	Gen: 21:8-21 Ps: 86:1-10	Rom: 6:1b-11 Matt: 10:24-39
Sun 28 [G] Trinity 3 [Proper 8]	Gen: 22:1-14 Ps: 13	Rom: 6:12-End Matt: 10:40-End

From the registers

As there are no weddings or baptisms to announce, *The Parishes' Paper* is pleased to now include births and engagements in this section.

Funerals

Denise Elizabeth Gould, burial of ashes at Dalwood Church 15th May, 2020

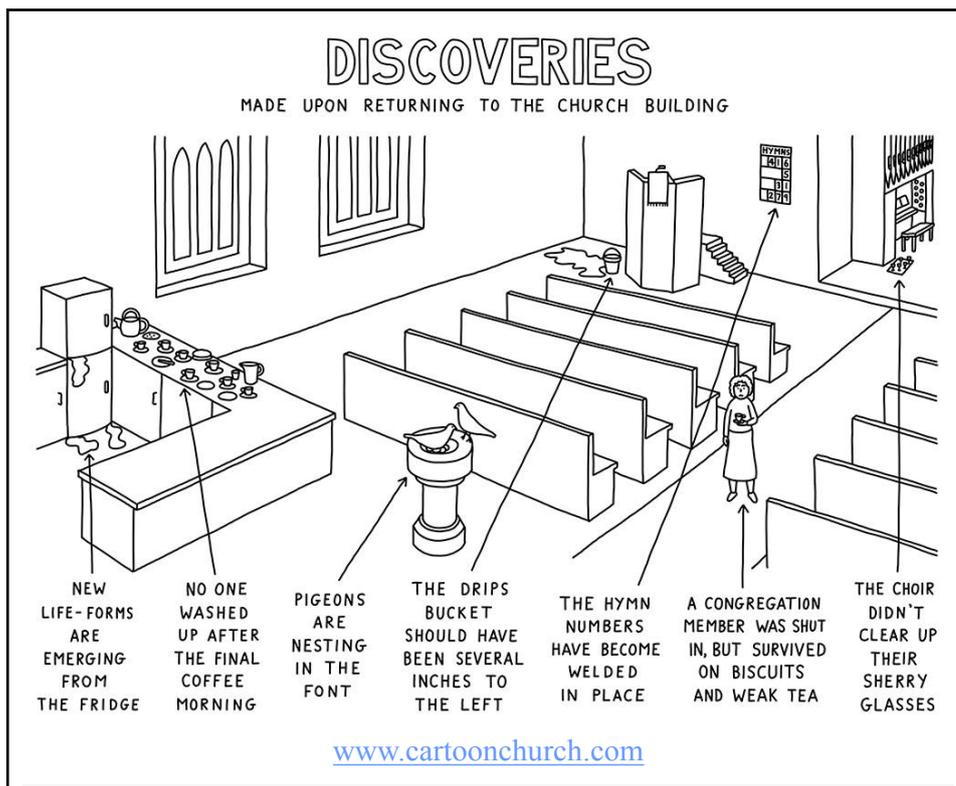
Patricia Elsie Foster, of Alderly, Kilmington, passed away Tuesday May 5th. Funeral on May 20th, 2020 at 11am at St Giles, Kilmington

Engagements

Viki Jones, the daughter of Les and Ruth, of Verwood, and **Thomas Nunns**, the son of Caroline and Martin, of Heathstock, are pleased to announce their engagement. All the family and friends wish Viki and Tom the very best for their future together.

Births

Morris James Cope, born April 30th, 2020 to James and Katherine Cope of Shute. Brother to William and Grandson to Anna and Robert Crabbe.



Caroline's NHS laundry bags

HEATHSTOCK resident Caroline Nunns is joining many around the area - and the country - to make homemade wash bags for NHS workers to use.

After reading an article published in a local newspaper reporting on other groups making laundry bags, Caroline, pictured, decided to get involved and do her bit.

The report explained that when nurses finish their shifts, they change from uniform into normal clothes, taking the uniform home to wash ready for its next use.

This practice can be an infection risk to both the nurses and their families. Putting the used uniform in a washable bag tied at the top, taking it home and putting it straight into the washing machine is a simple solution.

Local hospital staff, care workers and community nurses are benefitting from these bags.

"[I] have now started to make Laundry bags myself," Caroline says.

"They have to be easy to make as my sewing skills are very basic!

"If you live near Stockland or Dalwood and have pillow cases to spare, you can drop them off at Popehayne Farm, Heathstock, EX14 9ET or outside Dalwood Village Hall on Thursday, June 4th and I will collect them.

"If you are interested in helping make laundry bags please contact me on 01404881313."



NEW enclosures are being created at the park during lockdown

Animal park calls for support to stay alive

By Kate Williams

A LOCAL animal park is making a plea for support in order to help save it from closure.

Axe Valley Wildlife Park in Kilmington has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, having been forced to keep its doors shut since Sunday, March 22nd, resulting in no income towards running and feeding costs.

Farmers-turned-zookeepers Jayne and Andrew Collier are taking care of all the animals themselves, having had to put all staff on furlough.

Jayne explains: "We have had no money going in since then [March 22nd]."

"We did get the smaller [government] grant for business rates which we used in April.

"All staff are furloughed so Andrew and I are feeding with a regular volunteer keeper.

"We have had a great response from fruit and vegetable donations from Tytherleigh Farm Shop and HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) veg shop in Axminster. Squirrel [eco grocery shop], of Seaton, all donate every week.

"Pets at Home has a donation box in their shop where people buy for our animals. We also have the general public who drop off as well.

"We also have a gofundme page to help us fund our bills which haven't changed since the day we closed."

The park also has a 'wish list' with food items on Amazon.

"We might be able to open early July but with current restrictions I don't know whether we will be able to as all the play areas will be shut, cars in car park will need to be distanced and staff will have to man the entrance, exits and toilets to regulate social distancing.

"With a small team here we are not sure how we can do it all. We want to keep everyone safe including our staff but not sure people will visit when it won't be the same park as before - no handling sessions, talks, bird feeding or quizzes.

"The longer it goes on, the more worrying it becomes."

The park is accepting fresh fruit and veg which can be dropped off at the main entrance in a dustbin or visit the Facebook and Instagram pages for links to the gofundme page and amazon wish list.

The Colliers would like to thank the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood, which has a collection point where villagers can drop off fruit and veg for the animals, and Craig and Tracey McGowan take it to the park with whatever they have leftover from the pub kitchen.

Jayne adds: "A young girl who visits the park has recently brought us in a large sum of money which she has collected from making fabric masks and selling them, telling people that the proceeds are coming to us. How amazing are people right now?"



VE DAY IN THE PARISHES

VE Day at the Tuckers Arms

ON VE Day, my mum trimmed the pub [Tuckers Arms, Dalwood] red, white and blue and I wore my cadet uniform to salute during the two minutes' silence in the morning.

Grandma and I baked cakes and delivered them to some of the children in the village. When Mum goes on her deliveries, I have to wait at the gate on my bike to keep to social distancing.

In the evening we ate our picnic in front of the pub. People from the other houses nearby ate their picnic outside as well, so we could all see each other, but keep to social distancing. People and dogs had their meal to celebrate Victory in Europe Day. Everyone had fun especially when a dog (I will not name who) snuck up to another house's open picnic basket and stole an entire salami then hid with it under a table!

Although I'm enjoying some parts of staying at home, I'm hoping we can go back to school, church, cadets, drama and cricket really soon!

*By Morris McGowan
Age 10*



MORRIS McGowan celebrates VE Day in lockdown



ABIGAIL Mortimer, nine, is pictured with handmade bunting outside her Dalwood home

Spillers enjoyed 'ration' tea party

THE Spiller family in Stockland celebrated VE Day by making bunting, decorating plates, having a tea party, face painting and playing What's the Time, Mr Wolf?

Becky Dorson, along with Hannah Spiller, 10, Freddie Spiller, five, and

Toby Spiller, two, tucked into a ration tea of jelly, jam sandwiches, rock buns, vegetables and lemon sponge cake made by Hannah.

"We had a lot of fun and laughter whilst remembering those who fought and died for us," says Becky.



VE DAY IN THE PARISHES



HEATHSTOCK Patch and Holgate families celebrate VE Day at their socially-distanced street party, top, with cake, above, baked and decorated by Sarah Patch. Right and top right, the Holgate home decorated with homemade posters by Rosie and Oscar Holgate
Photos supplied by CLAIRE HOLGATE



ST Peter's Church, Dalwood, boasted its red, white and blue in honour of VE Day, along with many other houses and the village shop all taking part

Photo by KATE WILLIAMS

CHRISTIANITY IN CYPRUS

ON the first full day of our month's holiday this year in Cyprus, we took the bus from our hotel in Coral Bay into Paphos and only about 500 yards from the bus station, we saw a sign reading St Paul's Pillar.

We followed the arrow to a large fenced-off area of ancient ruins containing mosaics with floral patterns and columns of white and blue marble. Reading the notices, a large white column was named St Paul's Pillar which, according to tradition, St Paul had been tied to and lashed 39 times for preaching the gospel. Readers will probably recall from the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible that Paul, accompanied by Barnabas, had landed at Salamis, just north of Famagusta, in AD45 on the first of his ministry journeys, and had preached Christianity in the Jewish synagogues all along the south coast of the island until reaching Paphos.

Platforms on the site lead to the ruins of a post-Byzantine church named Panagia Chrysopolitissa and a 4th Century AD Basilica named Agia Kyriki. This beautiful little church, now restored, is used regularly by Anglicans and Roman Catholics and is one of three Anglican churches in the parish of Paphos.

We picked up a copy of church notices which showed that there was an Epiphany 1 Service of Holy Eucharist at 6pm that evening. Even though it would make us a bit late for dinner, we decided to go.

The service was led by the Rev Andrew Burt, the parish vicar and the sermon given by associate priest Canon Anthony Stidolph. Both knew the Rev Simon Holloway and Pauline and we were made welcome in the congregation of about 45. We noted that on the following Sunday there would be a Holy Eucharist at 8.15am, conducted by Archbishop Michael Lewis, President Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Michael had only recently been promoted to that appointment



St Paul's Pillar, which, according to tradition, St Paul had been tied to and lashed 39 times for preaching the gospel

having served for 13 years as the Anglican Bishop of Cyprus and so he and his wife, Julia, knew the Holloways very well. By an amazing coincidence, Michael also knew Kilmington and St Giles's Church because he used to visit his aunt in a "cottage alongside the brook on The Street". He explained that Archdeacon Christopher Futch had settled well in Larnaca and would be visiting the church on February 9th, unfortunately the day after we were due to depart.

Like Malta, which we visited last year, Cyprus has many churches and monasteries, Christianity being the largest religion followed by 78 per cent of the population. Of course, Greek Orthodox is the largest branch but Anglican, Roman Catholic, Latin, Maronites, Greek Evangelism and Russian Orthodox all feature. We visited a number of them but space only allows us to describe a couple.

We went to the Troodos mountains, very difficult to get to in the times of EOKA (National Organisation of Cypriot Fighters for Union with Greece) where their fighters were well hidden. There, the Holy Kykkos Monastery in the beautiful village of that name was founded in the late 11th Century by

the Byzantine Emperor Alexios Komninos. It is very ornate with golden decorations, frescos, mosaics and beautiful icons. It is most famous for the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary which, according to church tradition, was painted by the Apostle Luke and seen only by the Virgin Mary. It is made from a mixture of wax and mastic but the face of the virgin is covered by a veil. There is a long story about how and why it was gifted to the monastery, but it is said that the face of the virgin has never been seen by anyone else. Another relic is a piece of rope that is purported to have tied Jesus to the cross and which can be seen protruding from the centre of a silver cross.

The Holy Monastery of Chrysorrogiatissa is another magnificent one halfway down from Mount Olympus with wonderful icons dedicated to saints and apostles. Archbishop Makarios was born in the village of Panayia close by. After his education in Cyprus and then Greece, he was ordained and later went to Boston in the US and studied the Sociology of Religion. In 1950 he was elected archbishop and, being a great opponent of British rule, he was elected the first president of the Republic and signed the London-Zurich Agreement granting Cyprus independence in 1959. He died in 1977 and chose to be buried in a 'thron' on a mountain top near Kykkos where he said that he would be able to "watch over the whole of Cyprus".

We visited the archbishop's Palace in Nicosia where Makarios is still revered as well as the small orthodox Cathedral Agious Ioannis close by. We visited many other churches, large and small, all of them well looked after with candles lit every morning even in remote areas and beautiful icons left unattended in unlocked churches.

We appreciate that this narrative is a rather inadequate description of Christianity in Cyprus but we hope that it will inspire those who have not been, to visit this beautiful island and its ornate places of worship.

BLESSED TO LIVE HERE

PANORAMIC view from Danes Hill, Dalwood

Photo by KATE WILLIAMS



ABOVE, sunset over Millhayes and, right, cattle grazing in Dalwood

Photos by MARTIN NUNNS



A WALK through Shute Woods

Photo by KATE WILLIAMS



WINNOWER Knapp and

bluebells in Stockland

Photo by TIM PHILIPS

HERE are the answers to the 'just for fun' photo competition, kindly put together by Tim Philips, in the May issue of The Parishes' Paper. See how many you got right. There was some confusion over number nine, so if you know the answer, do let us know! 1. Ridge Cross sunset looking north-west, Stockland; 2. Looking south-east up Jeremy's Wood lane, Stockland; 3. New Year's Day walk on Beacon Hill, Stockland; 4. Harrison Farmhouse, Stockland; 5. Rainbow over Loughwood Farmhouse, Dalwood; 6. Scots pine in front of Ridge House, Stockland; 7. Service inside Loughwood Meeting House, Dalwood; 8. Austin wedding cars at Kilmington; 9. ?



DALWOOD NEWS

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Hannah's 10k-in-a-day task raises over £1,000 for NHS

A DALWOOD youngster challenged herself to complete an arduous task last month in aid of the NHS - and has raised over £1,000.



EMILY and Holy Seward created a stunning contribution to the Easter Garden activity. The project brought back a few memories to former pupils of Dalwood Primary School

Hannah Mortimer, 11, was inspired by the efforts that so many people have gone to in the UK to help raise money for the NHS charities, that she wanted to play her part.

She decided to set herself the challenge of doing the Mighty 10,000 in one day.

On Sunday, May 3rd, starting at 8am, she completed 1,000 sit ups, 1,000 squats, 1,000 star jumps, 1,000 throws and rebound catches, 1,000 trampoline jumps and a 5,000m run. And she still managed to finish with a smile on her face.

She has so far raised over £1,100 for NHS Charities Together, which is a fantastic achievement and she would like to thank those in Dalwood who sponsored her.

Hannah's mum, Katherine, said: "Hannah decided to do the challenge because she wanted to help the NHS as we have family who work for it and relatives who have needed care recently from



NHS. Also her Dad didn't think she would be able to do it.

"When she finished it, she was over the moon that she had completed it - especially as it proved her Dad wrong."

Lockdown changes life, for better and worse

LOCKDOWN has brought a big change to the way many things are done in Dalwood, people could easily walk down to the pub and grab something to drink or have a meal, but now they have to order a meal beforehand and have it delivered to their house or collect it themselves.

Usually I would go to school - unless it is a weekend - do everything there come back, have dinner, do my homework, then relax until bath, then bed. Although during lockdown a lot of things have changed for the better or worse.

I no longer go to school, instead I go onto a schooling website log on, then do online work and print out

things to do until 3.30pm then I can do things I would like until bath, then bed.

The 'no school' is a bad thing because it means I cannot see my friends, as they do not live very close. It also means I have to stare at a computer screen for a lot of my day.

The free time is quite different because instead of my parents working downstairs in the pub most of the time, they do the deliveries then have some of their own free time which I can spend with them, which they would not usually have.

I also get to have different exercise, because my parents go out more, due to deliveries, I can go with them walking or on my

bike, some days we cycle or walk a really long distance. But usually, before the lockdown, I would have done rowing at Sea Cadets, played cricket or done PE at school. On Mondays after school I used to do drama with Wendy but we can't do that anymore.

I still get to see my Grandma because she lives with us, but some children can't see their families because they have to stay in their own house.

If my mum and dad have to go to the supermarket to fetch supplies, I have to stay at home with Grandma to keep safe.

Morris McGowan
Age 10

DALWOOD NEWS

Valued community spirit keeps village shop 'open all hours'

By Shelagh Beak

DALWOOD is small village of about 400 people and, as a community, it has an exceptional community spirit none more epitomised by our 100 per cent volunteer-only community shop and post office, for which we are very grateful.

Dalwood Shop and the Post Office is at the heart of the community.

We have some 40 regular volunteers who work on a rota system which allows the shop to be open seven days a week.

During the current pandemic, many of our regular volunteers are having to self-isolate but an additional 20 people in the village, who are now having to work from home, have volunteered to help buy and stock the

shop and work behind the counter serving our loyal customers, mindful of self-distancing guidelines.

We have not lost any shop hours and were open over the four days of Easter.

It is not easy with the restrictions on purchases from suppliers and one customer limit in the shop, but our volunteers and customers have been both tolerant and patient, which is much appreciated.

Once the current crisis is over, we plan to come together as a community to celebrate.

We will also begin the delayed building of an extension for a coffee and meeting area to the shop for which the funds were raised from donations, fundraisers, grants and that most valued asset - Dalwood's community spirit.



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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 Monday the 11th of May

Antipasti Meats with Olives, Parmesan, Salad and Crusty Bread
Smoked Salmon and Prawn Salad in Marie Rose with Bread
Steak and Ale Pie, Mash, Peas and Gravy
Mixed Seafood Chowder with Crusty Bread
Italian Chicken in Tomato and Basil Sauce with
Mozzarella Cheese, New Potatoes and Salad
Vegan Chestnut Mushroom and Black Bean Noodles

£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 17th of May

Roast Lamb, Slow Roast Silverside of Beef or Chicken Breast

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

DALWOOD NEWS

Special thanks for kindness - Bradley family

RAY [Bradley] loved Dalwood. He would want me to thank you all for your kind words and thoughtful cards that I have received.

There have been so many - 135 - each one means so much.

It helped me greatly to know you were thinking of me and our family during this sad time.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Please know your kind words have touched all our family's hearts.

Thank you so much.

*Helene Bradley
and family*

A poem: Dalwood Lockdown

I'm sitting here in lockdown and I haven't seen a soul

I've dug up all me garden, put down traps to catch the mole

I done a bit of painting and put in an ensuite loo

And still the missus finds me lots of other things to do.

We're not allowed to venture forth or go on holiday

So we've set up different venues so we can get away.

The lounge is now a cruise ship, we've a balcony with views

So we look out our front window to get all of Dalwood's news

The bathroom has been turned into a tropical island

Cos the bath is full of water and the floor's been spread with sand

We've changed the light to infra red and slapped on the sun block

We sit there with a G and T on our loo shaped like a rock.

The dining room is France with all its lovely food and wine

Good job we stocked up when we did so our supplies are fine

Millers provided cheese and wine and pate in their sales

And I went round the garden and gathered up some snails.

I've tried this social distancing, kept two metres away

But then we find we cannot hear what folks have got to say

I've turned me hearing aids right up but still I have to shout

Oh damn it, I won't bother to even venture out.

A sign outside the village shop, one person at a time

So we stand there quite meekly in a separated line

Then someone jumps the queue. Hey we're not having this

"Oh I don't want the shop," he says. "I need the post office."

Then Craig drives by with laden car, he's off deliv'ring meals

Let's all support our village pub now they do meals on wheels.

They've got some lovely menus and you should order more,

'cos they provide for everyone, vegan to omnivore.

We've all got quite familiar with ways to keep in touch

With Facebook, Twitter, Skype and Zoom but I don't like 'em much

So with all this isolation and social distance game

I wonder if our Dalwood will ever be the same.

Brian Eddy

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POST OFFICE opening times

3 mornings a week

MONDAY: 9.00-11.30am
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KILMINGTON NEWS

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Seward team raises £2k

A FEW weeks into the lockdown and with East Devon District Council (EDDC) no longer emptying the green waste bins, Craig Seward approached his father, Stafford, and the pair came up with the idea of collecting the green waste for Kilmington villagers.

The plan would permit people to continue gardening and the duo would ask for donations for local charities.

On April 6th, Craig posted on Facebook group Kilmington Now they would commence their first collection on Friday, April 10th. The collection proved very popular and raised over £400, with a second collection on Friday, April 24th even more successful.

After 91 collections in over eight hours, they picked up in excess of 12.5 tonnes of waste, raising over £600.

With EDDC announcing it would resume its collection the week commencing May 12th, Stafford and Craig announced they would do one more collection, a VE Day special



on Friday, May 8th. With tractors, trailers and a gator decorated accordingly and this time assisted by Matt Dentry and Simon Westworth, they collected over 14 tonnes of waste and raised over £950.

In total Craig and Stafford raised £2,067.63 which they have split between the Royal British Legion, Kilmington Cricket Club (for maintenance of the cricket field), Kilmington Village Hall and Axminster mental health charity

ARC. Although EDDC has resumed its green waste collection and local tips are now open, Stafford and Craig have proposed to take on another green waste collection on May 23rd for those who are self-isolating or feel that they are unable to travel to the tip.

Stafford says: "We just thought it was a great way to support the people of Kilmington and raise some money for local charities, especially as their own fundraising events have had to be cancelled."

My blue scarf was a precious 'gift' symbol

MY blue scarf is a hand-me-down and is precious as it came from a dear friend given to me when I was licensed two years ago.

He had already become a vicar and is now Mission Co-ordinator for the Lichfield Diocese. The passing on of the scarf symbolically reminded me that many people had been involved in my journey to become a reader and that no one's ministry is stand-alone.

I hope, when the time comes, I too can hand my scarf on to another. I hope I can encourage another in their journey to discover what God may be calling them to do.

What causes us to volunteer,

give of our time, love and serve others? Some had been asked, others never think about it and some are waiting to be asked. In this time of lockdown, we have seen so many offers of help and serve in Kilmington. I am sure it is the same in every village. People fetching, delivering food supplies and medicines and phoning isolated people. There has been evidence of a tremendous community spirit and this has helped to prevent the spread of this devastating virus which has sadly affected so many in our country and worldwide.

We all have different gifts. In I Corinthians 12, Paul reminds us that 'there are varieties of gifts, but

the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.'

We are all given gifts for the building up of the church and the kingdom of God and we need each separate part with its different function in order for us to flourish as a whole.

I hope I may encourage more people to explore and use their gifts as we all explore our call to be part of God's transforming mission in our church and in our world.

Anna Crabbe Reader

KILMINGTON NEWS



SMILE-CROWS!

Cheering up the village residents

KILMINGTON resident Krisztina Sipos-Talbot observed peoples' sad faces as they walked past her house in Whitehayes Close, so she decided to make a difference.

She and her husband Paul made a scarecrow to make people smile.

The idea spread and there are now over 50 scarecrows in the village and it's been great fun seeing what people have made from their dressing-up boxes!

Thank you, Krisztina, for your inspiration.

Anna Crabbe



A FLAVOUR of the scarecrows that can be found around the village to make residents smile

Photos courtesy of MAUREEN LANE AND ANNA CRABBE

KILMINGTON NEWS

LIKE many villages, we have been busy attempting to ensure that everyone in the village remains safe and free from Covid 19.

As you will all know, by mid-March it became clear that this terrible virus was going to have a much bigger affect than first anticipated and that Kilmingon Parish Council would be expected to take some form of action to assist all its parishioners.

For us in Kilmingon, that meant putting together a plan to help and assist where we could over 850 people. Although we had a basic emergency plan, it was clear that this was not going to suffice and that we would need to rethink previous responses. After a quick meeting, it was decided that Peter Ball, Sally Huscroft and Stafford Seward would form the basis of a team to formulate a plan to meet three objectives:

- 1) Provide and/or collect prescriptions for all residents over 70 and those required to self-isolate.
- 2) Provide essential supplies and shopping for all residents over 70 or having to self-isolate.
- 3) Provide and/or maintain

Council chair thanks village for support

communication with all vulnerable residents.

Our first problem was putting together a full and detailed database that ensured that we accounted for everyone, which was no easy task but ably achieved by Peter. Thankfully, we already had two systems which we were able to mirror; Sally's Little Helpers, which provided limited support to a number of people and the Royal British Legion, which used a shepherd system for ensuring contact with all its members.

With the database in place we then sent emails and letters to everyone in the parish informing them of our plan and asking for volunteers to assist. Thankfully the response was fantastic and, by using the shepherds system but named 'care bears', we organised volunteers to help monitor and provide support to a number of people in their immediate area.

Sally with her helpers took on the responsibility of providing and collecting prescriptions, which has grown enormously, while Peter and Stafford ensured that anyone who needed support in other areas were catered for. Of course, since its inception we have been inundated with information from all areas of government and I am thankful to Adrian (parish clerk), Peter and Maxine (Kilmingon website) for keeping everyone updated. Although our plan has helped, its success is very much down to everyone in Kilmingon, who with its incredible neighbourly support, good humour and willingness to help those less able, have ensured that our village remains safe.

Thank you to you all, please stay safe and continue to care for one another.

Ben Trott
Chairman
Kilmingon Parish Council

Lockdown has turned me into a YouTube junkie!

I DON'T know how you have been surviving in the lockdown but I became a YouTube junkie!

Let me explain... oh, yes, I thought, there'll now be time to have a good sort out - my desk, that cupboard in the bedroom, those bulging files, the garage - the list is endless!

However, the walks in the countryside or by the sea took up time; then cooking, gardening or relaxing with a puzzle in the marvellous sunshine and before one knew it, it was supper time and the evening lay ahead.

This was when I made myself comfortable on the sofa with my laptop. Although in the past, before lockdown, I would sometimes catch up with Gardeners' World or an episode of Endeavour or Vera on iPlayer, now I discovered the 'new world' of YouTube! I had previously used it occasionally but now 'the world's your oyster' became a

reality. One day I watched a meditation from a church in Jamaica, then a discussion with a Catholic priest who was on duty at the Nightingale Hospital in London talking to some South African Christians, then back to a sermon I had missed earlier from the churches around Lyme Regis (Golden Cap Team). And so on. It has been quite amazing to see what churches all around the world have been doing to keep us spiritually awake and encouraged at this difficult time.

One programme I have particularly enjoyed is a daily reading of the psalms - Start the day with Bishop Paul and Sarah - when they sit in their kitchen, lounge or very often their garden and share and comment on a psalm to encourage those watching in their walk of faith. It is just like chatting to friends. - and their home is in most beautiful surroundings.

Of course, nearer to home we have also been kept going by the familiar faces of Darrell Holmes and Mike Hudson at Kilmingon Baptist Church, with fun for the children, worship and prayers and sermons to inspire us. You can even have a virtual cup of coffee and a chat on Zoom!

I really recommend looking on YouTube and finding something that suits you and let God encourage you, not just during this difficult time but for the days ahead, whatever they may bring.

Suggestions: Beacon Life; Start the Day with Bishop Paul and Sarah; Golden Cap Team of Churches; Diocese of Exeter; Virtual Prom Praise 2020.

For those not online, the Archbishop of Canterbury has launched Daily Hope, which you can access from a free telephone number 0800 804 8044.

Judi Brewer



STOCKLAND NEWS

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By Amanda Thomkins
Stockland Parish Council

THE Covid-19 emergency has brought out the absolute best and sadly the worst in human nature.

We have seen some in our nation hoarding food, the great loo roll rush and the blatant disregard of social distancing measures designed to keep us all safe. Organised criminals have used the crisis to attack us with internet scams designed to play on our worst fears.

All these things have to a greater or lesser degree been evident in Devon. Thankfully, Stockland and our neighbouring villages have demonstrated positive responses to events as they unfold. The consideration, kindness and support for others has been overwhelming. It is a credit to our community.

At the time of lockdown, Stockland Parish Council had already planned to set up a parish-wide community support network. The National Covid-19 Mutual Aid network was monitored and used to identify best practice.

Volunteers were called for to help with food shopping for those vulnerable and having to undertake strict isolation. A weekly prescription service was immediately set up by partnering with volunteers from Membury and the staff at Axminster Medical Practice. This not only cut the number of unnecessary journeys but also reduced the footfall in the surgery pharmacy and allowed the chemist service to organise the workload in a way that was most efficient for staff. The final link in this chain is the team at the King's Arms Inn, who agreed to receive the bulk delivery of

prescriptions and act as the distribution hub.

By the end of the first week of lockdown, a group of willing volunteers had been recruited, each with a geographical area of the parish to manage and a back-up person in case they themselves became ill. An 'offer of help' leaflet was delivered to every household in their area giving the name and contact details of the volunteer concerned. The Stockland parish support system was published via the East Devon District Council website.

Stockland Tree email noticeboard system - please email Stocklandtree@gmail.com if you would like to be added; the Stockland Community Facebook group - please join if you use Facebook; village posters and, finally, in an attempt to catch all - an article in *The Parishes' Paper*.

A month on and currently over 20 households within the parish are regularly having their groceries bought and delivered to them by the volunteers and between 10 and 20 prescriptions a week are being collected and delivered to the pub or home addresses.

The King's Arms has set up a fantastic take-away service for hot food, essential supplies boxes, and beer: all of which are excellent.

If anyone has not tried them then they really should!

Thanks go to everyone who has volunteered their time and expertise to help others, sometimes complete strangers. Thanks to all the holiday let owners and businesses who have closed their doors at what would have been the start of a busy season.

Thanks also to everyone who is respecting the social distancing guidance given to us by the experts. Most importantly, thank you to the following people who have made this system possible:

The area volunteers – Kim and Richard Harvey, Wendy Copeman, Phil and Juliet Hall, Jenny Whitley and family, Emma Parris, Claire Nuthall, Amanda Buckley, Paul and Fiona Drew, Helen Coles, Anna Trott and her team in Shore Bottom, Charles Crowe, Matt Learmouth, Tony and Andrea Barnett and Bill Gilmour - White, Kim Bruce - prescription service system, Claire Holgate - National Monitor, Heathstock WhatsApp group and help with the Facebook page, Wendy Urquhart - village posters, Neil for The Stockland Tree website (no. 294!), The King's Arms pub - for being there.

Please, if you need help, contact us via this email address or phone number. Support, in whatever form you need, will be provided. We are here to help. Contact: amanda.thompkins@stocklandpc.org or g.uk phone - 07966153870.

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

Parish brewing survivor

By Alan Ash

THE recent re-opening of the King's Arms will have been welcomed not just by the parishioners of Stockland.

Let us hope that it thrives as a community pub and continues its long life well into the future. Its history has been well documented since about 1700, when it was referred to as The Horseshoe. It will not have been the earliest pub in the parish, nor the only one, as is the case today. By the mid-19th Century six licensed premises in Stockland were on record.

People have always needed to drink, essentially to quench thirst and survive and later to add pleasure, safety and utility through the wonders of fermentation, which must have come about by accident. It was certainly not understood until the mid-19th Century, thousands of years after the first hangover!

Today most of us drink in moderation but in the past drunkenness was a real problem, particularly amongst the poor, looking for relief from appalling living conditions. In cities, gin was the cheapest tittle, outselling beer, and the resulting mayhem saw the introduction of taxes on alcoholic drinks from the early 18th Century. The fine line between revenue for the Crown and the health of the nation started then. The gin craze seems to have been confined to the cities and this led to the differences in drinking habits between town and country referred to later.

The introduction of taxes did not stop public drunkenness and in 1830 the Beer Act was introduced which brought about 'beer houses'. There, 'harmless, nutritious and healthy' beer, but not spirits, could be sold on payment of a licence fee of two guineas by any rate paying parishioner - about £140 in today's money. This meant that special premises were unnecessary which proved a gift in rural areas where farmers, as a matter of course, brewed their own beer and in the west country made their own cyder as well. Farmers brewed not just for

their own consumption but for their employees whose pay included drink as an accepted fact. A typical wage for a farm labourer in Devonshire in the early 19th Century would have been seven shillings (35p) a week, winter and summer, plus two to three pints of drink daily.

In Stockland parish, it is thought that the Rising Sun, the Royal Oak, the Globe and the Let and Let Live or Cawley's beer house in Shore Bottom came about as a result of this act. They all appear to have started life about the middle of the 19th Century; in the case of the Rising Sun, which was freshly built and first named the Rising Sun with a landlord in the census of 1851.

The Royal Oak was certainly trading ten years earlier and the Globe, at Heathstock, previously not part of a farm, but a tailor's shop, was probably open by the mid 1850s. The Let and Let Live was probably the last of the four to become licensed, first noted as selling liquor unlicensed in 1866 and legally in 1871.

The landlords of all of these pubs farmed either their own land or land rented from others. George French, at the Live and Let Live, was cited as working 38 acres whilst described as a beer house keeper and farmer in the 1871 census. Of these pubs or beer houses, the Live and Let Live was the shortest lived, lasting only until the end of French's tenancy in about 1880, about 10 years in all. The other three survived longer: The Rising Sun until 1921, The Royal Oak until the death of its landlord, Stephen Lane, in 1908, and the Globe in 1914.

At this time there was pressure from the temperance movements to reduce drunkenness and concerns from the government were voiced that there were too many drinking establishments, more than were considered as actually needed by the public.

Furthermore, many were unsuitable, unhygienic and too cramped for public use. As a result, the Public House Licensing Acts of 1904/10 offered compensation to the owners and licensees of pubs if they closed voluntarily or were refused licensing by the local authority.

Certainly, The Globe received compensation of £135 in 1914 and the very long established Baggerton Inn, referenced later, £200 in 1922.

The present-day King's Arms is well documented from the early 1700s when it was called The Horseshoe. An earlier King's Arms is understood to have been the present-day King's Thatch. At this early date along with the King's Arms, another pub the Old Inn, with no clue as to its whereabouts, is also listed. However, in 1840 an advertisement appeared in the Plymouth Gazette regarding an auction of the Old Inn at Backington together with a cottage, which fits our Baggerton Inn nicely. Baggerton has a long history of smuggling, which is described at length in Bryan Drew's book, Stockland and Beyond. The inn closed down in 1922.

The Rising Sun, the Royal Oak and the Baggerton Inn were all on or near parish boundaries with Upottery, Cotleigh and Dalwood; to these must be added The Longbridge just over the parish boundary in Membury and The Lamb, previously The Mason's Arms, on the border with Dalwood.

As previously noted, there has to have been a difference between urban and rural drinking habits. Although quenching of thirst was as important to a labourer in a smoke-stack industry as it was to a field labourer, the means to brew the former's own beer or make cyder was just not there in the town. In Devonshire in general and in Stockland in particular almost every cottage had an orchard, albeit small, and every farm a bigger one.

Cyder was the preferred DIY tittle but beer was brewed in quantity. Originally, the pubs discussed here were owned and/or tenanted by individuals and it was not until the turn of the 20th Century that the big brewers took an interest in these rural pubs. By that time, roads and transport had become easier and there was a profit to be made - however, the take-over of the country pub saw the beginnings of the demise of all the traditional village facilities. What changes will the next 50 years see? Will all pubs be community owned? If so, let's hope that the King's Arms is one of them.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Matthew 6: 7 - 14

WHEN you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who t
respas against us.

Lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil.

For if you forgive others their
trespasses, your Heavenly
Father will also forgive you.

At the moment the Pause for Prayer Group isn't meeting, but every Tuesday at 10.30am, we each have a quiet time for prayer in our own homes.

If you or anyone you know would like to be mentioned in our prayers, please let us know. You can phone, text or email me at 07562381042 or pmwilks1@gmail.com.

Your request will be treated in confidence and only shared with the rest of the group.

Philippa Wilks



Extermination of the crawling caterpillar

By Gill Metcalfe

THE past two issues of *The Parishes' Paper* have included handy methods - or not so - on coping with some of the countryside's unwelcome spring returners, namely the rat and the mole.

Earlier comment has suggested that these visitors have molested others elsewhere over the late autumn period and winter months only to return to familiar territory with a vengeance come the spring.

This month's questionably helpful pest removal tip focusses on the ever-munching onward ever-digesting all greenery ahead - the caterpillar.

Remove the first lettuce plants from the cold frame ready to plant out in that freshly turned-over soil and it is almost possible to hear the caterpillars marching towards them.

Carefully tended green leaves vanish in seconds. Freshly emerging rose buds are not immune either to these hungry blighters.

Once again, the words of Jayne Wilks's text, *Really Rural*, proffer a means of extermination. A paraphrase of Tony Swindells's helpful gardening

tips *1001 Ways of Saving Money* - cited in Wilks's text - offers the following advice...

'First, a quarter pound of filter cigarette tips needs to be saved up - not menthol. Then boil them in a gallon of water for half an hour. Drain. Keep liquid produced in stoppered bottles for a few weeks.

'Dilute with four parts of water to one of nicotine mixture.

'Spray onto roses and around but not onto vegetables or salads as this concoction is surprisingly poisonous (questionably toxic).

The effect on the caterpillars will certainly make smokers reconsider the perils of the habit.

Needless to warn 'keep away from children' and anyone who is partial to what might be drunk from bottles - especially if stored by the cider press.'

Once again, learning from our ancestors' well-tryed methods might best be confined to history.

Jeremy Nader's (*Soul Gardening*: Godstowe Press 2006) poignant proverb leaves a non-plussed guilty feeling about the whole 'get rid' notion:

The horror of plants:

to be eaten by slugs.

the disgust of plants:

to be sprayed against bugs.

Children have been far from idle

CLEARLY the news from Stockland Academy has been limited due to the current lockdown situation.

Whilst school is 'closed' for the time being, rest assured that the children have not been idle - far from it with all sorts of home learning being pursued.

Such has included: cooking/baking making bread, cakes, hot cross buns, Pegasus cupcakes, an Easter cake complete with a sugar work nest and preparing pottage soup (Viking style); nature scavenging, identifying flowers in the abundant hedgerows abounding the parish and bug hunting (all day) - combined with all

the walking and exercise involved; taking and collating photographs of daily adventures; taking plant cuttings; constructing working models - a bright red fire engine with a working ladder for example.

Children have also been making VE Day posters; undertaking home building skills (building walls); and with the many farms around registering the ear tags on automatic calf feeders (all imputed in numerical order) plus sheep shearing.

Really well done to all - children, parents and grandparents who put so much effort into extending the school curriculum under the auspices of 'home learning'.



SHUTE NEWS

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Behind school's lockdown

Although many children have been unable to go to school over the lockdown, schools have still remained open - even through the holidays - to look after the children of key workers. Patrick Germscheid, Head of School at Shute Community Primary, talks to BIJAN OMRANI about how the lockdown has impacted the school.

How has day-to-day life changed at the School following the lockdown? What has to be done differently?

Since lockdown the staff haven't been able to all meet together and to plan accordingly. We have had to do a lot of communication by email daily. I have had to keep up on the latest advice from the government regarding the school hosting key-worker children from not only Shute Primary but also Kilmington Primary. The staff have all been amazing and all have volunteered to come in and work with key-worker children even though many of them have their own children at home to support and to guide through their daily home learning.

How has the school been working to help the pupils who haven't been able to come in?

The teachers are all planning daily home learning activities to go out online. For this, they have to locate resources, prepare and get ready to go out at the same time each day.

They have been adaptable to a few parents who have struggled with technology and also have been responding to emails and queries into home learning activities.

The School had to be kept open over the Easter holidays. Would you like to highlight the work of any staff who have had to make sacrifices or go the extra mile to keep the school working through the holidays, or else during the lockdown more generally?

Yes, we have been open during the Easter holidays for key-worker children to allow their parents to provide essential services. This has meant that the vast majority of the staff have not had a proper holiday off from school since February half-term. The staff have been in on a rotation basis and have done so with a positive attitude and provided a friendly face during a challenging time. I am proud of the staff and of teachers across the country who



HEAD of School at Shute Community Primary Patrick Germscheid

have risen to the challenge of providing daily work both for key worker children and for the children who are at home.

What are you and your colleagues missing most about the old "normal" routine?

We all are missing the children, parents and our colleagues. Teachers are used to routine and we all have had to deal with a wide range of issues. Every day, the staff are supporting children under the constant worry that "maybe I will catch this virus"; yet, despite this worry no one has refused to come in. That says everything about the type of school we are: everyone cares and wants to do their very best.

Do you think this break in routine will have a long-term effect on the children?

I honestly don't think it will in the long term. Children are extremely resilient and they will all bounce back, and hopefully it won't take them long to catch up. I think that the time we have been off has allowed children to learn in different ways which is equally important to how schools normally operate.

Parents have had quality time to spend with their children, which I think has been extremely valuable. Everyone has had a chance to reflect and think about what is really important in life and hopefully family and learning are at the top of that list.

What are your hopes for the School when the lockdown ends and full classes resume?

I really hope that parents and the entire population realises how wonderful schools are and how hard teachers and teaching assistants work to give children an amazing education and start in life. I hope that children realise how lucky they are that they can go to school, learn and to be with friends in a caring, stimulating and safe environment.

Festival online

SHUTE Festival will be holding two online author talks in June.

On Thursday, June 11th at 6pm, south-west author James Crowden, whom many will remember from recent visits to Shute Apple Day, will be speaking on his new book *The Frozen River: Seeking Silence in the Himalaya*.

On Thursday, June 25th, Sunday Times chief foreign correspondent Christina Lamb will be in conversation about her new book, *Our Bodies, Their Battlefield*, about the impact of war on women around the world.

Online attendance at the talks is free. To register, please visit the Shute Festival website - www.shutefest.org.uk - where full details are given. Festival organisers are grateful for private donations which have enabled them to make a donation of £150 to the Axminster Food Bank. The project will also collect funds for Shute Community Primary School and the Friends of Shute Church.

**A POEM:
DEAR AUTHORITIES**

We know you're doing your very best
To set our worrying minds at rest,
With slides and graphs designed to show
The things you think we want to know.
But many of us would have you learn
The matters causing real concern;
Such as how our world will look
When finally we're off the hook.
Of course the businesses come top
When most of the restrictions stop,
And after them come schools and wealth,
All needed for the nation's health.
But simply playing the numbers game
Ignores the fact each one's a name.
So, of more consequence by then
Is how we treat our fellow men.
More honesty takes pride of place,
More thought, more kindness and more grace,
Respect for all the natural things
Despoiled too long by thoughtless beings.
Exploitation has to cease
For all of us to live at peace.
No profits made from human griefs
Nor mocking jibes at men's beliefs.
A gentler, quieter, cleaner life
Where hope may flourish free of strife.

By Elisabeth Miller

SHUTE NEWS

Special VE Day tribute: Captain Harry Gasper

By Bijan Omrani

MANY people in Shute came together to observe, as best they could under the restraints of social distancing, a two-minute silence to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

This was followed by teas and celebrations in gardens, and the playing of war-time music.

A gathering was also held at the war memorial in Shute. Special tribute was paid by those present, led by Branscombe resident Trevor Gasper - who grew up in Shute - to Mr Gasper's father, Captain Harry Gasper MC, who is commemorated on the Shute war memorial, and also in a plaque in St Michael's Church.

Captain Gasper was killed as the war was coming to an end in Europe on April 18th 1945 as he was demobilising a German automatic gun in Velzen, North West Germany. He

was 32 when he fell in action. Mr Gasper placed a plaque in tribute to his father on the Shute war memorial.

Captain Gasper was earlier awarded the MC for his heroism at the Battle of El Alamein.

The history of the 8th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, to which Captain Gasper was originally attached, records how, during an advance, his company was held up by a "mine-field covered by heavy enemy machine-gun and anti-tank fire".

Captain Gasper, although wounded, "continued to lead the company though suffering considerable pain from wounds in the leg and back". Despite his wounds, "it was he who set the example by making a route through the minefield, which had not been cleared of mines". Captain Gasper's courage under heavy fire allowed the advance of "vital supporting arms and tanks to get forward unchecked", and led to his award of the MC.



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YARCOMBE WEATHER APRIL 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	17.6°C	14.1°C	14.6°C
Average Min.	6.0°C	5.5°C	7.0°C
Average Overall temperature	11.8°C	9.8°C	10.8°C
Rainfall	41.5mm	77.3mm	98.5 mm
Wettest Day	28th 10.0mm	4th 27.7 mm	9th 20.7 mm
Sunniest Day	23th 14.0 hrs approx.	21st 14.0 hrs	19th 13 hrs
Warmest Day	11th 26.2°C	21st 21.3°C	19th 25.6°C
Coldest Night	14th 0.3°C	3rd -0.1°C	5th 1.9°C
Sunshine hours	232 hours approx.	183hrs	105 hrs

The weather in April was fantastic it made self isolating a great deal easier for everyone who lives in the countryside. In fact we had the fifth warmest April and the sunniest on record.

With little or no aircraft flying overhead there are no contrails in the sky, I call them vapour trails, before the lockdown the sky used to be full of them creating a haze. This and less pollution in the air is making the sun feel much stronger, it was a very long time ago when we had such clean air possibly as long ago as the 1950s when I was still at school.

Tony Newman

Socially-distant VE Day party and Good Neighbours help

By Lesley Sutton

YARCOMBE is faring quite well under lockdown. Miranda keeps us informed about all the latest news in her E-Voices bulletins and we are well served by our community businesses and local shops.

Those of us belonging to the Blackdown Practice have medicines delivered by Paula Jeffries on her way home from the Churchinford surgery; Kayleigh Johns, our NHS volunteer; or Ellie Woolcott. Shopping can be organised through the Good Neighbours scheme or by friends venturing forth.

Everybody looks out for each other and we are fortunate in that it is possible to take our exercise whenever we wish and can often meet someone along the way to have a 'socially distant chat' with. The weather has been kind to us in that respect and it is wonderful how many people can keep in touch with each other and pass on any news.

Some of the most unlikely people have found a new interest in gardening and the 'seed swap' - lately the 'seedling swap' - at the post office has always got a selection of something to plant.

Ann Stockwell kindly made some face masks and also left patterns to make them at the same venue. Philip Kerr encouraged 'a time to write' by making up and donating packs of two cards from his paintings with two envelopes and stamps, leaving them in boxes to be collected at the church gates and Panshayne Farm.

Margaret Jones, a keen 'tapiser' at Exeter Cathedral, organised a group of sewers from the village and the craft club to make some scrubs for the RD&E Hospital, which have apparently passed muster and some



more may be forthcoming.

Personally, I had a plea from a friend involved in a Sidmouth Nursing Home requiring any PPE equipment from any fabric.

I found some 15-year-old plastic material and was able to make six aprons and a pair of scrub trousers from other long-forgotten linens. I have some more on the go now. So we are trying to assist wherever possible.

The parish VE Day celebrations, which were to include a street party for the whole village in Fire Street (our only street), have had to be put on hold, but will be well to the forefront as a double-whammy whenever we can all meet up again!

However, residents of Drakes Meadow held a 'bit of a do' bringing their chairs up to the roadside, decorating with bunting and pictures and enjoying themselves in the sun.

Here in Fire Street, union flags were erected, bunting decorated

and tables and chairs set at two-metre distances for a mini party. At 3pm glasses were raised for a toast in remembrance of the valour displayed.

Elinor Sparks, granddaughter of Pat and George Bright, is currently finishing her university course at Reading and staying with them for the lockdown.

She was unable to get a flight home to Dubai where her parents live and so celebrated her 21st birthday here in Yarcombe, sharing her delicious cake with everyone present.

We hope that she will be able to enjoy a get-together with friends of her own age and her family in the not-too-distant future.

For those of us living alone, grateful thanks to all who we are able to keep in touch with by Messenger, Zoom, emails and telephone which brighten our days and the long evenings.

Please stay in touch by telling us how you are spending your lockdown days
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Imagination, beyond the physical

“IF you want your children to be intelligent read them fairy tales; if you want them to be more intelligent read them more fairy tales.”

Do you know who penned these words? Well, it was Albert Einstein. It may be that we are very logical and clever but it appears that the exceptional mind needs to possess a cultivated imagination. The virtue of ‘imagination’ is also not lost on Philip Pullman known for his Dark Materials who commented: “Once upon a time is a far more effective way of getting into someone’s mind than thou shalt not.” This observation will, of course, be familiar to those who know their bibles in which the Prophets and ultimately Jesus Himself used imagination-hitting parables to great effect.

Many might then be disposed to say that the ‘imagination’ is a quality to be respected and cultivated? Someone who certainly thought so and taught the same to her charges was a certain Constance Horton, a one-time headmistress of Tremarth School for girls in Hampstead, London. The topic is included in a published collection of

her ‘end of term’ addresses which were delivered to her young ladies as they were being let loose into a world not always as benign and supportive as Tremarth with its Christian ethos.

In her address on imagination Miss Horton explains that with children it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between imagination and untruths. As the child’s character takes its moral shape, she continues, it is possible that a habit of lying may develop. Unhelpful, even immoral, thoughts may also creep in as well as illusions of insults, hurts or even ‘admiration’, all of which may have grown into ‘possibilities’. What tortures and panics these things can cause, she warns, and if not attended to may, in later life, turn from illusion into delusion.

So, with much at stake concerning the imagination, the head teacher underlines the importance of learning a self control which is able to restrain an unbridled imagination from running riot and taking a path too far in any one direction. At the same time she does not wish the imagination to be stifled “for no imagination that is not free is worthy of the name”. I take this

dichotomy to mean pour it full, pour it strong but make sure it pours into the glass!

In commending imaginations thus trained, Miss Horton reminds the girls that we can use them not only to be creative but also to penetrate beyond the physical, beyond the senses. In ministry I have met people who claim they have no imagination at all (which I do wonder about) but it is certainly true that “the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3.20). I would like to leave the last word to Miss Horton, who is now at rest from her labours. She said to her girls, “Set your imaginations on all that is true, beautiful and helpful and God will hold all your imaginings in His hand.”

To end with a quotation from Philippians Chapter 4 verse 8:

“Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is worthy of love, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Rev Barry Brewer

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

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- You will also need sea salt flakes

Method:

- Measure 100ml (3½ fl oz) luke warm water into a medium-sized jug and sprinkle over the yeast. Stir to combine and set aside for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, mix together the flour, ½ tsp salt, and half the rosemary.
- Add 275ml (9fl oz) more lukewarm water to the yeast jug and stir in 2tbsp of the extra virgin olive oil. Add the jug of wet ingredients to the flour bowl and quickly mix with a wooden spoon then knead by hand to make a smooth, soft dough. Transfer to a lightly greased bowl, cover with lightly greased cling film and leave in a warm place for about 1-1½ hours to rise or until doubled in size.
- Punch the dough down in the bowl, then turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Shape into a circle, roughly 25.5cm (10 ins) in diameter, flattening dough gently with floured hands.
- Line a baking tray with lightly oiled baking parchment and sprinkle it with flour. Carefully, transfer the dough to



the baking tray and loosely cover it with oiled cling film. Leave the dough to rise again, until nearly doubled in height - about 45 mins.

- Pre-heat the oven to 200c (180c fan), gas mark 6 or baking oven of an Aga. Once the dough is ready, mix together the remaining oil and 1tbsp water. Make deep indentations over the surface of the dough with fingertips, then brush with the oil mixture and scatter over the remaining rosemary. Sprinkle generously with sea salt flakes. Bake for 20-25 minutes until well risen and golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool slightly.

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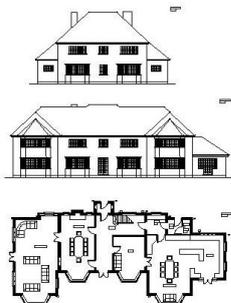
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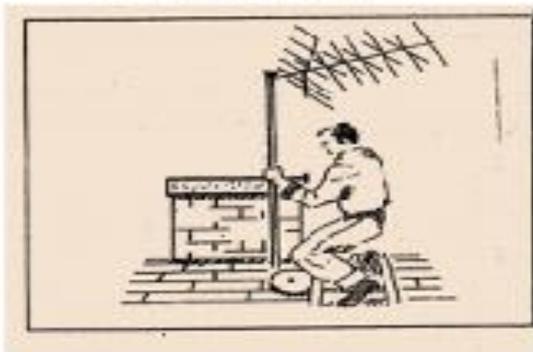
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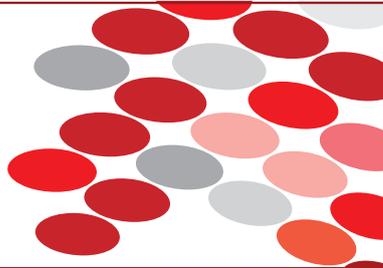
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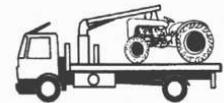
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www.fivealive.org - To stay up to date with what is happening across all of our Five Alive Mission Community, please visit our website. Here you will find any notices on what is happening as well as previous issues of The Parishes' Paper.

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.

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