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# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



## September 2020

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
<b>Sunday Sept 6th</b> Trinity 13	11am Five Alive 'Zoom' Service	6pm Patronal Said Evensong	11am Five Alive 'Zoom' Service	11am Five Alive 'Zoom' Service	11am Five Alive 'Zoom' Service
<b>Sunday Sept 13th</b> Trinity 14 OR HARVEST	11am Harvest Festival at Whites Farm, Lower Lane, Dalwood. Bring a lunch and join us for a picnic following the service				
<b>Sunday Sept 20th</b> Trinity 15	No Service	No Service	No service	No Service	No Service
<b>Sunday Sept 27th</b> Trinity 16 OR HARVEST	11am Harvest and Patronal Festival at Stockland. Please come and join us				

*Let us not become weary in  
doing good for at the proper  
time, we will reap a harvest if  
we do not give up'*

*Galatians 6:9*



Of course, Vicar, you are most welcome to some harvest milk. Would you like 4% fat, 3.5% fat, 1% fat, pre-treated, post-treated, homogenised, whole, skimmed, semi-skimmed or flavoured...?

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# THINKING OF OTHERS AS 'NORMAL' RETURNS

Anna Crabbe

**AS life gets back to some kind of new normal with children returning to school and furloughed people getting back to work, we all must be wondering how much longer the pandemic will be with us.**

We have become accustomed to wearing masks and keeping socially distanced from our friends and family. This becomes more difficult as time goes on. There are still people in our villages who can have days without any human contact and we need to remember that and pick up the phone or call in to see people for a chat even if it's on the doorstep.

We had our first open air coffee shop last Friday in Kilmington, which was lovely and we enjoyed seeing people we had not seen since March! The St Giles church barrow, pictured below, has started well and people have been bringing things and taking things for a donation. A rather different way to raise money for church funds.

I have also been busy raising money for transporting an X-ray and ultrasound machine to Kagando Hospital, pictured top and right, which is in Kasese District in Uganda - a seven-hour journey from Kampala. I have visited the hospital several times and learnt in January that their X-ray machines were not working. I approached the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, which



said we could have a portable AMX4 machine when it was next decommissioning one.

A few weeks ago, I had an email to say there was a machine available which they would like to donate. I started a JustGiving page, a new experience for me, and I am thrilled to say we have met our target of £4,500. Every donation has helped to achieve this, including a donation from Axminster Rotary.

Thank you to everybody for making this difference to many peoples' lives in Uganda. Currently the hospital only has one X-ray machine which is very unreliable. Med Aid International will have collected the X-ray and ultrasound machine by the time you are reading this and the machine will be on its way to Uganda.

Despite a very challenging time for us all over the last few months there have been many answers to prayer and we thank God for His provision

and love. As we begin to meet again in our churches, may we remember in our prayers people who will be nervous about meeting others again.

Our Zoom services will continue at the moment which has been challenging but fun learning new skills. I especially admire the way some of our church family members have embraced this new technology!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Service which Archdeacon Andrew is kindly leading at the Whites' Farm at Dalwood on September 13th.



# PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 38 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

**TWO labels have regularly been associated with this psalm, both of which are easily accepted.**

It may be described as the lament of an individual who has been afflicted with a bout of unbearable sickness - and, at the same time, it is one of the seven so-called 'Penitential Psalms', for, in verse 18, reciters of the psalm promise to confess their iniquity and be sorry for their sin.

Besides which, however horrible the affliction being endured, the prayer is firmly directed to the Lord of Salvation.

1. Rebuke me not, O Lord, in your anger, neither chasten me in your heavy displeasure.

2. For your arrows have stuck fast in me and your hand presses hard upon me.

3. There is no health in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no peace in my bones because of my sin.

4. For my iniquities have gone over my head; their weight is a burden too heavy to bear.

5. My wounds stink and fester

because of my foolishness.

6. I am utterly bowed down and brought very low; I go about mourning all the day long.

7. My loins are filled with searing pain; there is no health in my flesh.

8. I am feeble and utterly crushed; I roar aloud because of the disquiet of my heart.

9. O Lord, you know all my desires and my sighing is not hidden from you.

10. My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me; the light of my eyes is gone from me.

11. My friends and companions stand apart from my affliction; my neighbours stand afar off.

12. Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; and those who would harm me whisper evil and mutter slander all the day long.

13. But I am like one who is deaf and hears not, like one that is dumb who does not open his

mouth.

14. I have become like one who does not hear and from whose mouth comes no retort.

15. For in you, Lord, have I put my trust; you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16. For I said, 'Let them not triumph over me, those who exult over me when my foot slips.'

17. Truly, I am on the verge of falling and my pain is ever with me.

18. I will confess my iniquity and be sorry for my sin.

19. Those that are my enemies without any cause are mighty, and those who hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20. Those who repay evil for good are against me, because the good is what I seek.

21. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

22. Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

## Bible readings September 2020

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 6 Sep [G] Trinity 13 [Proper 18]	Ezek: 33:7-11 Ps: 149 or 119:33-40	Rom: 13:8-End Matt: 18:15-20
Sun 13 Sep [G] Trinity 14 [Proper 19] OR HARVEST	Harvest Readings TBC	Harvest Readings TBC
Sun 20 Sep [G] Trinity 15 [Proper 20]	Jonah: 3:10-end of Ch 4 Ps: 145:1-8	Phil: 1:21-End Matt:1-16
Sun 27 Sep [G] Trinity 16 [Proper 21] OR HARVEST	Harvest Readings TBC	Harvest Readings TBC

## From the registers

*As we have no weddings or baptisms to announce we are pleased to now include births and engagements in this section*

### Funerals

**Joyce White**, funeral held at Dalwood on July 23rd

### Weddings

**Lisa White** and **Ricky Frampton** were married at Dalwood on August 1st



# THE TALE OF THE BLACKBERRIES

Reverend Cate Edmonds

**I HAVE to confess to being a bit of a scavenger, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to pick fruits and berries when I'm out walking, possibly it's because it costs me nothing!**

But I like to make them into a variety of preserves which I can then give to friends and family. I think it is my way of sharing the abundance of God's creation. This time of the year of course it's the time for blackberries. I like to pick them when I'm walking my dogs and often pick, with the help of my husband, large amounts which I make into bramble jelly and blackberry and apple crumbles and pies.

This year however it is different; there seem to be far less good berries to pick so far. Most of our usual bushes have fruit, but they are small and dried up, I suppose this is the result of the heat wave just as they were forming. The lack of water and extreme heat has made them shrivel up. They have failed to grown into their true juicy stage. In fact to blossom into what they were intended to be has not taken place because something was missing, the water of life, and when a change occurred and something unusual happened, extreme heat, they were not able to cope.

This has made me reflect on our own spiritual development. In order for each of us to grow into the people God intended us to be we need to be constantly nourished, regularly watered with the Holy Spirit. Remember what Jesus said to the woman at the well? Jesus



said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Being denied our usual forms of worship has felt for many of us like a drought, we may have felt spiritually dried up at times. Now that there is a slight release from the constraints of lockdown this may be of some relief and we may well feel that we are starting to be watered once more. We are however still able to drink of Christ's water by our personal prayer life

and regular reading of the scriptures. If we drink deeply of the water of life which we receive from Christ we are able to cope when adverse weather comes, we are able to cope when the extremes of life hit us.

When I look at the shrivelled blackberries it makes me realise that I must work hard not to become shrivelled and dried up in my faith and seek to be regularly watered so that I can continue to cope when adversity, be it minor or major, hits. The humble blackberry has taught me a lesson, it's amazing what nature can teach us if we stop and appreciate it.

We love to hear what you are up to within the Five Alive parishes. If you would like to feature in a future issue of The Parishes' Paper, please contact your parish correspondent or email the editor directly - all contact details on page 31

# WHAT IS IN A DWELLING NAME?

*This feature looks at the individual housing of today, focussing on the property names and the insight they offer into the history of the village of Stockland*

By Gill Metcalfe

**THE casual walker through Stockland will soon note the striking variety of dwellings in just two streets - High Street (the Honiton Road) and the Chard Road. Detached barns, cosy terraces, thatched cottages, semi-detached homes, bungalows and new-builds are all in the mix.**

Roll down the hill - Honiton Road - from the Seven Mile Straight into the village passing Golden Square, The Repeater Station, Beares Farm, Hornshayes, Huntshayes and Larkrise, on the way before taking in the Stockland village sign, passing Parkview, Walts Stable, Park Farm and entering High Street from the Park Bridge. Here is where the main thrust of the village building starts, with a towering barn set back from the road - Parkhayes - followed by a large stone-built property, matched on the opposite side by an imposing detached cottage - Pilgrim Cottage. A sharp left turn before the King's Arms exposes quaint cottages, bungalows - Heatherlea, Springtime, and Woodsmoke - and a large detached stone property Pondslake.

The return to High Street reveals a detached house, right, three modern bungalows behind the Kings Arms - Sunnybank, Maryton, High Meadow and Hillcrest - and then two terraced rows in High Street - Greystones and Myrtle Terrace (3,2,1) with 'B', Ferndale, Rose Cottage and Peartree Cottage directly opposite. Both rows signifying a different building era.

Indeed, the properties on the right, with one exception, are Grade II listed; oddly enough this being the end terrace ('B') with the somewhat lonesome petrol pump and the historic boundary stone at the front door.

The crossroads that follow, open



**WHAT'S behind the naming of these parish dwellings?**

up to a row of cream-coloured terraces, right, which appear to amble quietly towards the church - The Old Post Office being the first in line. A left at the crossroads leads past a veritable conglomeration of historic thatches, colourful Edwardian terraces, driveways to

hidden properties, beautiful local stone houses, all at different angles to the main street with a farm in the midst. Names include Kites Cottage, The White House, The Cottage, Potters Cottage, Summerhayes Cottage, The Reading Room, The Forge, Orchards, Yarty View with

# PARISH PROPERTIES

Townsend and Battens Farm in their midst. This rising section of the Chard Road offers a veritable cacophony of colour and variety.

Continuing the rise the road skirts a cheerful group of more modern houses - Walshams - and bungalows - Battens - capped at the top of the hill by an exquisite recently re-thatched detached property - Road End Cottage.

Returning to the crossroads, take a left which passes several relatively modern bright cream properties - Elm Grove, Briars Thatch, Middlemarch - opposite two somewhat higgledy-piggledy, for a reason, elderly cottages - The Stores, once named the Old Bakery - then recessed behind a high stone wall a thoroughly modern glass faced home - The Vicarage - before opening up to a stunning stone property with house set back faced by a cobbled courtyard surrounded by outbuildings, once the church rectory - The Old Rectory.

The road then straggles out from the village centre up passing the school - not forgetting the properties behind the church including Church Cottage - passing two equally imposing properties on the left - The Knoll and Chase Hayes - before dropping down to an area of more recent development on the right - Cocker's Elm - where the turning leads past Aller Farm, Wisealler House, Rake Hill Farm to Lower Rodway and the Seavington Farms.

Such is the main hub of the Stockland parish, but this is not to forget the outlying farms and hamlets.

A similar walk made through the smaller of the parishes' communities - Heathstock, Ridge, Hawley, Hawley Bottom, Shore Bottom, Millhayes, and Broadhayes - will give the same flavour of rural and village life, all in the names of the housing.

In these communities, property names include Wellens, Broadhayes Cottage, Shorms, Shore Breach, Horners, Horse Plot, Temple Bar, Mellstock, Brindley Fold, Mount Pleasant Farm, Goren Farm, Paradise Farm, Winnowing Knapp,



Husseys, Cawleys, Venn Cottages, Blue Ball, Hunter's Lodge, Methodist Chapel, Newlands and countless others - many of them unfolding centuries of occupation.

But, and a big but, what's in a name? Why record them and why speculate on the centuries before?

Throughout the parish the properties are identified by name, by number, even by both - very haphazardly, and some retain total anonymity. Those named open up a wealth of history that gives insight into village life and growth throughout time.

This article is just a beginning: it invites the reader to walk around the parish and take in the names of the properties - even their own home - speculate on the origin of the names, smile at some of the name plates, but note what the buildings are saying about the parish - one that breathes history - an ancient and modern mix of intriguing informative dwellings.

If the appetite is whetted, pick up local historian Bryan Drew's publication, *A Journey through The History Of Stockland*, and re-read Alan Ash's lockdown essays in



previous issues of *The Parishes' Paper*. Perhaps the encouragement to investigate and write up a name or a house for the magazine might be forthcoming and add to the projected further inclusions on the topic.

Enjoy the walk.

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# DALWOOD NEWS

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## Ducks race despite Covid-19

**THE rain stayed away as some 480 ducks were tickled down the River Corry for Dalwood's annual duck race on August 16th.**

The first three ducks swam under the bridge in the following order: 1st - 468 Mike Hoskins; 2nd - 230 Delia Pady.

Dalwood Village Hall Trustees hold an annual duck race to raise funds for Dalwood Fair. This year sadly, due to Covid-19, the fair had to be cancelled.

Many thanks go to a special group of people: Kathy Laing and Lorraine Lucas for organising the race; Brian Eddy, Mike Stevens and Brian Howard for setting up in the morning; Debbie Jowett, Gemma Fearnley and Tess Herbert for tickling the ducks along the Corry; Ray Herbert for collecting all the

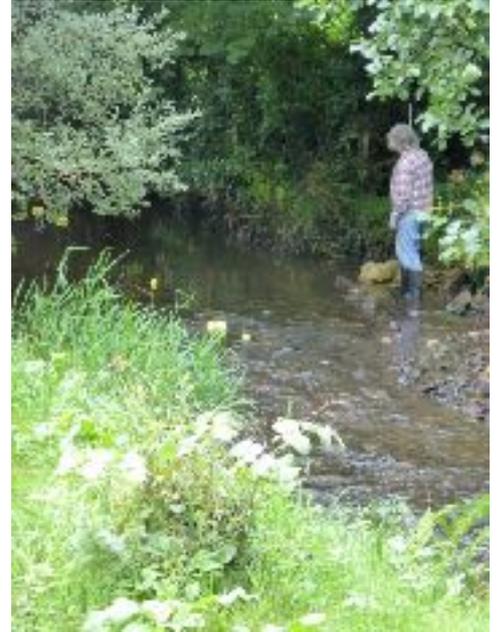
ducks as they swam to the finish line; Veronica Reynolds and Shelagh Fearnley had a busy time taking donations for cakes, biscuits and scones, all homemade.

Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser this year for Dalwood's buildings - St Peter's Church, The Methodist Chapel, Dalwood Village Hall, The Pavilion and The Reading Room.

In past years, all would have been recipients of Dalwood Fair funds.

The duck race and donations raised £620 to be divided between the above community groups. Thanks go to all who helped to support our community during this incredibly challenging time.

*Village Hall Trustees*



You're invited to a

## Harvest Festival Celebration

Please come and share in our Five Alive Harvest Service. Bring your own lunch to eat afterwards in the lovely environs of the farm. We really look forward to seeing you.

**Where:** The White's Farm, Lower Lane, Dalwood

**When:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Time:** 11am Archdeacon Andrew is leading the service

Try your hand at making a corn dolly

A foodbank box will be available for donations



## HAPPY CAMPERS

By Editor Kate Williams

**YOUNG riders in Dalwood have not escaped the uncertainties the coronavirus pandemic has dealt to events this year - but this lucky few were able to enjoy pony club camp - with a difference.**

Members of Axe Vale Pony Club were over the moon to be able to participate in the much-anticipated highlight of the year, a camp at Chard Equestrian Centre.

The pony-loving group was unable to stay overnight, due to the

Covid-19 restrictions, but were still treated to the four-day camp - with all equines allowed to stay overnight.

Maisy Trott, 13, Tom and Megan Godfrey, 13 and eight respectively, and Elsa Williams, six, all from Dalwood, took part in the camp, which included three-to-four hours' riding each day as well as learning stable management and horse care - all at a social distance.

Each rider was treated to tuition by qualified instructors in an array of disciplines - flatwork, show jumping, cross country and mounted games.



**ABOVE, Maisy Trott and Princess; right, Tom Godfrey and Lily; far right, Megan Godfrey and Harry; top right, Elsa Williams and Spots**



### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

**A prayer from online daily devotion app Lectio 365**

Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to You, in every way.

Jesus, help me to give myself away

to others, being kind to everyone I meet.

Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.

Amen

**Contributed by Caroline Nunns**

### Flower Rota for St Peter's Church

29th Aug-5th September - Jo Flint  
12th-19th September - Judith Chard  
26th September - Caroline Nunns  
3rd-10th October - Shelagh Beak

# 'Appropriate' thoughts for during Covid outbreak, penned by Clarke

AFTER listening to a Sunday morning service recently on the radio, the theme of which was 'hope', I was thinking about what I had heard when the words of the following hymn came to mind.

Written in 1947 in the aftermath of the last war, and at a time of great personal problems for the colleague who wrote the music, the words show that however bleak things seem God is always there to love and support us, and to me they seemed very appropriate for the current Coronavirus situation.

*I do not know what lies ahead,  
the way I cannot see;  
yet One stands near to be my  
guide,  
He'll show the way to me.  
I know who holds the future,  
and He'll guide me with his hand;  
With God things don't just happen,  
every thing by Him is planned.*

*So as I face tomorrow,  
with it's problems large and small,  
I'll trust the God of miracles,  
give to Him my all.*

*I do not know how many days  
of life are mine to spend;  
but One who knows and cares for  
me  
will keep me to the end.  
I know who holds...*

*I do not know the course ahead,  
what joys and griefs are there;  
but One is near who fully knows,  
I'll trust his loving care.  
I know who holds...*

**Eugene L Clarke  
Contributed by Roderick Ovey  
Dalwood Methodist Church**

**I RESEARCHED Eugene Clarke  
on the internet and discovered he  
was born in 1925 and became**

**blind and bedridden with  
crippling arthritis since 1963.**

Clarke died in 1982, but did not allow his handicaps to diminish his service for God. He composed and arranged music by dictating each song, note by note and word-by-word, into a dictating machine.

Clarke wrote three cantatas and nearly 200 songs, most of them during his illness. His works are regularly heard on the Back to the Bible Broadcast, where he has served as organist, music director and producer.

His well-known song, Nothing Is Impossible, has related his wonderful testimony to millions by its use in the Billy Graham crusades. Get acquainted with Eugene in his book of inspiring poems, My Hope, which express his faith in God and his concern for the lost.

**Michael Dods**



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**Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm**  
**Sunday: 8.30am - 12.30pm**

### POST OFFICE opening times

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



## Villagers gather for special farmers' country wedding

By Chris Eddy

**THE wedding on August 1st at St Peter's Church, Dalwood, was of special note in the village because the bride was Lisa May, eldest daughter of Derek and Mags White, popular third generation local farmers and staunch supporters of Dalwood village.**

On July 31st, the bride's sister, friends and flower arrangers met in St Peter's - suitably distancing themselves - to use the many sunflowers grown by the bride, and decorate the church with country arrangements of grasses, greenery and the multi-sized, gloriously yellow, sunflowers.

Other friends had arranged four milk churns at the lych gate and church door with the tallest sunflowers amongst a sea of asparagus fronds which swayed gently in the summer breeze on Lisa's wedding day.

The wedding party arrived on decorated tractor trailers with very smart suited-and-booted drivers at the wheels.

Lisa wore a beautiful dress which skimmed the ground as she walked along the church path holding Derek's arm, with the bridesmaids close behind, and the sun shone brightly on them and on the many villagers who had waited in the lanes and fields to greet them and wish them well. Some had chairs to sit on to wait comfortably during the service to be sure of seeing the couple, newly married, come out of church. There was a festival atmosphere everywhere.

Rev Ann Mills conducted the service beautifully as always and it was a special day for her too as she has known Lisa since she was a child.

There were no hymns allowed because of the Covid 19 precautions in place but Mary Jarvis



Photos by Caroline Nunns



played the organ for them, Milly White read a poem about Lisa and Rev Mills gave a good address. Lisa and groom Ricky became Mr and Mrs Frampton.

Photographs were taken by the official photographer and friends and neighbours. No bell ringing could happen in the close confines of our bell tower, but bells would have been missed by the young couple at their own wedding, so a recording of wedding bells was played on a loudspeaker as they came out of church.

Amidst confetti-throwing friends and well wishers, the wedding party climbed back on to the tractor trailers and did a circuit of village and fields before going home for a happy, family wedding breakfast. And then, being farmers, all checked on their animals as usual before bedtime!

Lisa and Ricky will continue to live on their farm in Whitchurch Canonicorum.



# KILMINGSTON NEWS

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## Celebrations in strange times

By Diana Mellows

**THE last few months have brought about so many changes in the way we live our lives, many of them have been hard to get used to and sadly may remain with us for some time.**

Mostly, we have adapted to cope with these changes but loneliness for many has brought about physical and mental problems which have made life extremely tough.

However, despite all this we all enjoy celebrating something, whether it be just an ordinary birthday, or an anniversary of a special event. Many people I have spoken to have really enjoyed their birthdays this year, receiving more cards, phone calls and emails than ever before. Friends and family made sure that the day was memorable, in spite of being separated from them.

Weddings are planned way in

advance these days, and alas many have been postponed but those that have taken place did so in a quiet meaningful way, with a few family or friends present. Most weddings are regarded as an excuse for a big party and the religious significance is lost in the extravagance of the day. Perhaps it is a separation of the two events that could be for the better, who knows? These last few months have changed our lives and what we view as being important.

Celebrations that have been severely curtailed are those of the lives our loved ones who have died during this terrible crisis. The very harsh restrictions have meant that only a few mourners were able to attend any funeral service and of course there was no gathering afterwards. Showing love and respect for a family member, a friend or a neighbour who has played a part in our lives and who is no longer with us, is a vital part of

the grieving process for the whole community. There have been several instances in the village recently where people came out of their homes to line the route of the cortege from the home of the deceased to the church or out of the village on its way to a service elsewhere, or gathered in a socially-distanced manner at a discreet distance close by. A community needs to celebrate the lives of people of whom they are proud to have known and this was the only way they could do it.

I refer especially to Elizabeth Foster, Pat Foster and Betty Richards, all of whom will be greatly missed.

I was very moved on every occasion and am glad that in the company of so many others, I was able to show my appreciation for whom they were and what they had meant to the community. It felt right to be celebrating in this different way in these strange times.



## Car Park Praise

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**or just turn up with family and friends!**

## Hearing bells

**WHEN will we hear the bells again?**

This is a question I have been asked recently and with the first service in St Giles' since March being a Mission Community Evensong service on September 6th, we very much hope that it will be possible to ring again soon.

However, things won't be quite as they were.

Firstly, we hope that following a risk assessment and tower/belfry check, the church will allow the bells to be rung.

Initially, we will only be able to ring three non-adjacent bells, due to the two-metre ruling, for a maximum of 15 minutes for services only.

Ringers will only ring if they feel it is safe. We look forward to ringing the bells again in the near future and hope you enjoy hearing them.

**Celia Dunsford**  
**Kilmingston Bell-ringers**

## Rolling out new barrow for first 'open-air coffee shop'

By Anna Crabbe

**THE church barrow was out for the first time on Friday, August 21st at St Giles's Church's first open-air coffee shop.**

There was a gathering of 14 people and £57 was raised for church funds. A very encouraging start.

The plan is to have the barrow out every day and people can bring and buy things. Donations only.

Everyone enjoyed meeting again, socially-distancing and hopefully the coffee shop will be able to be open every Friday 10am to 12noon from now on.

St Giles's coffee shop was started in 2008 and is very popular, but of course we have not met since March 23rd, so it was lovely to meet people again.



**THE church barrow, offering wares aplenty, top right. Enjoying a coffee, right, Gill Heighway, Jenny Nickolls, Janfryd Gordon-Kerr and Diana Mellows. Above, the barrow receiving some TLC before the first outing**

*Photos by Anna Crabbe*





# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## King's Arms is back up to full 'Covid capacity'

**THE King's Arms is working to full capacity under the lockdown restrictions.**

The restaurants and outside garden areas were fully booked for Tuesday and Wednesday of the mid-August week with 75 covers; encouragingly locals and tourists were part of the trade mix. These weekdays are also fully booked for the final holiday week.

On the evening of Saturday, September 4th, the pub will host its first lockdown event: a solo singer throughout the evening. Early reservations should be made as this is sure to be a popular event.

Guests can now take advantage of the 'new' set price two-course lunch menu (Tuesdays-Fridays). A choice of starters, main courses and deserts is available.

The pub will be open on Bank Holiday Monday - again early booking encouraged.

## Book club is still thriving

**THE Keep Alert Book Club was established during lockdown with the help of Zoom after our local pub meetings were curtailed.**

Meetings are held 'virtually' every third Thursday of the month at 8pm on Zoom. A WhatsApp group is also used.

There is always a lively dialogue amongst members. Of late, the group has been using a thematic approach with the most recent being books with a Black Lives Matters focus, fiction and non-fiction. New members are most welcome.

For further information please contact 04104 831 1207.

**Jane Griffiths**



By Gill Metcalfe

**NO space, no time for a flower garden. So often such a claim is met with the encouragement of pots.**

What a way to enjoy small spaces with an array of plants and their summer colours. The featured photographed pots stand proudly outside a local front door and are indeed enviable. The sweet peas, the lilies, and sunflowers tower above a profusion of smaller pots and the smell is heavenly. With lockdown, the opportunity to view the village gardens as per the open garden initiative in 2019 has been missed, but just passing houses in the community indicates that gardeners are hard at work producing stunning arrays of blooms.

**TOP, pot plants standing tall; left and below, an abundance of lilies, above, colourful sweet peas of much stature**



However, doorstep pots must take pride of place whilst the look through the garden gate has not been available. Well done to all, but on this occasion, praise is due to those who have taken to the container alternatives.

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## An 'eclectic' book, reviewed by locals

**COWSLIP DELL**

By Dr David Allen

**THIS book is a personal, self-indulgent journey through the life of a naturalist, anchored in Stockland, East Devon, but lived over two continents.**

A wartime childhood following a Chinese conception led to schooling in Washington DC and smog-ridden London before 10 years of boarding in Dorset.

An interest in natural history began very early under his mother's influence, burgeoning as a passion for plants by a cowslip dell in a wild daffodil meadow near home.

University years were formative in the development of scientific thinking and in building self-confidence through rock climbing and mountain adventure. A digression on Turkey reflects summer vacation travel in the mid-1960s. These occupy the first three chapters.

Chapters 4-10 follow the flow of job opportunities, from a contract on local terms in Tanzania, during which the naturalist metamorphoses into a plant pathologist. Here, he realises that, in tropical food crops, disease is best combated by breeding resistance. Doctoral research leads to international work in plant breeding, first in Nigeria then in Colombia, and back to East Africa again. After 20 years, the author returns to East Devon, the subject of the final three chapters.

Now, the plant pathologist turns to ecology, and to wildlife conservation in an agricultural landscape. Voluntary work on the conservation management of the Stockland Turbaries, wet heath and mire sites in the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, takes centre stage while starting to question the sustainability of local intensive

farming.

Available from Quantock Nature, Higher Quantock, Stockland, Honiton, Devon, EX14 9DX or 01404 861394.

*John Curnoe*



**DAVID Allen during his book signing at the King's Arms**

**LOCAL author Dr David Allen recently had his socially-distanced book launch at his favourite hostelry – the King's Arms Inn, Stockland.**

There were certain characters that appear in his book detailing his extraordinary adventures and a life jolly well lived to date!

This is a rip-roaring tale about David's exploits and a wonderful mixture of local history and Stockland characters along with adventures abroad and at home.

This book is a must for anyone interested in plants and bugs in fact it is a hugely entertaining mix of everything.

*Wendy Van der Plank*

## Annual walk of churches will go ahead

THE annual Devon Historic Churches Walk will take place on Saturday, September 12th.

The walk will start at 10am from Stockland's church, finishing there at approximately 12.30 pm.

Parishioners from the other parishes are welcome to join - social-distancing respected.

Walkers can leave a picnic lunch in the church which will be open for the duration; coffee and tea will be available at the end of the walk.

If you would like to join or sponsor us - half the proceeds to Devon Historic Churches and half to Stockland's church - we would be most grateful. Those walking from other parishes will, of course, forward their proceeds to their respective church.

Please contact 01404 881 538 or email [bryandrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bryandrow@yahoo.co.uk)

*Bryan Drew*

## Preschool's treasure hunt adventures

**A HUGE thank you must go to everyone who took part in the socially-distanced car treasure hunt, organised by Stockland's preschool.**

The event raised an amazing total of £350 for the preschool. It was fantastic to see all the children concentrating so hard to spot all the characters, and adults whizzing through the clues!

Congratulations to the eagle-eyed winning team, led by Bryan Drew, and a particular thank you to all who worked so hard to make the day a success, especially the talented Cathy Derryman, who set all the clever clues.

*Lucy Shipley*

**The Parishes' Paper team would love to hear your news and ideas**

## VILLAGE TURBARIES: THE SUMMER WATCH

By Gill Metcalfe

**AFTER a hot, dry spring, some rain in early June seemed most welcome.**

The spring-line mires on Bucehayes and Quantock Commons burst into flower with widespread cotton-grass, forget-me-not, chains of the pink-flowered bog pimpernel and the paler pink heath spotted orchid.

I counted 87 flowering spikes of the rare early marsh orchid this season, slightly up on the number in 2019.

Despite lockdown, we were able to obtain moorland ponies again, with seven Exmoors and eight Dartmoors being released in mid-



**SPARROWHAWK chicks spotted**

*Photo by Geoff Pearce*

June onto Bucehayes and Quantock, respectively. Just ahead of their arrival, three of us set up an electrified tape on Quantock to leave an area of purple moor-grass ungrazed, in the hope that reed buntings will be attracted by seeding molinia later in the season.

Meanwhile, Geoff Pearce reports that several broods of tawny owl have fledged successfully from his boxes: two broods each with two young on Shore Bottom; one with three fledglings on Quantock and one with two on Bucehayes.

Excitingly, he also found that kestrels were breeding in boxes both on Quantock and Horner Hill, with four and six chicks fledging, respectively. A pair of sparrowhawks nested high in a birch tree on Quantock Turbarry where four young have just fledged.

Neither pied nor spotted flycatchers have been recorded from the turbaries this summer. But we have not been without more ornithological excitement: the escaped laughing kookaburra found

its way up the Yarty and appeared at Quantock where it was heard, seen and photographed by Jean Spiller at Brimpit Farm. The following week, while checking his owl boxes, Geoff witnessed an attack on a tawny owl by a large raptor that then flew off into a tree where he had a good view of the bird. It was a goshawk!

Now, as I write in August, butterflies seem to have been rather few. I was pleased to see a marbled white in the wood-pasture on Horner, topped by Robin Gundry in mid-July.

Silver-washed fritillaries are on the wing and there is the occasional comma in addition to the usual vanessids. I see that berries of alder buckthorn - the larval food plant of the brimstone - are turning red then black. They may well be poisonous; the dried bark of the shrub is well known to be a laxative and purgative!

Some rain has prompted the appearance of a few fungi including several species of russula, or brittlegill, as well as the foul smelling, phallic stinkhorn. Oak leaves are turning white in the hedge banks, at the hand of a powdery mildew, a fungus that appeared in the UK after the Second World War. A much more recent and important introduction is the fungus that causes ash dieback, now present on Shore Bottom Turbarry and no doubt elsewhere. A Woodland Management Plan, which may be the parish council's 'passport' to entry to the Higher Tier of a Countryside Stewardship, is likely to address this disease.

### PAUSE FOR PRAYER

#### A traditional Gaelic Prayer

As the hand is made for holding  
And the eye for seeing,  
thou hast fashioned me for joy.  
Share with me the vision that  
shall find it everywhere:  
in the wild violet's beauty,  
in the lark's melody,  
in the face of a steadfast man,  
in a child's smile,  
in a mother's love,  
in the grace of God  
and the blessing of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
*Amen*

*Philippa Willis*

**Please stay in touch by sending us your community news and photos of events, activities and nature in the Five Alive area**  
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# SHUTE NEWS

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## Project continues to save plant special to local area

**THE project to safeguard the future of the fragile population of the heath lobelia plant continues to develop.**

This plant is special to Kilminster and Shute, only growing in four other counties and with only one other site in Devon.

Recorded in Rev Zachary Edward's 1862 book, *Ferns of the Axe* - copies available in Axminster Library - as growing in a mile stretch, 100 yards wide, it now only grows in one area, a private garden.

Its growing conditions of open heathland were replaced by woodland and this has led to its demise. Tree planting on the common gathered apace from the 19th Century onwards - started by Sir William Templer Pole, who is known to have planted 896,000 trees on the historic Shute Estate, which included Shute Hill. More recently much conifer planting took place in the 1950s onwards.

One former Kilminster resident recently shared a secret he had kept for over 80 years, pointing to a location close to the old football field in Kilminster. Sadly, changing agricultural practice has caused its demise there. He also recalled the farmer who owned the football field, saying that field gave the most productive hay yield. Heath lobelia also grew there, and no doubt contributed to the quality of the hay. The churning up of the ground by the footballers would have been ideal growing conditions for the plant, which thrives on disturbed soils.

The Heath Lobelia Volunteer Group formed during the Legacy to Landscape community heritage project. It has successfully grown plants from seed collected in 2018, and has, this summer, planted them out at locations in the Shute Woods and Kilminster Common area



where it once thrived.

This plant is extremely vulnerable, only being present at one existing site - small-scale plantings this summer will test to see if it can survive in these new locations close to the one remaining site. The group would also like to enhance the biodiversity of the meadow at Kilminster Common in Kilminster village, by developing a second secure population.

To provide sufficient numbers of plants for this potential site, the group hopes to collect seed from the private garden this autumn. If anyone is interested in helping with raising plants from this seed, please do get in touch with Ruth Worsley on 01297 489741 or via email at [legacytolandscap@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscap@gmail.com).

In the meantime, keep an eye out for this modest discreet and very special plant.

**Ruth Worsley**  
**Legacy to Landscape**  
**Project Coordinator**

**VOLUNTEERS plant out heath lobelia between Shute and Kilminster in July, above. Below, the special heath lobelia plant**



## Festival returns for autumn

By Bijan Omrani

**SHUTE Festival returns from its August break with a number of online events in September.**

On Thursday, September 10th at 6pm, Martin Hesp, one of the leading columnists of the *Western Morning News*, will be speaking on his new book, *Tales From The Lockdown: Six Stories of Rural Life Written during Coronavirus*.

This will be followed, on Thursday, September 24th at 6pm, by Susan Owens, former V&A and Royal Collection curator on her latest book, *Spirit of Place: Artists, Writers, and the British Landscape*.

On Friday, September 18th, from 6-7:15pm, there will also be a musical event – a singalong and concert led by choirmaster Polina Shepherd, who will be leading a performance of Russian and Yiddish songs.

Further details on events and instructions for joining online are available via the website at [www.shutefestival.org.uk](http://www.shutefestival.org.uk).



**CHOIRMASTER Polina Shepherd, above, will lead a singalong and concert for Shute Festival. Former Victoria and Albert Museum curator Susan Owens, right, will be speaking on her forthcoming book**



# HARVEST





# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Marvellous village memories

By Lesley Sutton

**MANY of us have fond memories of the Yarcombe Skittles League, started by John Salter and Frank Bond in 1975, as a fun way to get the village people together and it blossomed for many years.**

A group of 10 searched around for those willing to join in and formed mixed teams of six people booking their own alleys for a night out and a meal into the bargain. Before the Yarcombe welcome packs came into being, any newcomer was invited to join the skittles team to get to know everybody, almost a 'rite of passage' to be initiated in the way of village affairs. Every year in the summer it was the norm to get a list of people who wanted to play and, at a meeting the captains, under strict supervision, names were drawn from a hat, so there was no favouritism.

When John decided enough organising was enough in March 1981, YAK took over and ran it for many years before Jon Stockwell kindly stepped in as organiser in 2003/4. At one time, we had 14 teams playing each other so it was a very busy season.

Roger Parris, Phil Stringer and I used to visit all the local alleys and book for the year. For a village with no alley we had to venture far and wide to play matches. Clayhiden, Churchinford which had turnip shaped balls, Holman Clavel, Stockland, Upottery, Wambrook, Dalwood, Cottage Inn, Longbridge, even into Honiton on occasions. The introduction of an alley at the Yarcombe Inn made things somewhat easier to organise and less travelling about the countryside.

The times when four teams could meet up at one venue were riotous occasions. We remember 'Ginger Dyer' throwing his hat in the air and jumping on it when he got a spare, Mike Dyer face down on the floor after he let the ball go and Joy Symes whose balls wandered down the alleys from side to side.

The older children earned a

fortune, but for very hard work sticking up and some were so quick!

An innovative idea to have lady captains was introduced as many were as good or better than the men. Gradually, cups were forthcoming: Highest Team, Vicar and Churchwardens Cup, Highest Scorers, Men - Frank Bond memorial cup, the Glenn Blackler Rose Bowl for the ladies. Glenn was a founder member of YAK and one of the first captains who sadly passed away leaving a young family. Running out of ideas for extra cups received, the nomination game was introduced and as a last resort the Captain's Nomination Cup.

We played pool (often very badly) so spent very long evenings at the Howley Tavern. We had a grand presentation night, with a dance and buffet supper in the hall to round off the season, before we decided a finals night at the pub was a fitting finale to the season. Profits from the match fees after all expenses had been paid were donated to various village organisations. Dwindling numbers of players and the loss of an alley at the pub have made the skittles unviable, but you never know what may happen and the cups are being stored in the village hall in case they are needed in the future.

Those were also the days of 'steel ball' throwing on St George's Day, teams running round the countryside trying to have the fewest throws and whether they could throw the ball over the pond at Pithayne. Many a chilly night was spent up to our waists in the mud trying to fish the ball out.

There was barrel rolling from Longbridge to Yarcombe on New Year's Day, with lunch and a tug of war across the A30 later in the afternoon. Health and safety totally unknown, where has the spirit of adventure gone?

Another of our institutions bit the dust during the lockdown. Maggie's Mix thought that the time had come to wind up proceedings and give Maggie a rest. With singing being absolutely forbidden and everyone

getting on a bit, the group will meet up for an informal evening if they feel they can produce a tune, (or not). The Mix has proved to be a great way to come together for members of the chapel and the church and those who have no allegiance to either and has been a great social benefit. Many people have come and gone from the ranks but the faithful few remained. Gareth Malone inspired so many groups to try singing and introduced them to lasting friendships and this was true in Yarcombe.

The singing and harmonies may not have been the highest quality, but those who asked the group to perform realised that everyone was enjoying themselves and joined in the spirit of the theme. Concerts were held and the Mix joined others at Combe St Nicholas Church and Methodist Chapel, the Five Dials, Dalwood Music Day and church coffee mornings, garden parties at Glebe Farm and visits to care homes. During its inception at least £4,650, not including funds raised at many special services, was raised for good causes, including MAF, Somerset Levels Flooding, Devon Air Ambulance, Devon Free Wheelers and Children's Hospice South West.

Maggie has been most generous with her time. Innumerable pieces of music have been accumulated and her patience with this unruly mob must have been brought to breaking point on many occasions, but she has 'never lost her cool' and been very diplomatic with everybody. It was noticeable that pieces that were practiced for many weeks would suddenly be dropped as she realised that they were above our ambitions, but we certainly had some favourites which could bring her near to tears, when we got them right.

She is hoping that in time, when we are allowed to mix socially, that the Allsorts may still continue. Thank you, Maggie, for all your hard work - we know that you love your music so much and hope that our efforts have not been too disappointing.

## Army Covid call-up for Steve

By Lesley Sutton

**'LITTLE' did we know, in the balmy summer holidays when the 'Fire Street' boys were very small and gung ho, repelling the enemy by digging a machine gun pit in my back garden, causing consternation to us parents, should the sides cave in and bury them, that a life in the military would actually take place.**

The boys hid camouflaged in the hedgerow along the footpath shooting soft peas at passersby, with input from keen pistol shooter David Little, realising that Yarcombe can be controlled with few defendants from the top of the church tower, an impregnable position should the invasion take place.

One of those very boys, Steven Little, has recently been featured by the Royal British Legion as one of those supporting the Army's Covid 19 response.

Forty years on, Major Steven Little responded swiftly when asked to support the Army's Covid 19 order, not knowing when he would return to normal life and his volunteer role as a Poppy Appeal co-ordinator for the Royal British Legion.

Brought up in Yarcombe, he attended Stockland Primary School and Honiton Community College before moving on to study civil engineering at Plymouth University, where he joined the Territorial Army at the age of 19 and the Exeter

University Office Training Corps.

Steve and his family are no strangers to deployment, as for the past 20 years he has served as a reservist in the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), serving in Basra during the Iraq war where he found his niche rebuilding the infrastructure, understanding that the children needed schools and the general population, hospitals. He has also spent time in Kuwait, Nigeria, Kenya, Belize, Bosnia Herzegovina and Somalia. In Mogadishu, on disembarking from the aircraft, all personnel were lined up to be greeted by officials. He was amazed when Rebecca Lipscombe, from Moorhayne Lane and working for the BBC World Service, raced past all these worthies, greeting him saying "Steve, I haven't seen you for years!" Small world for a little place like Yarcombe!

Steve's commanding officer called at 10pm on a Thursday night asking him to report for duty the next day to support the Covid 19 response. So that was it, bags packed that evening and next day to head quarters to be tasked, hugging his family goodbye, not knowing when he would return. Members of the Territorial Army have to be ready to leave their jobs and home life, whenever required, to report for duty in all sorts of emergencies.

Steve was tasked with the job of supporting Covid 19 response efforts in the overseas territories in the Caribbean with 3 Commando

Brigade Royal Marines.

Teams had been dispatched to have a visible presence, working in support of the civil authorities to ensure they could deal with any potential contingencies occurring.

They were also able to better prepare for the hurricane season out there. The worst case scenario being a devastating hurricane hitting during lockdown.

He supported them using both civilian and military experience to help them prepare.

A lot was done remotely using web based communications. The Army gave him a secure laptop to receive calls from the Caribbean. Colleagues out there called up and asked questions. They had conference calls and provided backup support so advice and equipment were quickly available. The people out there were the eyes and ears, but could call on expertise to deal with any problems encountered.

It was a busy couple of weeks but this gradually tailed off as things were not so bad as anticipated.

After five weeks it was back to normal life, returning to his job as a project manager and specialist trainer for the United Nations in East Africa.

Steve has supported the Poppy Appeal in Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford for the past 13 years as a collector and then as organiser last year. Volunteers range in age from eight to 80 and they raised £9,800 in Waitrose last year.

## Watching the wonderful house martins work

**ALTHOUGH Fire Street does not have swallows this year, the long-tailed and other tits and finches have been doing very well.**

For many years, house martins nested under the eaves at Carpenters, lovely to see, but the mess rather a trial.

However, with new rendering the usual returners were unable to get the mud to stick to the walls.

This year, though, some patient

and strong-minded birds have managed to build a nest on the stonework at the other end of the house.

This has meant that I have to be very careful when opening my bedroom windows as I don't want to disturb them.

I have watched the laborious process of collecting mud and positioning it, gradually building layers up to reach the soffits.

There is a minute gap on one

side and the parent birds fly in at a rate of knots just folding their wings back in time to enter the nest. Two little heads pop out and tweet away, mouths as wide as the gap waiting for their food and we are expecting them to fledge shortly.

A telescope has been rigged up so that we can watch their antics. But for lockdown, we would not have had the time to sit and watch this wonderful act of nature.

**Lesley Sutton**

## Young farmers stay active in lockdown

**THE last Young Farmers' Club (YFC) event was at the start of March, where several members went to Newquay for the annual South West Area event and members were joined by other clubs from across the South West.**

A great time was had by all, but little did we all know this would be the last big event we would all go to for a long while - some may have wished they drank more and spent more time away from home!

An event which a coach load of Yarcombe YFC members had been looking forward to going to, at the end of March, was the yearly Whimple and District YFC ball at Crealy Adventure Park. This, unfortunately, had to be cancelled, due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Also, amongst many other events our club and other YFC groups would have organised, was unable to go ahead including barn, foam and water disco parties, dyno day, and many other events to raise money for our charities.

As a club, we have found many ways to keep busy and all stay in

contact together and have fun via 21st Century technology. We had an online scavenger hunt with club members looking for various items matching a riddle in their own homes. Members have also done various baking competitions and selfie challenges through social media, as well as keeping our farms going. We took part in a YFC 'loo roll challenge' where members videoed themselves throwing and catching a loo roll in various ways, locations and outfits, I'm sure most of you have seen what a laugh it is.

In April, members with YFC stock were due to participate in the Devon YFC show and sale at Exeter Livestock Centre. This was moved to being an online virtual show and sale on Wednesday, April 29th, where members sent in pictures of their stock competing against other clubs in Devon. Well done to all members who took part. A particular well done to our chairman, Dan Olive, coming 4th for his pigs, and member Kate Burrough coming 4th for beef.

The summer months would have taken host to two annual shows in

which we are involved, Devon County Show and Honiton Show, both of which were cancelled. The Devon County YFC moved the show to online where a few members took part in various classes including scarecrow making, best lockdown snap, a face mask, lockdown project, a showstopper cake, and many other classes.

Our lives are slowly getting back to normal with pubs opening and being able to meet in small groups with our friends 'bubble'. Meetings are still being held over Zoom and many members are still working from home on computers looking out into the countryside, rather than a company office. Our farmers and NHS workers have never stopped working. A massive thank you to the NHS staff for keeping our hospitals going and treating patients in the coronavirus pandemic and thanks to our farmers for keeping going to ensure food is on our plates.

We will keep you updated with any dates of events and new members meetings in the near future. In the meantime, stay safe.

If anyone has any further questions please contact chairman Dan Olive on 07811744714, or secretary Laura Dare on 07411837605.

**Natalie Sampson**  
Press Secretary  
Yarcombe and District  
Young Farmers' Club

### YARCOMBE WEATHER JULY 2020

	2020	2019	2018
Average Max. temperature	21.2°C	21.7°C	26.7°C
Average Min.	11.8°C	14.9°C	14.2°C
Average Overall temperature	16.5°C	18.2°C	20.5°C
Rainfall	29.4mm	28.9mm	51.3 mm
Wettest Day	26th 14.4mm	30th 8.9 mm	28th 28.6 mm
Sunniest Day	21st 11.0 hrs approx.	25th 16.0 hrs	2nd 16.0 hrs
Warmest Day	31st 28.0°C	25th 26.9°C	2nd 33.2°C
Coldest Night	22nd 8.5°C	4th 11.7°C	17th 11.0°C
Sunshine hours	147 hours approx.	258hrs	260 hrs

Since Lock Down on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we have had some fantastic weather in the South West but July was not quite as good as previous years with less sunshine, however we only had one wet day. The north of the U.K. has not had such a good summer, due to the jet stream driving across Scotland bringing cool, wet and windy conditions on a conveyor belt of depressions from the Atlantic.

Tony Newman

# Did you know your cooker flue needs sweeping too?

A LOCAL chimney expert warns homeowners to ensure cooker flues are swept before winter.

James Holbrook, of Heritage Chimney Sweeping, says: "Before you turn them on for the winter, don't forget to have your AGA or Rayburn cooker flue swept this autumn. Regular servicing alone is not enough."

These before and after pictures show the build-up of soot or 'fluff' which can block the flue. This build-up greatly reduces the efficiency of the cooker and can allow potentially poisonous gasses to enter the room.

"This is a sight I see often," explains James. "The flue in the 'before' picture is half blocked. If your Aga or Rayburn cooker runs on oil or gas, it's not usually soot you have to worry about but a build-up of house dust.

"These cookers draw air into the flue from the cooking area 24 hours a day. That means lots of cooking



TOP, before a cooker flue is swept, and, above, the flue after sweeping

vapours - often greasy - and a constant stream of tiny house dust particles being pulled up the flue. These will eventually build up and can lead to the flue becoming blocked.

"If you have an AGA or Rayburn, you may also have an open fire or woodburning stove. When you book your sweep, do get your cooker flue done as well. It's well worth it."

Heritage's COVID-19 statement: "Heritage Chimney Sweeping takes the health and safety of our customers seriously. We have attended World Health Organisation training in Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19 to keep everyone safe. This includes wearing appropriate protective equipment."

For more information of having a cooker, open fire or log burner chimney swept, contact 0794 6707 906 or via the website: [www.heritagechimneysweeping.co.uk](http://www.heritagechimneysweeping.co.uk).

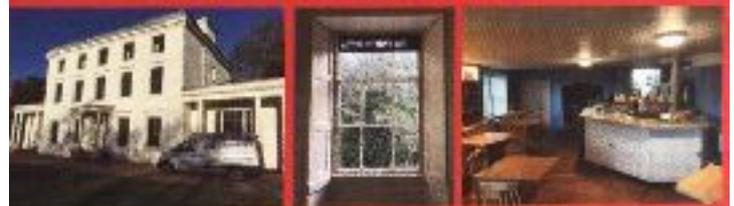
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# PARISH RECIPE

SPANAKOPITTA OR POPEYE PIE by Philippa Wilks

## ONE FOR THE SAILORMAN

**IF you remember Popeye the Sailorman, you'll know he loved spinach and ate it by the canful.**

In my family, spinach is a love it or hate it vegetable, but we all enjoy this Greek pie which is good hot from the oven or cold for a picnic.

### Ingredients:

- 1 kg washed, drained spinach
- 1 finely chopped onion
- 4 finely chopped spring onions
- 2 tbsp olive oil plus 6 more for brushing the filo pastry
- 4 tbsp chopped dill or parsley
- 4 beaten eggs
- 250 g crumbled feta cheese
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- Large pinch of nutmeg
- Ground pepper
- 500 g filo pastry

### Method:

- Pre-heat oven to 190 C / 170 fan / 375 F
- Brush a baking tin approximately 38 x 28 cm / 15 x 11 ins, with olive oil - it needs to be a little smaller than the sheets of filo
- Squeeze as much water as possible out of the spinach. Shred the leaves.
- In a large pan, gently fry the onion and spring onion in 2 tbsp olive oil.
- Add the spinach, dill or parsley and stir till the spinach is soft and the liquid has evaporated. Allow to cool.



- In a bowl, mix together the eggs, feta cheese, parmesan, cooled spinach, nutmeg and a little pepper. Place half the sheets of filo in the oiled tin. Brush each sheet with a little oil and let the edges come up the sides of the tin.
- Spread the filling on top, fold over the edges of the filo and cover with the remaining pastry, brushing each sheet with oil as you go. Tuck the edges of filo down the sides of the tin to seal the pie. Brush the top sheet generously with oil.
- Using a sharp knife, carefully cut the pie into squares or diamonds, but don't cut right through to the bottom.
- Bake about an hour till the pie is golden and puffed up. Once out of the oven, cut the squares right through.

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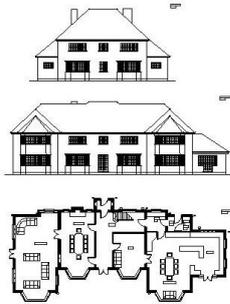
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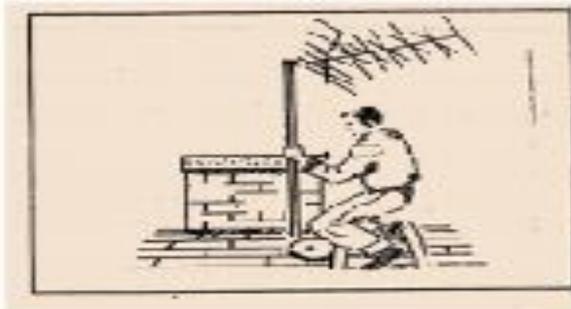
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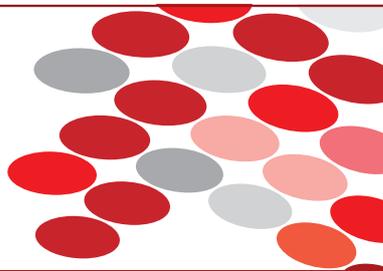
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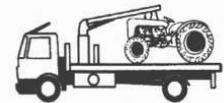


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**www.axminstertowncouncil.gov.uk** ACER (Axminster Community Emergency Response) - A community response network bringing together a variety of organisations including Axminster Town Council, the NHS, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council and a wide range of community and voluntary group. Services provided include assistance in shopping, food concerns, collecting medication or simply providing you with a friendly voice at the end of a phone. Visit our website or call the helpline on 01297 35550

**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 present and previous issues of the Parishes Paper.

**www.stockland.org.uk** - For information on what is happening within Stockland and some surrounding areas (including take aways, online entertainment, useful general information, etc.) 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 can also find issues of the Kilmington Postscript available on the website.

**The Church of England** - Online services are being posted weekly on the Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/TheBeaconLife). Along with the Sunday services, online house groups and mid-week live sessions are also taking place on these platforms.

**The fruit and veg stall** from the Axminster Market is now back in business on Thursday mornings as usual. A new set-up has been provided to allow for social distancing as well as card and cash payments are now being accepted.

**Dalwood Village Shop** is providing local food deliveries in the Dalwood area, for more information call 01404 881401

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*If you need help please do not hesitate to contact a member of the **pastoral team** in your village, contact details are on page 31. We are here to help!*



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