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Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
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Wed 7 th	9.30am Said Communion from the Book of Common Prayer hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Sat 10 th		3-5pm Celebrate Together			
Sun 11 th	11.30am Pet Blessing Service	11am Morning Worship	11am Shute Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	11am Morning Worship	11am All age worship
Tues 13 th	9.30am Said Communion hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
Sun 18 th	No service join with St Giles	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in Whitford	11am Morning Worship	6.30pm Evening prayer
Sun 18 th	FOREST CHURCH in a FIELD in Stockland 4-5pm Email 5alive.families@gmail.com to book and for venue details				
Wed 21 st	9.30am Said Communion hosted by St Peter's Church, DALWOOD				
Sun 25 th	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Tues 27 th	9.30am Said Communion hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON				
Sun 1 st	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Michael & All Angels Church, STOCKLAND EX14 9EF				
Sun 1 st		4pm service for St Giles Day			

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A SUPER SEASON OF SPORT

REV JULIE LOMAS

WHAT a glorious summer of sport! The weather may not be up to much but the season is bringing delight to many people.

Whether it is football, tennis, golf or cricket, athletics or swimming, there seems to be non-stop sport on offer. One of the delights of rural ministry is that The Vicarage is located opposite the recreation ground in Kilmington, and on a Saturday afternoon, the sound of leather on willow is often heard, along with cheers as runs are scored, and the occasional groan as a catch is missed.

In Stockland village, the tennis club is one of the largest in the area, and, assuming we count this as a sport, there is talk of the revival of the inter-parish skittles competition for 2024-2025.

I have personally enjoyed the tennis at Wimbledon and have taken inspiration from some of the matches I

have watched on the television. I have seen players who look like they are losing, only to find the tenacity and determination to keep playing an extra shot and another one and find that their opponent then makes an error and the point is won. I have seen energy dip for a couple of games, and then be restored with a passing shot or an impossible lob that just finds the line.

What our athletes show us is that there is much to be learnt for our daily living by taking notice of their lives. This month, the modern Olympic games come to Paris, and if you find our families page in this edition of *The Parishes' Paper*, you will see that it comes closer to home with us too, with inspiration and ideas as to how to create space for sport and faith.

Our next Forest Church afternoon is moving location from the woods to the field with the games as our

inspiration. Do book your places with 5alive.families@gmail.com and receive confirmation of the location.

The original games and athletic prowess also inspired the early church and St Paul wrote about the determination needed, writing to the church in Phillipi, saying: "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (ch 3 v 14). To the church in Corinth he wrote: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to take the prize." (ch 9 v 24).

Who knew that faith and sport could be so intertwined? What conversations might we enjoy this summer if we start with either subject and move effortlessly to sharing our love of God and sport with one another?

Praying for our village communities.

Sam's sponsored serpentine swim

REV Julie and Steve Lomas are super proud of their son, Sam, who is currently training in open water for a fundraising challenge in the Serpentine in Hyde Park, London.

On 14th September, Sam will dive into the waters of Hyde Park for the 2024 Swim Serpentine, taking on a two-mile open water swim. This

challenge is not a race but the final part of the London Classics, having previously finished the London Marathon and Ride London.

Sam said: "For this challenge, I am raising funds for Home for Good, an incredible charity. In 2024, around 38,000 children will enter the care system for the first time. Many of

these children will be placed miles away from their familiar surroundings due to a lack of local carers. Home for Good is dedicated to finding local homes for local children.

"Every donation, big or small, is a help and will motivate me to keep going. Thank you for your support and encouragement!" Sponsor Sam at homeforgood.enthuse.com/pf/sam-lomas

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MY FAVOURITE HYMN

In this feature each month, a different person will share with us their favourite hymn and reasons why. This month, **Anna Crabbe** chooses *Will You Come and Follow Me if I but Call Your Name?*

ONE of my favourite hymns is *Will You Come and Follow Me if I but Call Your Name?* you come and follow me if I but call your name?" written by John Bell in 1987.

Also known as The Summons, its text contains 13 questions asked by Jesus in the first person. The initial four stanzas with the questions are in Jesus's voice, and the fifth stanza is the singer's response to them. The hymn is based on Mark 1:16-20 and alludes to Jesus calling his disciples to follow him.

We had it at our wedding when Robert and I married in 2011. I love the words and also the joyful, lilting tune. I especially like the words in verse four which ask the question, "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"

So true as Jesus knows us inside and out, better than we know ourselves! "Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around?" is also very meaningful to me and I am inspired by these words as I go about my daily life. Then finally, the response to the questions includes this statement of faith, "In

your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show" and this reminds me of the beautiful poem by Mary Stevenson, *Footprints in the Sand*, when Jesus says: "I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then I carried you."

*Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?*

*Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?*

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

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Bible readings August

Date	First reading	Gospel reading
Sunday 4 th August Trinity 10	2 Samuel 11: 26-12.13a	John 6: 24-35
Sunday 11 th August Trinity 11	2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33	John 6: 35, 41-51
Sunday 18 th August Trinity 12	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3.3-14	John 6: 51-58
Sunday 25 th August Trinity 13	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43	John 6: 56-69
Sunday 1 st September Trinity 14	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

From the registers...

Weddings

The wedding of Imogen Dower and Marcus Kieran Wyatt took place on Saturday, July 6th at St Peter's Church, Dalwood.

Funerals

The burial of ashes of Jennifer Margaret King took place on Saturday, July 13th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

The funeral of Jeanie McDowall Hoare took place on Friday, July 5th at East Devon Crematorium.

We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.



Moving present for school leavers

By Rev Julie Lomas

ALL of the Year 6 school leavers at Kilmington, Shute and at Stockland primary schools have been given the gift of a book by the churches in the villages.

The title is *It's Your Move* and it contains a complete guide to survival at secondary school with handy hints including how to learn new skills, such as tying a tie, as well as what to do if lost in the new, much larger school, and who to speak to if worried or anxious about anything.

Along with the book, the pupils also had the opportunity to think about some of their favourite memories from primary school – residential trips featured high on most lists – as well as what they are most looking forward to – new subjects and sport came top.

Please pray for all the children who will be changing schools this coming September, and for those who are

starting school or just moving up a year group after the holidays.

Those praying might like to use these words or use their own words:

God of our journeys, thank you for the time spent together in Primary school.

Be with all children as they move to another school.

Bless these signs of your spirit.

Keep them as a sign of your presence, and our love, with these children, as they leave us.

May these children know the freedom of flying birds, and the warmth and light of fire.

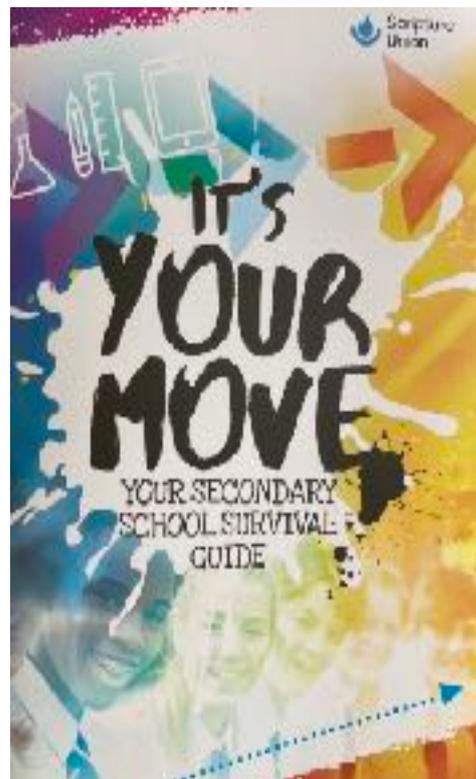
May they be as peaceful as the dove, and as bright and inspirational as a flame.

May they know that they are loved.

May they know that You love them.

May they love others, and be loved, and safe, wherever they go.

Amen.



FROM left, Sarah Andrews, Stephen Boyes-Lee, Kathy Boyes-Lee, Martin Nunns and Chris Shepherd



It's the little things that matter



IN June, the Open the Book team was welcomed at the schools in Kilmington, Shute and Stockland to tell the story of David the Giant Killer.

This is taken from the bible story of David and Goliath tells of how a small boy, David, took on the giant of a man, Goliath.

The children learned of how God chooses people to do special jobs for him and in this story God didn't choose a grown up but a small boy.

At the end of the small play enacted by the team, the children reflected on how little people can sometimes tackle very big problems.

David trusted God to help him and children can also ask God to help them with problems they may have however large of small.

The Open the Book team is very grateful to all the schools for inviting them to tell bible stories to the children.

Martin Nunns

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Email your contributions to your parish correspondents – see page 31 for contact details

Looking into the future with the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community

By Rev Julie Lomas

Looking into the future with the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community

SUNDAY, July 14th saw 38 people gather in Kilmington Village Hall for an unusual afternoon.

They had not gathered to watch the Men's Final of Wimbledon, although some of them did have the scores on an app on their phones! They had all given up their afternoon to join together to think about the blessings and benefits of working together as a mission community, and what the future might look like so that plans can be made to enable us to get from where we are now, to where we want to be in 2030 – five years or so from hence.

Entitled Help, Our Iceberg is Melting, the meeting was designed to



allow parishioners to stop, take stock and reflect on how the lessons of the past might inform the plans of the future.

Rev Julie Lomas opened the meeting with a reading from author Joan Chittester: "There is a time in every life when the very act of looking back and taking stock becomes essential to going forward. Without the light that shines out of the darkness of the past, we cannot chart a new path to the future."¹

The afternoon also encouraged people with different views to share their thoughts, and feedback was gathered from groups of six sat around tables, as well as from individual participants.

The mid-afternoon refreshments came in the form of a magnificent cake created by Gay Atkinson (pictured).

The next step is for the ideas and comments to be drawn together and discussed by the leadership and ministry teams, so watch this space for the results and for further opportunities to contribute to the conversation about how we thrive in and as our mission community serving the communities of Yarcombe, Stockland, Dalwood, Kilmington, Shute with Whitford.

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1. Joan Chittester, The Monastery of the Heart, SPCK 2011

Family look on as Amy and Charles step into marriage

AMY Meyrick and Charles Baker were married in Yarcombe parish church on Saturday, July 8th surrounded by their family and friends.

A choir of villagers, under the direction of Lin Box, led the congregation in singing three classic hymns, Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer; Morning Has Broken and One More Step Along the World I Go.

Peter Meyrick read from the Song of Solomon and Rev Julie Lomas offered the couple some words of encouragement drawing on this love poem dating from over 3500 years ago.

The floral arrangements in church were designed and created by the bride's mother, Nicola Meyrick, and were appreciated by all who attended this joyful celebration.

Congratulations to Amy and Charles who are making their home in London.





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Great night under the stars as raft club raises hundreds

By David Dower

MEMBERS of Dalwood Raft Club were delighted with the turnout for their Mediterranean Escape: Dinner Under the Stars event held on the terrace of the Jubilee Pavilion on June 22nd.

The team served diners with a three-course meal based on Mediterranean cuisine: sharing plates to start with dips, Greek frittata, olives and feta and a variety of breads; mains of Persian lemon chicken or Corsican pork, chorizo, mushroom and chestnut casserole; Moroccan oranges and 'Eastern mess'.

With a maximum of 30 diners, the event was almost sold out and the food was very well received.

The weather was kind and it was

comfortably warm enough to sit outside all evening.

There was a lovely atmosphere and we are grateful to the generosity of our diners supporting the event and the inevitable raffle and to those that couldn't make it but very kindly made donations. All have been regular supporters of our events in the past.

On this occasion, the group made between £400 and £500 (final figure not available as *The Parishes' Paper* went to press) which will, as usual, go towards local charities. Through events such as this and renting out its marquees, Dalwood Raft Club continues to raise thousands every year to support worthy causes.

Next stop: maybe a curry night once the days turn short and cold in the winter!

St Peter's Church, Dalwood

Pet blessing service

Sunday 11th August
at 11.30 am

Pets and well-behaved owners are very welcome.



DALWOOD NEWS

Community together for saint's day

By Mary Harrison

FOR the last few years, St Peter's Church has celebrated St Peter's Day with an outdoor barbecue and abseiling teddies from the church tower.

This year (though for the more astute, not actually on St Peter's Day itself) was no different.

The weather tried its best to scupper efforts by wetting the crowd with the odd shower and absence of sunshine. Nevertheless, in true British style, no one was put off and there was a lot of pleasant conversation and laughter (possibly helped by the Pimms, wine and beer consumed).

The chefs and server on the barbecue did an excellent job ensuring all were supplied with burgers and sausages and extras, but it was soon time for those impatient teddies to have their rides from the

top of the tower. The teddies were fearless and – apart from one tiny teddy, who did take a bit of a fall from the basket (he bounced back quickly) – there were no major mishaps.

In fact, Gay Atkinson's chocolate moose even had a go at free-falling from the tower and survived quite well.



Teddies abseil

DALWOOD church celebrated St Peter's day with a barbecue, Pimm's and a teddy bear abseiling festival.

Children and adults were asked to bring their soft toys to the churchyard where Mary and Nick Harrison hoisted them to the tower.

At the command of "Ready, teddy, go" from Ground Controller Gay Atkinson, the teddies were loaded into baskets and released to 'whoosh' towards the ground to cheers and laughter from children.

It was a lovely opportunity for locals to come and have a relaxing evening with old friends and a chance to make some new ones too.

The barbecue was run by Kathy and Stephen Boyes-Lees and Martin Nunns. Caroline Nunns ran the bar and Brian Eddy was there to set up for the event and help clear away.

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DALWOOD NEWS

SATURDAY, June 29th, much to everyone's relief, dawned with blue skies and sunshine in readiness for Dalwood Music Day – number nine.

By 9am, the village was beginning to buzz with an army of helpers to finalise preparation of the three venues – St Peter's Church, the village hall and The Tuckers Arms – that would be hosting the many musicians and singers who would entertain the large number of people expected.

A huge amount of organisation goes into this annual event and, headed by Tina Mackenny, as per usual, the day worked like clockwork.

A scan of the daytime programme revealed a large variety of music to cater the various tastes. It included three jazz bands, two choirs, folk music – both UK and from Brittany – soul, gospel and pop, saxophonists playing a lovely variety of pieces tending towards the big band spectrum, close harmony duets, sea shanties, 60s music and country songs.

It's always a lovely happy atmosphere at these music events and this year was no exception. An all-day stroller ticket entitled admission to the various venues, each one providing refreshments if desired. There was also a barbecue in the village hall car park.

In the evening, there was a bar and dancing to Jeremy Huggett's Back to the 60s band in the village hall.

A huge thank you to Tina and her



MUSIC TO OUR EARS

team of helpers for a really enjoyable day and evening.

Tina has already started working on next year's Music Day which will

be held in Dalwood on Saturday, July 5th 2025. Please make a note in your diaries.

Hilary Horley

Thanks to the lunches team

JULY 17th saw the final community lunch for this half of the year. There will be no lunch in August but Fiona and her hardworking team will be back in action in September.

So, on behalf of all the community club diners, we would like to thank all those volunteers who take on a variety of roles to ensure we can all enjoy these very tasty and sociably enjoyable events.

We need to thank Fiona Fraser who is the leading light and does the planning, ordering or purchasing of ingredients, and ensuring anyone with special dietary needs is catered

for, as well as working with chefs Lorna Gould and Catherine Seward who complete the cookery team with such brilliant results.

We also need to thank Kathy Laing, Helene Bradley, Tess Herbert and Catherine Perry who serve the various courses and clear the tables so ably helped and directed by Charlie. Then of course those stalwarts in the scullery, clearing plates and washing up, thanks go to Tina Mackenney, Gwyn Rosser and Patrick Finnemore, with occasional help from Derek Gould. And finally, we must thank Jane Reay for her creativity in making

the table decorations which complement the food.

Our Community Lunches are an important part of St Peter's outreach to the community and without all the work these volunteers do, we probably wouldn't go hungry, but we would miss the socialising and communal chat. So our very great thanks go to them all and we look forward to seeing you all when we will be able to enjoy their efforts and culinary delights when the lunches begin again in September.

If you know of anyone else who would like to join us please book with Kathy Laing on 01404881601

Gay Atkinson and Brian Eddy
Churchwardens



KILMINGTON NEWS

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Chairman change: huge thanks to John and warm welcome to Steve

By Christopher Thorne

THE group would like to thank everyone who attended the FROGS – Friends of St Giles' Churchyard – annual meeting, which was held on Monday, July 1st at 7pm.

The meeting was held in relatively good spirit and some excellent decisions were made.

The meeting began with the chairman welcoming all who were present, with apologies being noted. Thanks went out to all those who had helped in keeping St Giles's churchyard in such very good order.

All who help do a fantastic job and the FROGS group is very keen for this help to continue.

It was discussed that none of the volunteers are getting any younger and the FROGS had lost some people due to age and health concerns.

The group is always keen for new volunteers to join, so if anyone feels that you can spend some time working on the churchyard then please make yourself known. Members are pleased for regular mowers or strimmers to join, or if anyone would like to help during one of the Saturday morning tidy-ups they would be very welcome.

Chairman John Thorne did advise, during the meeting, that he would like to step down as he felt that a new, younger chairman would bring fresh impetus to FROGS.

A date of Saturday, August 10th was confirmed as his retirement date. Members would very much like to thank John for his hard work and dedication, being one of the leaders of FROGS from its inception seven

years ago.

FROGS has saved St Giles's Church a considerable amount of money over the years as contractors had been paid to do the work that the volunteers now undertake.

It is so nice for everyone to come together – certainly on the clear-up Saturdays – to chat and to enjoy cake, tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes even bacon butties.

Steve Lomas has agreed to become chairman of FROGS from Saturday, 10th of August – this is very much welcomed – thanks go to Steve for agreeing to take on this role. He has worked very hard on the churchyard these past couple of years and with his new role, the group is confident that FROGS will continue to thrive.

FROGS financial situation was confirmed as currently sound during the meeting.

There can always be large expenses around the corner, but the group seems to be in a very good position to weather these.

Thanks go to treasurer David Ingles for preparing the report and to John Mellows for certifying the report. It was decided that fees for membership – just a small amount – would be held at present levels. Membership numbers have remained stable despite the loss of some previous members.

Equipment was discussed and it was decided that one of the large mowers that regularly broke down would be used for grass collection only as when used for mulching this was when many of the repairs were required.

There were also two older mowers that had not been used for some time where it was decided they would be

disposed of with a little money being sought for them if someone was prepared to pay a little money for them.

It was agreed that the existing FROGS leaflet would be updated using the same drawings that had been used in the previous leaflet.

FROGS is also to appear on the church website and on Facebook – courtesy of Rev Julie Lomas – with the help of the hard-working church administrator). Thanks go to David Ingles for agreeing to suggest what the updates should be.

Steve Lomas agreed to draw up a churchyard plan to show who is currently tending the different areas. Please get in touch to help the group fill in some of the gaps. Thanks go to Steve for the excellent plan.

Weddings, funerals and special services are to be made known to FROGS volunteers in the future so that work can be arranged around these dates and so that we can aim to make the churchyard look especially nice for these services.

Towards the end of the meeting Rev Julie thanked all those who were part of FROGS, for the wonderful work they all do.

The next work party has been arranged for Saturday, August 10th – weather permitting – from 10am until 12noon. This is the same day when the current chairman retires and when Steve takes on the role.

Bacon and sausage sandwiches have been promised that day for all the hard work that FROGS knows will take place.

As requested, please come and join the project, everyone will be made very welcome.



KILMINGTON NEWS

Village's annual 'gift day' for patron saint and church

ONCE a year, the residents of the village of Kilmington are invited to remember the village patron saint, St Giles, and contribute to the upkeep and service of the parish church.

The church has stood guard over the village for a thousand years, with the current building constructed and redeveloped since the 15th Century to meet the needs of the people.

This year, the annual gift day event will take place on Friday, August 30th with an open invitation to come into the church during the morning, enjoy refreshments and ask questions about the church and its past, as well as the church of today.

During August, every household will receive a letter, delivered by hand, with

information about how to make a donation either in person or electronically.

Then, on the afternoon of Sunday, September 1st at 4pm, a service will be held to remember St Giles and reflect on how his story and ours are interlinked, and not just through the stained glass window but through experiences and shared passions for God, and for all of the natural world.

There will be a free children's trail around the church available from the Friday to the Sunday and we hope many residents of all ages will call in and come and see.

Rev Julie Lomas and the Parochial Church Council

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The Theme: "Saying No..."

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Tea afterwards.

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THE village Knit and Natter group is open to new members and is encouraging those of all ages and abilities to join. New ideas are welcome with experienced members always happy to help with individual projects. New members can bring their own project ready to craft if they would like to.

KILMINGTON NEWS

Young volunteer grown in churchyard

By Rev Julie Lomas

YOUNG volunteer Lewis Milford has been working in the churchyard of St Giles's Church, Kilmington, for the past year.

Under the oversight of Steve Lomas, he has taken an interest in the care and maintenance of the graves and is helping us understand more about the stories of those buried here from centuries ago, as well as helping relatives more recently bereaved.

A case in point is the grave of Samuel and Dinah Stuart, who lived in the village in the mid-1800s. Lewis traced the outline of the words on the headstone, and then used computer technology to fill in the blanks so that the inscription could be read, and revealed that this couple had also buried two children, John, aged just five months, and Joseph, aged three years.

Village historian Alan Clarkson and church historian Mike Tyler were suitably impressed with the work that Lewis had carried out, pictured right and far right.

More recently, a chance meeting with a couple visiting from Newquay led to the grave of the Hoskin family.

When the daughter arrived to lay some flowers, it was discovered that the pot had been covered over by an ant hill.

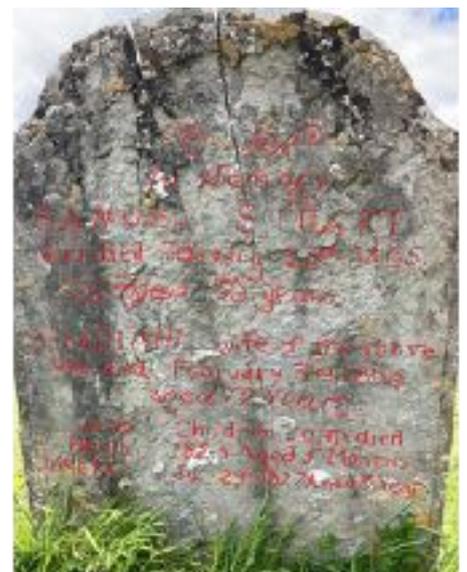
Lewis set to and the headstone and flower pot, pictured top right, are now

visible once again, much to the delight of the family.

It is only because of local volunteers that the village churchyard can be maintained.

Often family members have moved away from the area and cannot keep their family grave in the condition that was intended.

This is where the FROGS come in – the Friends of St Giles Churchyard was set up to encourage and involve local people to do their bit for the village through donations of time and money so that future generations can also enjoy the stories of the unique people who have lived, died and are now laid to rest in the village.





STOCKLAND NEWS

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Time for turberies?

AT this time of year, there are many areas across the turberies that require cutting back and maintaining – particularly paths or areas that abut highways.

There is now a volunteer co-ordinator who is being tasked with harnessing the power of our parishioners. If you are a weed pulling wizard, a super strimmer or a hedge cutting hero – your turberies need you!

If you would like to put your name forward as a volunteer, please call 07966 429260.

We hope you enjoy the turberies over the summer season.

Turbary Management Committee

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touch by sending
your local news**

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your parish correspondents –
see page 31 for contact details*

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

God's Gift

You have given us a world of beauty,
and we have spoilt it.
A world to feed us,
and so many have gone hungry.
A world of riches,
and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for,
and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
every time your heart is saddened
by our selfishness,
every time we have no thought for
others,
no cares but our own.
Help us to see this world
as a gift from you
that can be shared,
and those who live on it
as our neighbours.

Contributed by Philippa Wilks



Pupils commended as 'exceptional' in report

PUPILS and staff at Stockland CE Primary Academy are celebrating having been judged as 'good' with 'outstanding' behaviour and attitudes during their recent Ofsted inspection.

The Ofsted report commended the school for having high expectations and high ambition for achievement. Inspectors noted the school "is a very happy place to be" and "behaviour and attitudes to learning are exceptional".

The inspection team commented that "strong relationships between staff and pupils foster a sense of belonging" and "playtimes are joyful".

Rebecca Bendall, headteacher of Stockland CE Primary Academy, expressed her delight at the outcome, attributing the success to the dedicated efforts of the school's staff, children and families.

She said: "We are extremely proud of the outcome. This outcome is a real

acknowledgement of how the staff team have worked tirelessly during our school improvement journey to achieve the best education for our children.

"Thank you to every member of our school and trust, the local governing committee, the church and diocese, all of the support from parents, PTA and, of course, our amazing children.

"This judgement is fantastic news for our school and I could not be prouder of everything we have achieved."

The school is part of The Academies for Character and Excellence.

Cheryl Weyman, the trust leader, said: "We are pleased the inspection highlighted the ambition of the curriculum at Stockland. We believe in nurturing every aspect of our children's growth across our schools, focusing not only on academic excellence but also character development and the skills necessary for lifelong learning."

STOCKLAND NEWS

Hall is real community venue for all residents

By Claire Nuttall

ALWAYS intended as a community centre Stockland Victory Hall is restating this original objective.

The hall committee has seriously undertaken to keep it thus. There has been an injection of activities and new users with the committee recognising the need to extend its remit.

As ever, the place for local and national elections, wedding receptions, farming calendar celebrations (the harvest lunch), Easter brunch, Christmas and local fairs to say the least, as well as the meet-up place for the local walks, the parish council and turbary committee meetings.

The user group is being extended with the revival of drama, dance, comedy and musical entertainment plus the use of the parking area with, for example, the recent highly successful pizza night.

With such events to be applauded the

pizza event demonstrates the efforts of the committee to provide enjoyment for the community using the hall – and there is clearly more to come.

A break from the usual fish and chips, the pizza van had already taken 14 pre-orders early on. Families turned up with picnic blankets to sit on the field and celebrate with pizza – and it was Mima McCaig's 7th birthday weekend, so a very special day. The bar was also open, so people were able to have a few drinks whilst waiting for their pizzas.

Thanks go to Flame Cave Pizza which sold well over 100 pizzas. This was no mean feat as the dough is rolled out that evening, having been fermented for 72 hours and using only four ingredients, one of which is pasta flour. All agreed it was very tasty and worth the wait.

The next pizza evening will take place on Saturday, September 28th, let's hope the sun shines again.

Thanks also go to everyone who supported this event.



Love Riot rom com proves fabulous event

WHAT a fabulous evening spent watching Love Riot! at Goren Farm on Friday night and so special to have such an accomplished company of actors performing a fast-paced, very funny, well written adaptation of a restoration rom-com.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show brought to Stockland courtesy of the Devon arts charity, Villages in Action.

If it was not for this charity's support and subsidy, the community would not be able to afford such an amazingly professional show to perform for locals to enjoy.

The actors from Miracle Theatre company loved performing at Goren and very deftly managed to ad lib and improvise when it came to the wildlife and naughty dogs, one of which pinched the Scotch eggs used in the show from backstage!

Huge thanks to those that came and supported very local live theatre, to the Goren hosts and to the great stewards and set shifters.

Please do come along to the next show in the village, I'm sure you'll love it as much as we loved Love Riot!

Wendy Urquart

Secured funding enables projects to move forwards

HAVING recently secured grant funding to assist with maintaining the unique landscapes and habitats of the Stockland turbaries, the management committee is pleased to be able to move forward with several projects in the coming months.

This new work will include the repair and/or replacement of a significant amount of essential stock fencing at Quantock, Shortmoor and Bucehayes to enable the annual pony grazing to continue.

There are currently 11 Exmoor ponies vacationing with us and, in exchange for board and lodging, they are doing a great job at keeping the vegetation under control.

Funding will also cover a Japanese knotweed management programme for an area in Millhayes.

The programme will include bi-annual treatments over a five-year period with the aim of eradicating this invasive species.

Feathered friends have been busy over the breeding season with five tawny owls nesting in chimney boxes, with eight young fledged.

Dormouse expert Adrian Bayley is carrying out a study over the next two or three years and has sited 50 dormouse boxes across the turbaries with the hole facing the trunk to encourage occupation.

On his regular inspections, as well as the intended inhabitants, he did find several squatters had taken up residence in five of the boxes.

The occupants were three blue tits and two marsh tits and collectively they produced a total of 12 fledglings.

The large bat boxes that have gone up at Shortmoor have so far attracted 12 grey long-eared bats.

As one of only two long-eared bat species in the UK, they are very rare and can be found in only a few places in the south of England.

How lucky that they have chosen Stockland turbaries as the place to call their new home.

Turbary Management Committee

STOCKLAND NEWS

Girls get crafty and welcome new members

THE Crafty Girls group is back again in its regular slot of the second Thursday of the month at the King's Arms, all ready to share skills and knowledge with those keen to learn a new craft, brush up on a previous interest, get help with a difficult knitting/stitching pattern – or even re-do it.

Help with up-cycling ideas, glass work, pottery, plus much more, is on hand as well as other experts and non-experts are invited along for the evening.

Make no mistake, the group is highly skilled artisans and exceptionally knowledgeable about a wide range of arts and crafts skills.

The July meet-up saw only a small turn-out but then the holidays are underway and also the sun came out for the evening, chasing away the long-lingering rains, winds and cold air of recent weeks. The group usually numbers about eight with others joining in from time to time.

The tasks in hand for the evening included sorting out a knitting disaster for a member – muddled stitch rows of a pattern; knitting a dress for a toddler and designing a butterfly motif for a stained-glass project.

The group provided a truly relaxed environment with lots of chat but also lots of concentration and discussion about the tasks they were coping with or undertaking.

Craft fairs are exceptionally popular and it is individuals such as members of this group that contribute to the excellence of products.

The group wholeheartedly welcomes new members, skilled or unskilled – it is more than worthwhile for anyone who wishes to gain or develop a skill in a most encouraging environment. Congratulations must go to the wonderful group.

Gill Metcalfe – Crafty Girls group

Supermarket trolley sweep – winner Nancy takes it all

STOCKLAND'S 'salt-of-the-earth' Nancy Patch was the lucky winner of the Stockland Fair Supermarket Trolley Sweep.

Nancy is a village stalwart – always available to contribute to village events – often washing up and organising tables for so many events. So, Nancy's win could only be applauded by the village.

So, replicating the TV Supermarket Sweep competition at Honiton's Tesco Store, raffle winner Nancy collected her prize – a race around the Axminster Tesco store – large trolley in hands. With a value of goods worth up to £200 up for grabs, Nancy arrived at the store ready for her 10am 'dash' armed with a shopping list and accompanied by a Stockland support team.

Welcomed by store manager Duncan Sheridan-Shaw (Community Champion) all was set up for her visit. With a range of groceries available, the aisles were quickly visited and goods piled into the trolley with star choice being the air fryer and a hand-held food mixer.

Duncan, his staff and the support team made the morning 'dash' – more like an easy stroll – fun, and for Nancy a chance to stock up the larder and come to terms with the skills required to cope with the air fryer.

Congratulations Nancy and well done to Tesco for such a generous prize in support of the renowned fair. Thanks, are also due to the fair organising committee which secured this outstanding prize.

Gill Metcalfe



Village up-to-date with local news mediums

IT is worthy of note that the The Parishes' Paper has served the community for more than 130 years and has kept up with the needs and the changing times for those whom it serves.

Many parishioners receive it in paper format and it is also online thus in tune with current communication trends.

The village is well served today by both the monthly magazine and the online

weekly The Stockland Tree. Not only is the magazine distributed monthly throughout the parish, the introduction of The Stockland Tree gives an online weekly update around the village.

Originally founded by Neil Bartlet it was taken over by Amanda Thompkins aided by Claire Holgate with Charles Crowe stepping into the team when Claire stood down.

Gill Metcalfe and Amanda Thompkins



YARCOMBE NEWS

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Parish distributor Mary Smith - 01404 861541

Men's Shed explained: for men to connect and create

THE menu in June for the Yarcombe community lunch was chicken and mushroom pie and vegetables, followed by jelly, strawberries and ice cream – all of which was thoroughly enjoyed.

This was followed by an illustrated talk about the Chard Men's Shed by Peter Stefanovic.

The idea for Men's Sheds originated in Australia in the 1980s and has since spread across many countries including the UK. The tag line is for happy and healthy men to connect, converse and create.

It seems much harder for many men on their own to meet with others, so this is a way of improving their well being, reducing loneliness and combatting

social isolation.

Each Men's Shed will have different ways of being creative. In Chard, the main focus is on woodworking with excellent facilities which enable many things to be made, often for different community groups.

Learning new skills, making new friends and enjoying social activities with the group are all ways that the lives of many men are improved.

There is now a break in July and August so the next community lunch will be on Wednesday, September 18th at 12.30pm in the village hall when we hope to welcome regulars and any new people with a two-course lunch for only £7.

Mary Smith

Trip to mill and to days gone by

ON July 9th, the Yarcombe Tuesday Club was lucky enough to go to Bishops Lydeard Mill and Museum.

The group was greeted by Yvonne Back who, with her husband Charlie, own and run the mill which is Grade 2 listed and appears in the Domesday Book.

Yvonne gave an interesting talk about the mill, and how her and Charlie had collected some of the exhibits, travelling all over the country in some cases.

There were lots of interesting exhibits of days gone by, and a very pretty garden.

The entrance fee included cream tea or cake. All proceeds are donated to local Somerset charities, this year they are hoping to reach the amazing amount of £200,000.

Discussion on Friday faith forum future

FOLLOWING the Friday Faith Forum usual shared lunch, there was a lively discussion about the way forward after two years of changing to faith and Bible-based topics.

There was a clear feeling from some that going back to more secular topics would be more likely to draw others in and each discussion could be led by someone from the group. However, so as not to lose the faith aspect of meeting, a

suggestion was made to start up the Bible studies again so people who wanted to learn more about the Christian faith could do that. So a Bible study group will be started in the autumn to meet on a monthly basis. Details will follow when sorted.

The next Friday Forum will be at Glebe Farm on October 18th, starting with a sandwich lunch at 12.30pm and the discussion will be led by Gill Heighway.

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THE PARISHES' PAPER**



Wanda showed the message on her mobile.



"How thoughtful, wearing something all the wedding guests could shelter under in case of rain."

THIS month's Families In Rural East Devon Project activity (see page 19) links in to the August Forest Church theme of 'running the race' based around the Olympics.

We hope to see lots of families join us in a field in Stockland for this month's Forest Church on Sunday, August 18th at 4pm. Email for more details and to book.

July has been a month of preparations. Firstly, we were preparing for our first Forest Church in a 'forest' combining woodland activities with aspects of faith.

The session is hoped to start with cooking popcorn over the fire pit and end by roasting marshmallows.

Next, we have been gearing up for the three village events in August.

We have been able to purchase a sturdy gazebo with weights, which shouldn't blow away like the one we gratefully borrowed for Stockland Fair.

We have recruited volunteers to make sure we can attend each event, made slightly more complicated with Whitford's fair and the 50th anniversary

Faith on farm and into the forest for families to join this summertime

of Yarcombe terrier racing taking place on the same day. Do look out for us and pop in to say hello.

At our May Farm Church, on a farm in Dalwood, we planted sunflower seeds, thinking about how God can use our tiny seeds of faith to do amazing things.

At Dalwood Fair, we would love to display photographs of how they have grown so far. If you were at Farm Church, or even if you have planted your own sunflowers, please take a photograph and email it by August 10th and we will put them on display.

Juletta Obudo

*Families Outreach Worker
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THE July Forest Church location captured by Elana Blackmore



Family Fun Activities for August 'Running the Race'

During this Olympic season, we are reminded that the Bible teaches us that life is like running a race.

1. The first Christians, like the Olympian athletes, believed that they needed to keep going and not give up.

1 Corinthians 9 :24 'Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!'

❖ Use some playdough or modelling clay to produce a statue related to this theme – an exhausted runner, someone ... encouraging another, who has given up or straining to keep going.

2. The first Christians also believed that the next important thing was to follow the rules... God's rules for life: loving God, loving others (our neighbour) as we love ourselves.

1 Corinthians 9 :25a 'All athletes are disciplined in their training.'

❖ As you think about following God's 'rules' play a version of 'Simon Says' to emphasise the importance of following directions.

❖ The word 'discipline' comes from the old word 'disciple', which means someone who follows and copies their leader, even when the going gets tough. Why don't you play a game of 'Follow my Leader' or 'Copy Cats.' Ask God to help you follow his ways.

3. Unlike Olympian athletes, Christians believe that everybody who runs the race of life with God is rewarded by Him. This is similar to the London Marathon and other competitions where everybody receives a medal.

1 Corinthians 9 :25b 'They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.'

❖ How would you cross the finish line of the London Marathon? Who can come up with the funniest / most dramatic way?

❖ Maybe you could design and make a finisher's medal. **If you do, we'd love to see it at Forest Church in the field on August 18th.**

4. Life isn't always easy. Sometimes this is due to external circumstance sometimes due to our choices.

Hebrews 12:1b '... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.'

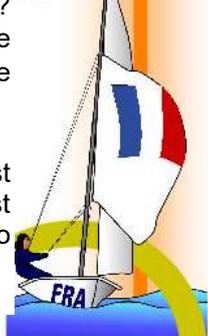
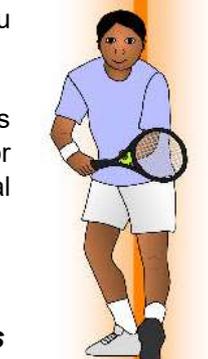
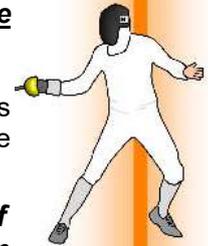
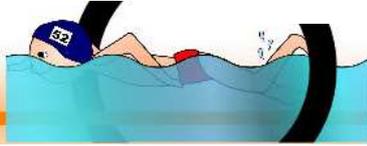
❖ Can you find some clothing that could 'hinder' you while you run a race e.g. extra-large welly boots, an adult's winter coat, baggy clothing etc? Try running a race. Now remove the items. How much easier was it to run after you remove everything that entangles you? Is there anything from your life that you need to 'throw off'.

5. Each of us will face different challenges though life. What race is marked out for you? Persevere towards the eternal reward.

Hebrews 12:1c - 2 'And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'

❖ Why don't you set up an obstacle course, things to go over, under, around and maybe with other challenges? Encourage each other to persevere to the finish line. Ask God to help you persevere through the Race of Life.

Join us for more family fun at Forest Church in a field on Sunday 18th August @ 4pm. For more information and to book, email 5alive.families@gmail.com



By Gill Metcalfe

Publishing: 1898-2024

THE Parishes' Paper arriving from the local distributors at the end of the month is a somewhat smart, glossy, highly professional magazine.

All five parishes are represented in its pages. It is hard to credit that its origins lie in such more than 120 years ago as revealed in the Stockland History Past and Present (March 2024) exhibition where a November 1898 parish magazine was on display.

Even with this date, it seems more than likely, given its professional appearance, that this was already an established publication pre-dating even this copy.

The paper has seen several changes in its title, its circulation, its appearance and content since then. Firstly, the name: from *Stockland, Dalwood, Shute, Widworthy Parish Magazine* (1898); to *The Deanery Magazine* 1924; *The East Devon Churches Newsletter* (1971); and *The Parishes' Paper* 2008-2024.

Up until the 1950s the magazine – then *The Deanery Magazine* published by E Dimond Printer and Stationer, Honiton – was of black and white print and carried a cover photograph of Exeter Cathedral with its parishes' circulation listed directly below.

It grew from 10 pages (1924) to 34 by 1951. Astoundingly, by 1924, its circulation was 28 rising to 32 parishes (1951) – each note with their own incumbent vicar and often with a curate attached!

This was proving to be a mammoth enterprise at a cost of 'fourpence' to the reader (1951); whilst newspapers were readily available, the parishes served by the magazine were small and tight units – what was happening in the nearby parishes was probably of far greater interest to the majority of villagers – local farming communities

with farm vehicles in the main as transport. This may have been the only regular written document that came into the household.

The latter, of course, was to change with the increase of public mobility with motorised vehicles and privately owned cars becoming more the norm.

Initially, the change to the magazine was quite drastic: firstly, a renaming – *The East Devon Churches Newsletter* (1971) comprising of 10 pages followed by *The Parishes' Paper* (2008) of 6 pages – both seemingly home printed versions comprising of tightly crammed typed pages: some reduction in volume and of course news but reflecting on a wider public access to printed information throughout the 1960s onwards. By 2008, the page volume had risen to 40, perhaps as a result of a return to a need for village news – a more personal view of local lives and activities.

These magazines, in turn, carried the essential news of the parishes' churches, the weekly timetables – services, baptisms, funerals and local events; each parish had its 'slot' nominally of but a few paragraphs. The early papers included biblical accounts, serialised stories, Topic of the Month, a children's section, letters and prayers – all supported by a plethora of adverts.

As stated, the circulation, page size and content pre-1960s of each publication reflected a village society's needs of the times. The 1898 issue was clearly supported by advertising with, for example, a half page advert for the repair of 'weights and scales' by L G Payne, of New Street, Honiton. In 1924 the paper ran 24 adverts; in 1951-86, in 1971-0, 1993-1!

Further 'ad' examples ranged from

Honiton high street, Axminster and Exeter companies and shops, as well as national inserts – adverts for Germolene, Glaxo, Bird's Custard and Enos.

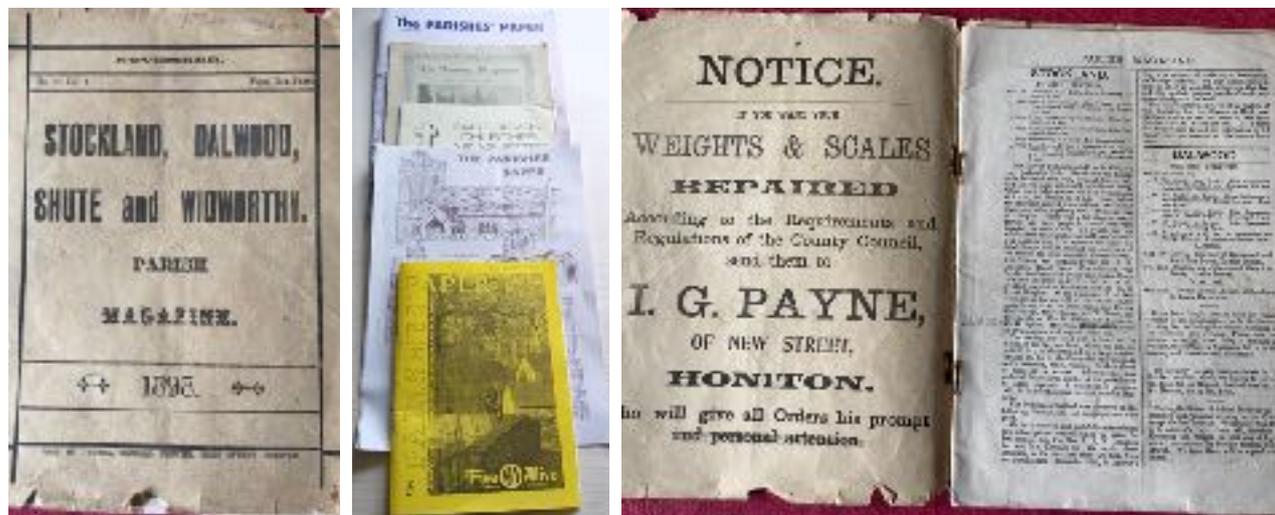
Of the former sales of pianos, gramophones, records, clothing, motors were featured whilst services covering steam laundry and cleaning, building works and decorating featured along with the local grocery stores, butchers, confectioners, shoe repairers and legging sales, pharmacies, bakers, coal, corn and agricultural merchants, along with singing and elocution lessons, not to forget the stone mason and memorial caterers!

Whilst society's requirements changed despite seeing the loss of many such high street vendors, local names can still be noted in the shop's names and proprietors when trawling through the older magazines.

Many of the early adverts certainly call for smiles: 'Artificial teeth bought and sold'; Dr Cassell's tablets for 'nerve weakness, overstrain and brain-fag'; LenaLastick suppliers of combinations (adult and children's) and vests all picture in monochrome and all a far cry from those – possibly far more modest inclusions – of the 2024 monthly publication!

Thus, a perusal of *The Parishes' Paper* from the 1800s onwards has opened up a mere glimpse of its changing importance and relevance to the societies it has served and continues to. It is thanks to Nancy Patch that this detail has been made available – through her mother's hoarding instinct thus allowing such insight to be shared.

All articles referenced contributed by Nancy Patch.



FAR left, Stockland, Dalwood, Shute and Widworthy Parish Magazine, 1898; Centre, S serving the parishes from 1898-2024; left, an early advert 1898

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Shedding light on cleaning with microfibre

By Kay Pike

ARE you harbouring a microfibre cleaning cloth or twelve in your cupboard to use for cleaning dishes, cars, bathrooms, offices? Have you been green-washed by the hype that they are the Holy Grail of cleaning aids? Yet they are another piece of plastic pollution!

Microfibre cloths are made from polyester and polyamide – plastic, made from crude oil/gas and non-recyclable.

Shedding lots of teeny, weeny plastic fibres as they go into the water treatment works and into the rivers, the sea and eventually into us.

A study in 2019 estimated that 2million tonnes of microfibrils enter the ocean each year – which includes ones from synthetic fibre clothes.

Similarly, those green scourers are made of plastic and every time you use them to scrub, tiny particles rub off into the water. Sponges made of synthetic materials don't clean up the

environment either!

Wet wipes¹ are an absolute plastic pollution nightmare; we have been brainwashed by the big companies into believing we cannot do without them; it's a manufactured demand which feeds on our desire for convenience and less work and fosters the out-of-sight-out-of-mind mindset. There is a small spark of good news in that there is legislation afoot to ban plastic from wet wipes.

So what could you use instead? Re-use old cotton t-shirts, terry cotton cloths, cotton flannels, old towels for cleaning and give them one more life. Or you may like to switch to pure cotton dishcloths, ones made from bamboo or sponges manufactured from plant cellulose (wood pulp), the latter can be home-composted when past their prime.

Perhaps investigate the Swedish Scandi² dishcloth – beware of not-so-good copies. Now, it may look like and feel like a bit of cardboard when it's dry... until you see how much water it absorbs and then it acts like any other

cloth. It is made from 70 per cent wood pulp and 30 per cent waste cotton. It can also be home-composted, together with the packaging and takes 90 days to breakdown so the blurb says. It can also be machine washed at 60 degrees (unlike microfibre cloths).

Other alternatives to plastic scourers or sponges to consider, are growing your own loofah to use as a scourer, or one made from coconut fibres or sisal. Have a meander around the internet, or a local zero-waste shop – such as Ganesha in Axminster – to find out more. It may also be worth having a look in Millers Farm Shop and Mole Avon has a small range of eco products. Much better than junking up the planet with more forever-plastic!

1. There may be some medical conditions which preclude their use. Please do your own research; what will suit one person will not suit another.
2. The above links are merely given for information and do not constitute a recommendation from Plastic Free Axminster.

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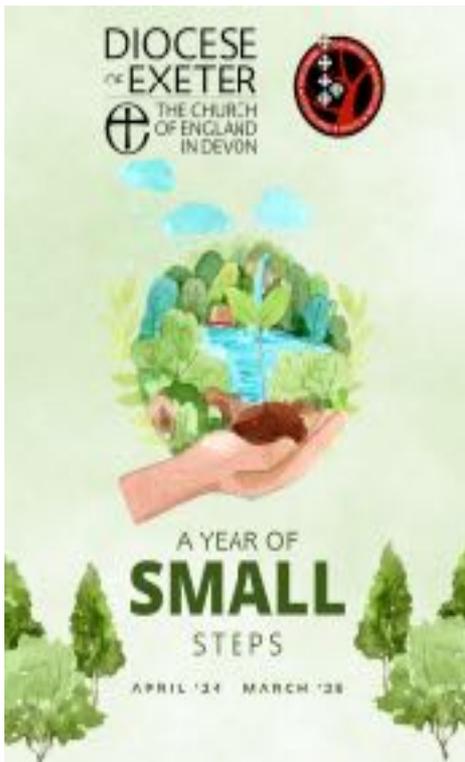
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WEEK 3
See how much of your weekly shop can be Fairtrade. Buy store cupboard items in bulk if you can, to reduce packaging. ☐

WEEK 4
Whenever you buy paper, make sure it is recycled (including kitchen towel, toilet paper, crummary, printing paper, envelopes) ☐

Keep the Five Alive community thriving and in touch by sending your local news and views - we want to hear from our readers

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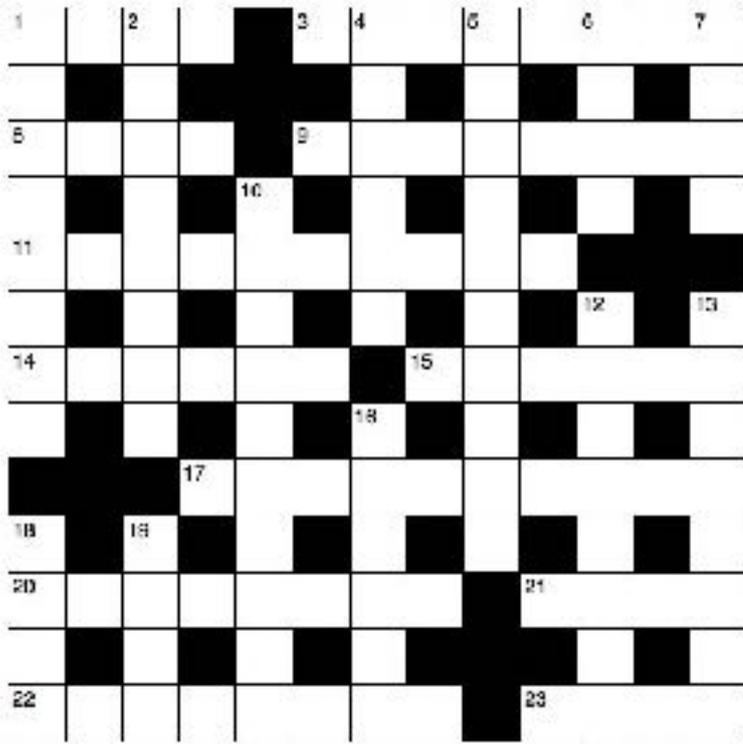
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- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
 3 See 1 Across
 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
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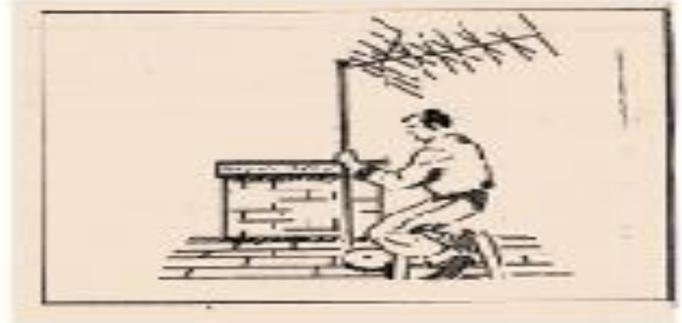


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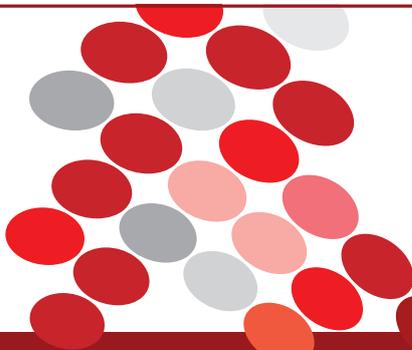
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Fridays, 10am-12pm	St Giles' Church, Kilmington	Coffee Shop
Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am	Stockland Victory Hall	Stockland and Yarcombe Toddler Group - 07951 958327
Weds, July 3rd 6pm	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	St. Peter's Day BBQ
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July	Shute Barton	Shute Barton NT open days. Shute Church will be open for refreshments and craft stalls
Sunday, July 7th 1pm	Dalwood Recreational Field	Krazy Cricket, see advert for more details
Sunday, July 21st 3pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Jazz: Alan Barnes (saxophone) & Dave Newton (piano) - t.mackenny111@btinternet.com
Wednesday 10th July 10-30 / 12noon	Church Cottage, Dalwood, EX13 7EJ	Coffee Morning in aid of Dalwood Village Fair
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Sunday, July 14th 3pm-5pm	Kilmington Village Hall	Mission Community review meeting. A gathering to discuss the future of the Five Alive Mission Community
Wednesday, July 17th, 12:30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Community lunch. Bookings to be placed with Kathy Laing 01404881601
Saturday, July 20th, 1pm	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Flower Show. Please see advert for details
Saturday, July 20th 4.30pm	Burrow Farm Gardens	Children's theatre, The Unusual Adventures of Robin Hood. Gates open at 3.30pm with show starting 4.30pm
Sunday, July 21st, 4pm-5pm	VENUE TBC	FOREST CHURCH - Email 5alivefamilies@gmail.com for information and venue details
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