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St Michael's Church, Shute; St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland;  
and St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe

# THE SUNDAY SERVICES



## April 2022

DATE	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute/ Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
Sunday April 3rd	11am Mission Community Holy Communion Held at Dalwood				
Tuesday April 5th		9:30am Said Communion			
Saturday April 9th		3pm Let's Celebrate			
Sunday April 10th Palm Sunday	11am All Age Service	10.15am Procession from Common 11am Joint Service at St Giles's	11am Holy Communion & Baptism	11am Morning Worship	11am Joint Service with Baptists (10:50 in village hall carpark to follow the donkey)
Wednesday April 13th	9:30am Said Communion				
Thursday April 14th	7pm Maundy Thursday Mission Community Last Supper at Kilmington				
Friday April 15th Good Friday	2pm Hour at The Cross, 3pm Family Easter Egg Trail	10am Coffee Shop & Hot Cross Buns	10am Family Easter Trail at Whitford Chapel	4pm Family Easter Trail	11am Service With Chapel
Sunday April 17th Easter	10am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	9:30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Tuesday April 19th		9:30am Said Communion			
Sunday April 24th	11am Morning Worship	9:30am Service of the Word	6:30pm Choral Evensong	9:30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
Wednesday April 27th	9:30am Said Communion				

*Easter Sunday Sunrise Service held at 6:45am at the Shute Beacon – all are welcome!*

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# FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

REV JULIE LOMAS

**AS I look out of my study window these words come to mind, "I see trees of green..."**

If I ask you to name that tune I am confident many of you will immediately give the answer, It's a Wonderful World, and, like me, you may even think you can hear Louis Armstrong singing.

Of course, not all the trees are green — many indeed are still wearing their winter colours, swaying and reaching over in the wind that is stronger again today. I, for one, am grateful there was not more storm damage locally caused by the February storms, but all of us are now beginning to feel the effect of a different kind of storm.

The situation in the Ukraine is dire and, as the country is invaded from the north, east and south, the direction of travel for so many people is towards the western borders and into the relative safety of Poland, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia and Hungary.

I am full of praise and admiration for individuals and organisations



who are going in the opposite direction, those who are heading east into the areas most affected to deliver aid, food, clothing, blankets, toiletries and other necessities.

I am also full of respect and very grateful for the responses being made locally as the village

communities in East Devon gather their resources together to send what we have to those who have lost everything. Thank you.

"Where is God in all this?" is a valid question for all of us to ask, whether we are people of faith or not.

In the Christian calendar, April offers us the triumph of Palm Sunday, the tragedy of Good Friday and the mystery and hope of Easter Sunday.

This Easter, we are all invited to look afresh at the story of Jesus who died, was buried and on the third day rose again, and in the light of this story to look for the beauty in the bleakness of the world we inhabit now.

In the Bible, St Paul writes, "and now these three remain — faith, hope and love" (1 Corinthians 13: 13). May we all grow in faith, hope and love for God, for one another and for all those in need, in the weeks and months to come.

May you know the hope and joy of the risen Jesus this Eastertide.



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COVER: This month's front cover photo is of the winning entry of last year's Easter Painting Competition for St Giles's Church, by **Ben Fudger**, eight, of Kilmington



# PSALM OF THE MONTH

## PSALM 39 - chosen by DAVID WILSDON

I HAVE always liked this psalm. It reminds me of the times in life when the more I have been determined not to lose my temper over an issue, the more I was likely to fail and feel badly over having let myself down. Verse four describes what it feels like.

Then, the reaction often is to try to get things in perspective - "my days are but a handsbreath, my lifetime is as nothing in your sight". Punishment is expected to follow, and our beauty is consumed as a moth is consumed. We are conscious of feeling but a stranger in God's sight, a wayfarer, as all our forebears were.

And, in particular, I have often appreciated why, in so many of the psalms, extreme complaints and doubts are balanced, deep down, by an utter conviction that God is our true and permanent hope.

### PSALM 39

1. I said 'I will keep watch over

my ways, so that I offend not with my tongue.

2. 'I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked are in my sight.'

3. So I held my tongue and said nothing. I kept silent but to no avail.

4. My distress increased, my heart grew hot within me; while I mused, the fire was kindled and I spoke out with my tongue:

5. 'Lord, let me know the number of my days, that I may know how short my time is.

6. You have made my days but a handsbreath, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; truly, even those who stand upright are but a breath.

7. 'We walk about like a shadow and in vain we are in turmoil; we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

8. 'And now, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in you.'

9. 'Deliver me from all my transgression and do not make me the taunt of the fool.'

10. I fell silent and did not open my mouth, for surely it was your doing.

11. Take away your plague from me; I am consumed by the blows of your hand.

12. With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you consume our beauty; truly everyone is but a breath.

13. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears.

14. For I am but a stranger with you, a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

15. Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, before I go my way and am no more.

### Bible readings April 2022

Date	OT Readings	NT Readings
Sun 3 5 <sup>th</sup> of Lent Passiontide begins [Pu/Lent Array]	Isa: 43:16-21 Ps: 126	Phil: 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
Tues 5 [Pu/Lent Array]	Num: 21:4-9 Ps: 102:1-3,16-23	John 8:21-30
Sat 9		
Sun 10 Palm Sunday [R]	Ps: 118:1-2,19-29 or [118:19-24]	Luke 19:28-40
Wed 13 [R]	Isa: 50:4-9a Ps: 70	Heb: 12:1-3 John 13:21-32
Thurs 14 Maundy Thursday [Wh]	Exod: 12:1-4 [5-10] Ps: 116 9-End	1 Cor: 11:23-26 John 13:1-17,31b-35
Fri 15 Good Friday [Hangings Removed. Red for Liturgy]		
Sun 17 Easter Day [Wh/Go]	Ps: 118:1-2,14-24	Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12
Tues 19 [Wh/Go]	Ps: 33:4-5,18-End	Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18
Sun 24 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter [Wh]	Exod: 14:10-End, 15:20-21 Ps: 150	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31
Wed 27 [Wh]	Ps: 34:1-8	Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21

## From the registers

### Funerals

Burial of ashes of **Frank Piper** in Kilmington on March 2nd

Funeral for **Elizabeth (Betty) Welch** held in Kilmington on March 7th

Burial of ashes of **Michael Gardner** in Shute on March 19th

Funeral for **George Bright** at East Devon Crematorium on March 28th (Yarcombe)

*Note from Rev Julie Lomas:  
"We extend our deepest sympathies to family and friends and continue to remember these dear ones in our prayers."*

### Weddings

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Spiller, Sean and Becky, married at Stockland Parish Church on March 5th



## UPLIFTING AND CALMING

**IT was a great delight to be able to meet again for the annual inter-denominational World Day of Prayer service on the correct day.**

This year's service was written on the theme of 'I know the plans I have for you', taken from the Bible reading Jeremiah 29: 1-14, verse 11, in particular, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future of hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you."

It was written by women from many different Christian denominations from England, Northern Ireland and Wales. For once, we were confident that we knew something about the geography, history, costume and

background of the country! We heard the 'voices' of three women who had struggled with and overcame difficulties such as poverty, domestic abuse, loneliness and disability.

We reflected on how, like many of us, they did not know God's plans for them at the time, but in keeping faith with Him, they came to see how His plans unfolded for their well-being.

Members of the congregation were given packets of seeds as they entered to symbolise seeds of hope and a promise for the future. It was as usual an uplifting, thought-provoking and beautifully calming service.

We look forward to 2023 when we will be hearing from the women of Taiwan!

*Mary Harrison*

## Completing Lent season

**AN invitation is offered for all to take part in any or all activities for Lent.**

Mondays, April 4th and 11th — Praying with scripture, 7-8pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 886 3786 6103  
Passcode: 278271

Wednesday, April 6th — Light Lent Lunch in Dalwood Village Hall from 12noon.

Please let Sue Drew know if you are coming on 01404 831 365.

Wednesdays, April 6th and 13th — Praying for each other using Compline, 9pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 893 7303 4163  
Passcode: 010778

Thursdays, April 7th and 14th — Lent lunch at Kilmington Cricket Pavilion from 12noon

And from 2-3pm — Surprised by Generosity study group meeting on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 850 3703 7400  
Passcode: 507966

## Prayer chain

**THIS year I am putting together a prayer chain for Good Friday which will be a continuous time of prayer.**

Each participant will pray for half an hour before handing on, by telephone, to the next person on the chain. That person will then pray the Lord's prayer with them before moving on to their own time of prayer. There are plenty of prayer resources available to use or you can just spend time in your own prayers before contacting next person on the list. I will arrange times around various mission community activities on Good Friday and hope to have a continuous 12 hours 'wave of prayer'.

Prayers can be said for the world situation, your local community or your family — it's your time with God. People who took part last year found this to be a deeply moving experience. I have deliberately organised this to be done by telephone as this will enable most people who wish to join in to do so.

If you would like to be part of this 'wave of prayer' please contact me on 07922 106 581 with your telephone number and preferred time.

*Caroline Nunns*

Please visit Five Alive Mission Community at [www.fivealive.org](http://www.fivealive.org)

## Annual church meetings and volunteers plea

**'TIS the season of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and the churches in the Five Alive Mission Community are all open and accountable to the parishes they serve.**

Everyone is therefore warmly invited to attend their parish church annual meeting as follows: St Peter's, Dalwood — Monday, April 11th at 7pm;

St Michael and All Angels, Stockland — Monday, April 25th at 7pm; St John the Baptist, Yarcombe — Tuesday, April 26th at 7pm; St Giles, Kilmington — Wednesday, April 27th at 7pm; St Michael's, Shute, with Whitford — Wednesday, May 18th at 6.30pm.

Each church is led by a team of volunteers who make up the Parochial Church Council (PCC), and within the PCC there are certain roles and responsibilities that are carried out.

There are currently vacancies for a number of positions at St Giles's, Kilmington, and at St Michael's, Shute, and the teams ask that anyone considers whether now is the time for them to step up and be more involved in the direction and future of the village church. Anyone interested, please contact Rev Julie Lomas or the churchwarden for an informal chat.

PCC of St Giles's, Kilmington seeks: churchwarden, secretary and a parish safeguarding link.

PCC of St Michael's, Shute, seeks: churchwarden, treasurer and members from Whitford and Umborne.

PCC members should agree to a DBS check and to undertake the required training to help us promote a safer church.

# Join your local church Parish Giving Scheme

**THE recent pandemic has modified, perhaps permanently, the use of cash in our society, with contactless payments taking over from coins and banknotes.**

As our churches grapple with the loss of income from the last two years, we are looking at ways to help modernise and maximise our traditional giving.

Led by Rev Julie Lomas, we are looking into 'contactless giving' points in our churches, but this is unlikely to be an immediate solution, given problems with internet connections and lack of wi-fi in our ancient buildings.

To try and partially breakaway from giving cash at service collections, we would like to encourage all of our supporters to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and donate a regular monthly amount instead. If, for example, you would give £5 per service, this equates to £20 per month, £10 to £40 per month.

The money can also be Gift Aided, so the contribution of any UK tax payer is increased by 25 per cent by the Government. This is collected automatically by PGS and paid to churches monthly, saving the poor treasurer having to process the application.

The PGS makes no deductions, all of the donation comes to us, unlike some of the banks who are now charging us to bank cash — despite being 'charity' accounts.

Those who currently donate to their churches by standing order can also join the scheme, they just need to remember to cancel their standing order when they sign up.

Dalwood, Stockland and Shute, are currently registered for the scheme.

Joining the Parish Giving Scheme

is simple to set up; by phone call 0333 002 1271, or online at [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for your church by simply typing in your parish — it should come up with: Dalwood — St Peter's — PGS Parish Code: 150615131; Stockland — St Michael and All Angels — PGS Parish Code: 151501521; Shute — St Michael — PGS Parish Code: 150615149.

Then simply click, 'give now', which brings up a registration form for first-time users. Submit, and then you are able to set up a regular direct debit; Gift Aid it if you are able; and also put an annual inflation uplift if you want, and set preferences. It will ask you when you want to start the direct debit. Happy giving!

**Nick Harrison**  
**St Peter's Church Treasurer**

## Foundations in Christian Ministry

### Are you...

- Wishing to develop your gifts for ministry in the local Church?
- Wanting to deepen your discipleship?
- Hoping to discern your Christian vocation?

### The FICM - What is it?

- 1-year part-time course
- Teaching on the Bible, Spirituality, Theology and Pastoral Care
- 7 Saturday study days

### When?

- Sept 2022 - June 2022
- Applications by Easter

### More information...

Revd Belinda Speed-Andrews, Programmes Coordinator & Administrator  
[admin@swmtc.org.uk](mailto:admin@swmtc.org.uk) Tel: 01392 272544

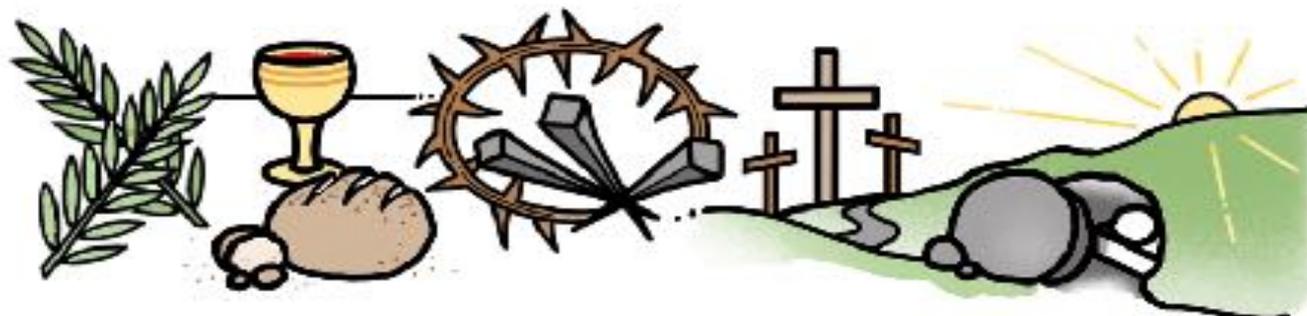
or go to <https://swmtc.org.uk/study/foundations-in-christian-ministry/>

### What students have said...

*'Each study day was totally inspirational'*  
*'Teaching was excellent'*  
*'Tutors hugely encouraging and inspiring'*  
*'Encouraged me to become involved in planning and worship'*  
*'Affirmed my calling'*



**South West Ministry Training Course**  
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**A GROUP of 18 from across the East Devon Five Alive Mission Community gathered at Exeter Cathedral on Thursday, March 10th to enjoy Aled Jones in concert. Although it was decidedly chilly in the cathedral, Aled chatted from the stage and warmed the hearts of the audience with classic songs from his latest album, Blessings**

## Changing of the seasons

**AS we come to Dalwood Methodist Chapel at the moment it's lovely to see the wild flowers coming into bloom again on the banks and at the roadside, a sign that winter is on it's way out.**

I find it incredible that after having seemingly died last year they suddenly spring to life once more, showing just how wonderful God's handiwork is.

With the heating now working again we have been able to start the new venture, Tea & Tots, and it is lovely to see the tots, at the springtime of their lives, together with their mums, meeting together to chat and exchange experiences.

Coming into this season of rebirth we at the chapel have been reminded that, unlike the flowers, which reappear each year, our lives have a beginning and a definite end, and as I was writing this I was saddened to learn that our eldest

member, Mary Berry, had passed away age 97. Mary has been a stalwart of the chapel since moving into Dalwood some thirty years ago, fighting to keep us open when, at one time, our numbers were down to just two. Her faith, and that of the other lady, was rewarded, and numbers started to rise once more. Actively involved in all aspects of life at the chapel she will be sorely missed.

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday, May 10th from 10.30am to 12noon. At these events we always raise funds for charities which operate in this area, and we hope you can come and join us for a tea or coffee and a chat.

Services in April are at 11am, with the exception of Easter Sunday which is at 3pm, and a warm welcome is assured to every one.

**Roderick Ovey**

**EVERY month I will post a picture of a treasure from one of the churches in the Five Alive Mission Community. If you can work out which church it is in then let me know by 15th of the month to be in the draw for a prize!**

*Rev Julie Lomas  
revjulielomas@gmail.com*



## Saying 'yes' to confirmation

**CONFIRMATION is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised.**

If you were baptised at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf.

As a young person or adult, you may be ready to say 'yes' to these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ.

At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you, and they will probably give you a huge round of applause as well as a sign that they say 'yes' to you as you take this next step of faith.

One of the bishops will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life — this is the way we believe God then says 'yes' to you.

There is no right age for a person to be confirmed. Anyone may be confirmed who has been baptised and if they are old enough to answer responsibly for themselves.

As a general rule, anyone who is in school year five and can answer for themselves could be ready for confirmation, but the right time for you might be at any age — you could be in your teens or in your 90s!

If you haven't been baptised — no problem as you can be baptised and confirmed in the same service.

We will be holding confirmation classes during the summer. If you have read this and want to find out more, or if you already know you want to be confirmed then please contact Rev Julie Lomas — via email at [revjulielomas@gmail.com](mailto:revjulielomas@gmail.com) or 07488 278 483 or 01297 35004.

**Five Alive Mission  
Community at  
[www.fivealive.org](http://www.fivealive.org)**

# How times have changed in magazine production!

By Margaret Hagon

**FOLLOWING on from the interesting article published in last month's issue by Martin Nunns about events in September 1993, we jump forward to the year 1999 when I took over as editor of *The Parishes' Paper* early that year.**

The Rev Paul Wilson was the Priest-in-Charge then with the Rev Larry Newman as Hon Assistant Curate. It was during this month on April 15th in Kilmington Village Hall that we had a farewell party for Larry and his wife, Pauline, who were retiring and moving to Colyton.

Stockland church held a coffee morning at the village hall on Easter Monday with various stalls and a children's Easter egg hunt and a jumble sale at the hall on April 16th in aid of the church bells.

St Peter's Church, Dalwood, had its annual jumble sale in Dalwood Village Hall and Stockland Tennis Club held a skittles night at the King's Arms Inn.

Orders were being invited by Christopher Pole-Carew, of Shute Barton, for the Eight Churches Millennium Plate which was being produced by John Owen, of Exeter, specialists in commemorative plates for 30 years. Orders for the original Wedgewood design were not sufficient and alternative arrangements for manufacture were made. The price for the Owen plate was £28.50 compared to Wedgewood's price of £47.

In a break from the normal evening presentations, Kilmington Village Produce Association had been treated to an evening on home brewing when members sampled some very good brews. Members went on their annual outing to Eggesford to stock up on garden plants at reduced prices.

After many years of devoted

service at Dalwood School, headteacher Mrs Richards was to retire at the end of the summer term. The coffee morning at Axminster Church Rooms raised £190 and the juniors had spent a week at Beam House, Torrington, taking part in various activities and as this was the first time away from home for most pupils, it proved quite an experience for the children and parents. They also had an

and Morris dancing hobbies, gave a talk about the history of Devon farmhouses.

Kilmington WI had enjoyed a talk by Dr Adams about otters at the monthly meeting and the club was to hold a spring coffee morning in the village hall.

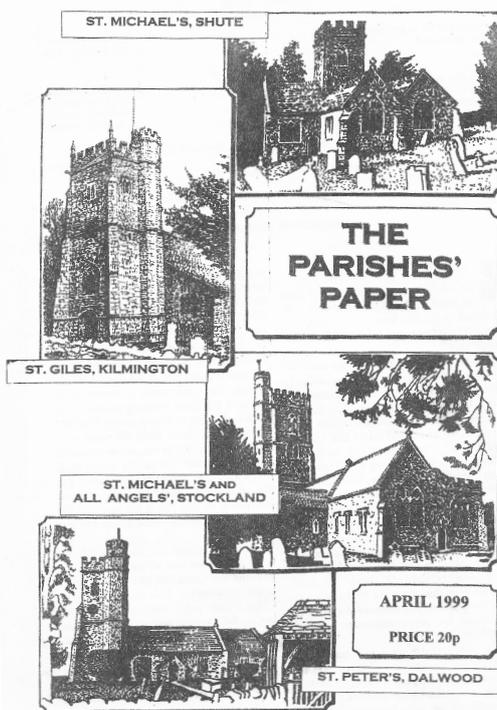
At Musbury and Whitford, arrangements for the WI jumble sale were finalised with plant and cake stalls included. Millenium poems had been read and set up by members on guest cards for entry into the spring group meeting. Mr J Wilkinson had given a talk on perennials in the garden illustrated with slides. A visit to Tesco to look behind-the-scenes had been arranged.

Stockland WI members had an enjoyable stroll from Budleigh Salterton to Otterton with lunch at an inn and a visit to Otterton Mill. A "friendly" skittle match had been organised against Smeatharpe – Stockland lost! Sugarcraft was the subject of a talk by Mrs Yvonne Stevens, who was an international judge for the Sugarcraft Guild founded in 1981. She brought along examples of sugarcraft modelling which were much admired. Members were asked to prepare Easter baskets with the three best filled ones to be entered into a competition at the spring group meeting.

A special tea had been provided by Liz Gosling at Umborne Social Club and Mr John Addie had been invited to share his expertise on the subject of trees.

A slide show organised by Pat Lambert at Umborne Village Hall aimed to show local areas such as Umborne Valley and of local people.

There were six commercial advertisers in this issue with Climax taking the whole back page. It was 12 pages long, still in black and white, typed up on a computer, with copies being printed in Kilmington church. How times have changed!



**THE front page of the April 1999 issue of *The Parishes' Paper***

activity week including sports at Axe Valley Sports Centre.

Members of Dalwood WI had been involved in a story-sacks scheme, with one member making brightly coloured strong bags to hold appropriate items for a specified story book. Another member had devised a game with illustrated playing cards. Tom Coleman, a farmer with bell ringing



# DALWOOD NEWS

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## Church tower repair update

**FOLLOWING on from October's appeal, I wanted to provide an update on the St Peter's Church tower and glazing bar repair work and appeal itself.**

The contractor commenced work in late October and during November and December, when weather permitted, the damaged parapet stone work was rebuilt and repointed, along with crack repairs to the east end and repointing areas of the south wall.

The new rainwater downpipe was delivered and painted, however, Covid and illness struck the abseilers in December, stalling work until the new year.

Thankfully, the abseiling element is now complete, with the upper pipes fixed, the remainder will be

completed off a mobile tower.

The contract for the renovation and re-tipping of the ferramenta — glazing bars — in two of the windows in the north aisle has been agreed, although we await final funding prior to commencing.

When I issued the update in October, we had raised £4,280 and following the generosity of a number of Dalwood residents and friends, along with gift aid and the proceeds from the quiz night, the figure is now around £8,400. We have been promised £2,000 from Devon Historic Churches Trust, but this still leaves a significant shortfall of around £4,600. We are continuing to apply for grants through various funding organisations, but none are certain to meet our shortfall.

If any other villagers feel able to donate separately to help preserve our Grade I listed building in the heart of Dalwood, cheques can be made payable to Dalwood Church PCC and left in the village shop for the attention of Nick Harrison.

Alternatively, if anyone wishes to donate online please contact me on 01404 831975 or email [nick@littleburrow.co.uk](mailto:nick@littleburrow.co.uk) for the church's bank details. All individual donations can be gift aided, which increases the value by 25 per cent if you are a UK tax payer. Again, please contact me for the appropriate forms.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

**Nick Harrison PCC Treasurer  
St Peter's Church PCC**



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#### **SHOP OPENING TIMES**

**Monday- Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm**

**Saturday: 8.30am - 4.00pm**

**Sunday: 8.30am -12.30pm**

#### **POST OFFICE opening times**

**FRIDAY 10.-12.PM**

# DALWOOD NEWS

## Down memory lane

Flower Rota for  
St Peter's Church, Dalwood

April 2nd and 9th – Lent, no flowers  
April 16th – Easter lilies,  
all meet at 10-30am  
April 23rd – Caroline Nunns  
April 30th – Claire Pace

Please send all  
your village news  
and photos to  
Dalwood  
correspondent  
Michael Dods at  
drmichaeldods@gmail.com

DO you remember barrel rolling during fair week? Tug o'war over the Corry? The schoolchildren dancing outside the Tuckers with the Green Man?

The new bridge opening party? The youth club in the village hall? And the dances in the hall to the music of Tony Drew's Menu Suite? The Jug and Bottle in the pub?

Bring your memories and as many old photos as you can lay your hands on to a tea party in Dalwood Village Hall on Saturday, April 10th, 2pm for a chat, tea and memories.

It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers for catering, so please let the organisers know by Wednesday, April 7th. Lifts can be arranged.

Contact: Sue Drew on 01404 831365 or 07501 016393; Kathy Laing on 01404 881601 or 07977 744912; or Tina Mackenney on 01404 831 280 or 07999 553477.



DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

invite you to

**COFFEE MORNINGS**

**AT THE CHAPEL**

**MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**AND**

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**10-30 AM - 12 NOON**

**WITH A "BRING AND BUY" STALL**

**IN AID OF**

**CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST**

**DO COME AND ENJOY A  
CUPPA AND A CHAT AT EITHER  
OR BOTH OF THESE!**



The Raft Club of Dalwood  
presents "Race Night"

Come along to an evening of fun in the  
Tuckers Arms, "Gates open" at **7.00PM**  
**Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

➔ In aid of Raft Club charities ➔



Entry and race card: £3  
Food available on the night  
(additional cost)  
"Tote" betting available for 6 races

"Race Night" is NOT an evening of video races-  
it's much more fun than that involving a real  
"track" and real (wooden) horses, pulled by the  
great and good of Dalwood



# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Over 20 turned out for litter pick debut

By Christopher Thorne

**ON Saturday, February 19th at 10am, the first litter pick took place, starting and finishing at St Giles's Church.**

On a very wet and windy day, organisers were surprised and very pleased to see in excess of 20 people turn up with a number of youngsters included, all helping to keep Kilmington neat and tidy.

This was a good test for the recyclable bags which were used as an experiment, they seemed to hold up well, but with the blustery conditions there was always the worry that they could split and the litter that had been picked could be lost.

One of the finds of the day was a large sand dumper bag, as used by builders merchants to delivery large amounts of sand. This was found in a ditch at the top of the village. It was put to good use as back at St Giles's Church it was used to hold the

rubbish which had been collected by the pickers. The bag was successfully filled which filled the two church black wheelie bins.

Following the trek around the village, the group all met back at the church where an abundance of food and drink was made available for all to enjoy.

Grateful thanks goes to Christine Thorne for laying on such a glorious spread and for supporting the litter pickers with this first event of many.

We currently plan to hold perhaps two litter picks per year starting and finishing at St Giles's Church.

Spring and autumn seem ideal times of the year to hold these events as hopefully the weather would be kinder. With better conditions additional people may feel inclined to join us and more of the village can then be covered.

Thanks go to every person who took part, who should feel very proud of themselves and the team looks forward to seeing them again soon.

## Church looks after nature

**TWO bird boxes have now been installed on church grounds kindly donated by John Thorne.**

Bat boxes, bug houses and hedgehog houses will follow in time.

It has been decided, with the help of Frogs — Friends of St Giles's Church — that part of the church grounds is to be put aside for the growth of wildflowers. This may take time, possibly some years, to successfully happen.

*Christopher Thorne*

## An Eastertide service for all

**THE Celebrate Together team extends an invitation to the Eastertide service on Saturday, April 9th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington, 3pm.**

The theme will be Easter Praise and the special service is for all, and especially for people with learning difficulties, their support workers, families and friends — with tea after.

Please note that there is ample parking and level access.

For further information contact Diana Mellows on 01297 32334.

**For more information  
on the Five Alive  
Mission Community  
please visit  
[www.fivealive.org](http://www.fivealive.org)**

## Lent lunch events raise £500 for Ukraine help

### The Big Breakfast returns to village

**THE Big Breakfast was back in Kilmington Village Hall on Saturday, March 12th after a sojourn due to the pandemic and it was great to be back.**

People from the village and the local environs munched their way through over 130 full English breakfasts, cereal and toast. Fruit juice, tea and coffee were consumed in large quantities too.

Those who couldn't manage the full fare had a lighter breakfast or coffee, tea and cake and a good time was had by all.

The waitresses, myself included, had their work cut out to serve the food and drink briskly and efficiently — no accidents were reported so I think we did well.

Huge thanks must go to those in the kitchen as it's no mean feat to keep up with cooking so many breakfasts and keeping them piping hot.

If visitors still hadn't eaten enough, there was a cake stall and a tombola with all proceeds going to Cancer Research.

It was a bitter-sweet occasion, as we said goodbye to the founder and organiser of The Big Breakfast after 17 years of hard work and fundraising for Cancer Research, Jenny Nickolls.

She was presented with some lovely flowers, a meal voucher and some money. She will continue helping in the background I'm sure and her whole team thank her so much for all that she's done to bring about these fun fundraising mornings.

Here's to The Big Breakfast 2023.

*Gill Heighway*



By Ann Marsh

### FOR at least 22 years, St Giles's Church has provided Lent lunches.

During the period of Lent, a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese has been available to enable people to get together and to raise money for a good cause.

Over the years, many charities have benefited from this. In 2016, it was decided to have homemade soup and many delicious soups have followed.

During the pandemic when gatherings were not allowed volunteers distributed soup and a roll providing a welcome contact for all stuck at home especially for the housebound. This has continued this

year along with Lent lunches in the cricket pavilion. All this has only been possible by the generous work of many volunteers.

For those who haven't joined in yet — there is still time. Lunches are provided on Thursdays until April 14th at 12noon in the cricket pavilion or order soup and a roll to be delivered. The pavilion meal costs £5 and all proceeds this year will go to Shelter Box, which has responded immediately in sending aid to Ukraine, and refugee relief in that war torn region. St Giles's Church has already sent £500 to Shelter Box for this purpose.

Many thanks go to all those working so hard this year.



**THE service of thanksgiving for the late Madeleine Scott-Nash took place in St Giles's Church on Wednesday, February 23rd. In honour of her love of flowers, the church was filled with spring flowers, and floral arrangements, pictured, created by Mark Hammett, of Just Flowers in Seaton**



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## Parish responds to help Ukraine

**FIRSTLY**, the Stockland's primary school youngsters initiated a response to the Ukrainian appeal by hosting an inventive bake-off competition on Tuesday, March 1st.

Children and families spent time baking and decorating their showstoppers; there are definitely some rising bakers in the school.

The school council representatives from each class were the judges of the first round, sending the two best cakes from their class to the final. This was incredibly difficult for them as we had some truly amazing cakes, showing off both creativity and clever palates. The final eight cakes were judged by the school's very own Paul Hollywood, Mr Hellawell, where he had the even more difficult job of choosing the overall winner!

The cakes were sold after school which was a huge success and, due to having so many, a further sale was held on the Wednesday! A total of £150 was raised. This was used to buy much-needed supplies for those in Ukraine and refugees in surrounding countries. Not only that, the amazingly supportive families contributed to more supplies to add to the collection, pictured.

Then it was the turn of the village bakers! The King's Arms opened its doors to an unbelievable cake sale run by locals. The pub sale started at 11am on Saturday, March 5th but by then there was a lengthy queue for the fabulous array of home baked cakes, cookies, brownies and Rosie's



wonderful crafty cards and friendship bracelets.

It was impressive that so many had baked cakes and that by 11.30am the collection bucket was brimming with cash. A total, to date, of £1600 was raised.

It was a fantastic effort by all with thanks to Ben for allowing the use of the skittle alley hall for the sale and for most generously donating the coffee sale funds to the appeal. And of course, well done Stockland Primary School and the bakers of the parish.

**Rachel Smith**  
**Stockland Fundraisers**  
**for the Ukraine**

Keep us informed by sending all your Stockland news to parish correspondent Gill Metcalfe at gilldog12@gmail.com

## Back together

**IT was one of those days when you open the curtains, look out the window and inwardly avow not to go out!**

It was that drizzly rain stuff accompanied by a bitter wind – the sort of weather that attacks the bones and the muscles adding to the other aches and pains. Staying at home was a comfortable option. So on entering the King's Arms Lounge — well it was packed with would-be diners whilst glasses festooned the tables and otherwise would-be empty surfaces.

The group consisting of 20 ladies were clearly happy to put the miserable weather behind them and enjoy being out. Lots of chat, loads of discussion about the menu, reminders of what had been ordered, hoping that different members of the group might win the raffle and just relaxing.

It is genuinely a real treat to meet up over a meal, catch up, bemoan some issues, applaud others and enjoy a glass or two of wine and, as for the most, home is literally a stone's throw away. Having said that, friends of the group have also been welcomed along as with new-comers to the village — a great way of getting to know one and all and again showing off our local pub and village sociability.

The lunch group seems to be a welcome venture after the past few years of lockdown. It is also encouraging that most look forward to the offering of the next month — the coffee and calorie... apologies, 'cake' morning! The booking for this affair is already so encouraging. So check the diaries, pick up the umbrellas and join one and all on Wednesday, April 6th, 11am at King's Arms. RSVP to janewedlock@live.com, 07944 926676, 01404 926676.

**Ladies Lunch Group**

## GOODBYE ALAN

By Jo Ash

**AS all here know so well, to everything there is a season, and it is time now to gather together to bid farewell to Alan Pearse, husband, brother, father, grandfather, friend and neighbour of many years.**

I was humbled and honoured to be asked to give the eulogy for Alan. Three generations of my family have lived next door — that is, just down the river across the field — to four generations of his for 46 years: we share many stories.

Alan Pearse was a true son of Stockland. He was born at Lower Seavington in 1944, in the very same house he passed away in and from which he came to the church today. He was the youngest of five children born to Cecil and Decima Pearse, who moved here from Higher Farm in 1943 with Alan's older brothers and sisters — Frances, Amy, Rita, and Edward.

Growing up in Stockland, Alan attended the village school, where among his playmates was a Patch lass from Heathstock. As time went by, the Patch lass and Alan started courting and when Eileen was 21 and Alan 23, they got married and set up house together at Seavington. Alan and Eileen were the storybook childhood playmates who became teenage sweethearts and then a married couple, devoted for nigh on 55 years.

And how did Alan spend those married years? Simply, there was the farm and his family. Family first. Alan and Eileen produced two beautiful children, Richard and Dianne, who were but knee high to a grasshopper when I first met them and the apples of their father's eye. It was a joy to see the whole lot out on the farm, the children riding on their father's knee.

Time went by and the children grew into fine young people and themselves got married and over the next few years, Alan's eyes grew to accommodate seven more apples: with Richard and Peggy's Vickie, Henry and Izzie, and Dianne and Robert's Claire, Louise, Beth and Lisa. Alan was blessed with

seven grandchildren and couldn't stop talking about them. He may not actually have told the grandkids how proud of them he was, of course — I'm sure he preferred to tease and taunt them, even, I hear, pulling his false teeth out at the dinner table to make them squeal!

On the farm, Alan was known for working hard with Eileen and later his children. My new boyfriend — now my well-worn old husband — got a taster for farm work helping out with the hay one summer when Alan had dropped the dung-spreader on his toe and was in hospital; as did my father when pressed into helping with a difficult calving. Both were left aching and sore, in awe of Alan and Eileen, and forced to accept they didn't have what it took to be a farmer.

Off the farm, Alan was a well-respected fixture at the markets. He would take Cecil when I first knew him, and I remember him telling me so proudly generations later of Henry's first sheep purchase.

In his 'free' time, as if a farmer ever has such, Alan as a younger man played skittles for the Cotley Hunt team. When the kids were old enough to shoulder some of the work, though, he started to step out with Eileen again and took up sequence dancing. He and Eileen became regulars at Tuesday practices and Saturday dances, to the point that, according to a family member, "farming had to fit around dancing" rather than the other way round. At the church, he graduated from grass cutting to organising dance fundraisers. When not dancing, he and Eileen were sometimes to be found travelling, regularly spending holidays in Spain with Dick and Lola, but also visiting Belgium and Holland and throughout the UK.

And all throughout these years, Alan was the kindest, most informative, most generous of neighbours, with a wicked sense of humour and a taste for Scotch that he shared with my mum. Over those scotches, he taught my mum everything she needed to know about dairying to become a milk recorder. He kept my dad endlessly



supplied with empty feed sacks and building stones, and collected his newborn calf promptly when it fell in our leat so my daughters wouldn't cry. He lent my husband his tractor, and tried not to laugh too hard when it became apparent he didn't know how to drive one. He watched impassively as my children tried to outrun escaped young stock and my son in city slicker shoes tried to look big to direct them through a gate.

Alan has become part of our family history, episodes where he got a big chuckle out of our ignorance told over and over again at our family gatherings. We will remember him always for his patience and good nature.

In asking others for their memories of Alan everyone, without fail, commented on how welcoming he had been when they, too, arrived in Millhayes and how he always stopped to talk and tease. Alan was generous with his knowhow and skills, he shared his time and experience and he was always quick with a funny comment or observation. We are happy here in part because he was here.

We will miss that old Land Rover, with Alan in his hat and ready smile pulling up for a chat — after first pretending to run us off the road, of course. But how fitting, then, that Alan should take his last journey on this earth in that old Land Rover and we should be able to wave to him in farewell just as we waved in greeting in the mornings.

Goodbye, Alan. You will be sorely missed and always remembered.

# STOCKLAND NEWS

## A TRIBUTE TO BETTY



**SEVERAL** parish readers will already know, but it is with sadness to announce the passing of Elizabeth 'Betty' Welch at the grand age of 91 on February 10th.

Newer incumbents in Stockland may not have known her, but she was a long-term resident from 1986 and loved her Stockland home dearly.

This was one clever lady. Betty was a student in the early days of the Open University, and following the loss of her husband David, pictured with her, above, in the 1990s she went on to write three MAs, the last one at Cambridge University on the social impact of mass troops on the

local area in the Second World War.

She was always active in the community: a bee keeper — treasurer of the East Devon Branch for many years; a long-term member of Swag and its predecessor; a painter; member of the bowls club; and for many years a volunteer hospital driver.

For over a year before moving to Devon, Betty and David adventured and travelled Europe in a camper van — with Betty as the sole driver.

Betty was a big part of our family for over 30 years and is very sadly missed. The funeral was held on Monday 7th March 14.00 at St Giles' Kilmington. Her son Philip thanked all those attending the funeral/other well-wishers and welcomed them to the reception afterwards at the King's Arms.

Flowers to W Potter, Axminster, or donations to RNIB.

**Alasdair and Kim Bruce**

● *A post script to Betty's tribute addresses the genuine issue of what happens to a deceased's pet. Several such enquiries have been made. Rest assured that Fudge has been rehomed and has moved to Okehampton where it appears she has settled in very well.*

Can you complete  
the Easter Trail?



Follow the trail of eggs and explore the story of Easter together.

**Where?**

St Michael's Church, Stockland

**When?**

4.00 - 5.00pm on Friday 15th April  
with hot cross buns and soft drinks  
for all who take part!

**For more information...**

Rev'd Julie Lomas 07488 278 483

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AT STOCKLAND VICTORY HALL

10AM - 12 NOON

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ADULT £8 AND CHILD £4



## Foundations of charities

By Bryan Drew

**THE annual report of The Stockland Charities (2021) was included in the March issue of The Parishes' Paper. As an adjunct, the following article by local historian Bryan Drew charts the foundations of these charitable organisations which, as recorded by Monica Parris, still serve the community some 400 hundred years after their establishment and even today serve, as they were initially meant, for the benefit of the village.**

On the 15th November 1607, the Stockland Parish Lands Charities were formed by John Smith and others, confirmed to William Smith and eight others their messuage (a house and the ground around it) and five acres of land in the parish of Stockland to hold for the sole benefit of succeeding parishioners of Stockland for ever. Also, all those meadows and lands at Stockland of approximately 11 acres granted by a deed poll in 1549. The house was conveyed to new Trustees from time to time until, lastly, by Indentures 18 and 19 May 1815. Thomas Knott and others confirmed it to Rev. John Cox and others to employ the revenue towards reparation of the Parish Church and relief of the Poor. This estate, called the Parish Lands consisted of the following particulars;

1. A large old house and small garden adjoining the churchyard. The building is kept in repair at the expense of the parishioners and occupied as a Poor House, for which the Overseers pay 2 shillings and 6 pence a year to the Trustees.
2. Two or three tenements at the end of the Poor House, kept in hand by the Trustees, and occupied rent free by poor families placed there by the Trustees.
3. An orchard and five fields of meadow and arable, containing about seven acres, let to Samuel Bowditch and Isaac Newton, for seven years from Lady Day 1830, at

a rent of £19 - 15s per annum.

4. Another orchard and four fields of meadow and arable, containing about eight acres, let to Charles Summerhayes, for a like term at £18 per annum.

5. A cottage, garden, orchard and two fields of meadow at Beckford of 3 and a half acres let to William Collins for a like term, at £14 per annum.

6. A plot of pasture ground at Millhayes, containing about half an acre, let to Sarah Aplin, for a like term, at £2 per annum.

The above parcels were all let by auction in 1829, the rents are all very high.

On 22nd February 1873, the Rev. John Miles Cox, Robert Spiller and Robert Newton, Churchwardens, applied for an Order from the Board of Charity Commissioners regarding the Church of England School, founded by deed dated 6 January 1859. The endowment of the Charity consisted only of school site and buildings, produced no income and the Board said that a scheme should be established for future regulation.

The Trust consisted of ; a parcel of land of about one rood adjoining on the south western side of the highway leading from Stockland to Axminster forming part of a certain close of land formerly known by the name of Church Close but now better known by the apportionment name of Gallows Close and therein numbered 238.

Vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens.

The original Charity was divided by order of the Charity Commissioners on 31 March 1905 into three sections ;

- a. Stockland Ecclesiastical Charity ( Removed from register 23 December 2005 ).
- b. Stockland Educational Foundation.
- c. Stockland General Charity.

On 27 February 1911, Trustees were appointed by order of the Charity Commissioners to manage the original Parish Lands Charity

and to divide the income of £55 - 11 - 0 into the three parts.

In 1915, the Trustees of the Stockland Education Foundation purchased a piece of land, situated adjoining the Church of England School, until recently part of this land was used for the school swimming pool and now has the pre - fabricated building on it.

The Parish Lands were sold by R & C Snell on 19 March 1920 at the Kings Arms Inn. The lands were mainly sold to the previous occupants in excess of £2150 - 0, plus the stone and slated cottages near Churchstyle Farm, which had a reserve price of £85. The monies from these assets sold were originally distributed to parishioners in the form of coal by the Charity Committee.

For further information please contact: Monica Parris, chairman, on 01404 881535 monica.parris@byconnect.com / Fiona Drew, secretary, 01404 881644.

## Brunch returns

**AFTER a two-year break due to the pandemic and lockdowns the Easter Monday brunch and walk has been re-instated.**

Brunch will be served on April 18th in the village hall from 10am-12noon followed by the walk starting at 12.30pm leaving from the village hall car park.

Brunch will consist of a full breakfast served with coffee or tea, fruit juice and plenty of toast with jam or marmalade, £8 for adults and £4 for children. Coffee, tea, toast and fruit juice only will be £2.50. There will also be a raffle. Please book in with Nancy Patch or Rozanne Bulmer for the brunch and Bryan Drew for details of the walk.

If anyone would like to help prepare and set up the brunch, please also make contact via [rvbulmer@btinternet.com](mailto:rvbulmer@btinternet.com).



# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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By Bijan Omrani

**THE parish of Shute has responded generously to an appeal this month to help Ukrainian refugees.**

In March, the Exmouth-based charity Christian Response to Eastern Europe (CR2EE) issued a local call for practical supplies which it would then transport via its Devon warehouse to Ukrainian refugees who were crossing into Moldova to seek sanctuary. These supplies included clothing, bedding, medical and sanitary goods, and children's items.

In response to this appeal, two collection points were opened. One was the SAK logistics warehouse at Seaton Junction, and a second at the Whitford Chapel, where a prayer vigil for Ukraine was also held to accompany the collection.

A very large quantity of material was collected as a result of the appeal.

It is also possible to make donations to CR2EE to assist with the costs of transport of items to Moldova. These donations can be made online. CR2EE's bank details are: sort code 20-30-47, account number 20902446.

Thanks are due to Ella and Keith Sweetland for arranging the collection and onward transfer of

## Parishes support Ukraine refugees



**GOODS for refugees being loaded for onward transfer at SAK, above right; Prayer Vigil at Whitford Chapel and collection, above left**

material at SAK, and also to Rev Julie Lomas for otherwise facilitating the collection.

Shute has, in earlier times, shown its generosity to refugees in need

with collections for the Calais Jungle and benefit concerts for Afghanistan. Shute parishioners will be kept up to date with further opportunities to help in due course.

## Kids stay away

**CHILDREN at Shute Community Primary School took part in a residential trip in February.**

The event, which consisted of three days and two nights, took place at Hooke Court, Beaminster.

Head of School Patrick Germscheid said: "Pupils in years three and four had a wonderful time taking part in a range of activities which included low ropes, a night walk, orienteering, shelter building, preparing food and cooking it over an open fire as well as making and launching their own rockets."



# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

## Church team calls for more volunteers

By Bijan Omrani

### **HAVE you thought about volunteering to help at Shute church?**

There are all sorts of opportunities to help out. Even an hour or two a month could make a big difference to the community, and volunteering can be an extremely rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Tony and Liz Gosling have lived in the village for about 40 years and immediately became involved in helping to look after the church. With Liz's love of flowers, she joined and then oversaw the organisation of the 'flowers team', and then she led the cleaning team too.

A good source of revenue for church funds over the many years has been the Shute Barton open weekends, which are to resume this summer, in providing refreshments for visitors which Liz organises and co-ordinates the generous donations of cakes and help from

local residents.

"It has proved to be very satisfying to be a small part in the community," says Liz.

Another person who has helped over the course of many years is Ella Sweetland, who has been involved in events over the years, ranging from mother and toddler groups, to coffee mornings, table-top sales, flower arranging afternoons to arts and crafts events. She has also developed ideas for big events including a display of wedding dresses in March 2012, where several dozen wedding outfits were exhibited.

"The whole church was buzzing with people who were eager to help and to give their time," she says.

Others have included a spring flower festival, and a Christmas tree display which contained 48 Christmas trees and local history events.

"It's very important to remember that I just had the ideas," said Ella.

"But without the support and the friendship of so many people none of the above would have happened, We must continue to support the church. It's a beautiful building and somewhere that you can go if and when you need that extra support, And when someone has organised something you can meet some really interesting people."

Ella, Tony, and Liz are just a few who help out at Shute church. A whole range of people help with everything from flower arranging, to bell-ringing, choral singing, looking after the altar and sanctuary, cleaning, making cakes, serving tea, administration, welcoming people, and maintaining the building. Others help with one-off events like concerts, lectures, and Shute Festival.

Anyone who would like to help in any way, please contact the churchwarden, Bijan Omrani, at [bijan.omrani@btinternet.com](mailto:bijan.omrani@btinternet.com) or Rev Julie Lomas, or ask when you visit the church.



**CHILDREN** at Shute Community Primary School have been working hard weeding and tidying up the garden ready for spring planting

### Can you complete the Easter Trail?



Follow the trail of eggs and explore the story of Easter together.

#### Where?

Whitford Chapel

#### When?

10 - 11.30am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
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for all who take part!

#### For more information...

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# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Annual meet

**THE Parish Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 26th at 7.15pm.**

It will be preceded at 7pm by a short 'vestry' meeting, to elect the churchwardens for the forthcoming year; all parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and will be most welcome to attend.

The annual meeting will start immediately after the vestry meeting, but only those on the St John the Baptist's Church Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote.

Refreshments — wine, soft drinks and nibbles — will be served before the meeting at 6.45pm to celebrate all we have come through and achieved over the last two years and our return to worshipping in our church in Yarcombe.

We look forward to seeing many village residents at this important meeting.

**Rebecca Bell**  
*Secretary PCC*

## The brew crew

**'NEED a brew? We are there for you,' is our slogan. We are a new monthly group where you can just pop in the village hall and have a social chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.**

You can forget the woes of life for a time and enjoy some company. So far, we have had about eight to 12 people join us and would love to see more popping in.

First Monday of the month between 2.30pm to 4pm.

**Rosemary Abel**

# Only 40 days?

By Rebecca Bell

**ONLY 40 Days? was the title of the All Age Family Service on March 13th at St John the Baptist.**

It was a service to explore the meaning and history of Lent and also our behaviour.

Self denial is the name of the game in Lent but it helps to enter the season of penitence in a positive way, to prepare for the events of Holy Week.

We are no longer pilloried in the stocks for breaking the Lenten fast, as we would have been in Tudor and Stuart times!

It is perhaps more helpful to think of Lent as a time of prayer and alms giving, as well as fasting.

At the start of the service we used a different format for the Sorry Prayers using a prayer for two voices based on Joel 2, 12-18.

The reading came from the Gospel of St Matthew, a variety of passages about the purpose of fasting.

Lin, Rebecca and Gavin then performed a short drama entitled Breakfast in Lent, set in a restaurant

that only served food from the menu on a Sunday. It presented the Lenten fast as was strictly observed in medieval western Europe. During Lent people didn't eat meat, fish, dairy and eggs... and they only ate one meal a day.

We then explored how many days there are between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day, expecting there to be 40. Much to our surprise there are 46 days! Why? Because you don't count Sundays — each is a festival marking the resurrection. So the good news is that if you give something up for Lent, you can have Sunday off!

We then discussed the times where 40 appears in the Bible: Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness, the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years, God flooded the earth for 40 days and three kings in the Bible, Saul, David and Solomon, reigned for 40 years each and many more.

Finally, we thought about alternative ways we could continue to behave as we journey through Lent. Food for thought indeed!

Thank you to all who helped in the service and for the refreshments afterwards.

## Top recyclers in East Devon

**MEMBERS enjoyed a presentation given by Lucy Mottram of East Devon Council on Waste and Recycling at the Yarcombe Tuesday Club March meeting.**

Lucy is a council Waste Management Officer and one of her jobs is to educate people like schoolchildren and the public.

The aim is to encourage households in the three Rs — reduce, reuse, and recycle waste followed by recovery and finally landfill. Currently, we recycle 56.6 per cent of our rubbish making us about the fourth best area in the country but an examination of our bins tells us we could be recycling 71 per cent which would put us top in

the UK and possibly in the world. Now there is a challenge.

Food waste is taken to Exeter and fed into an anaerobic digester. Any remaining waste is used as compost.

Glass, cardboard, paper, metals and plastics are sent to be reused within the relevant industries and the contents of your black bin are taken to an Energy from Waste Plant where it is burnt in a controlled way in a furnace.

In East Devon, I was very surprised that only four per cent of our waste ends up in landfill and that is mainly ceramics and building material waste. What an interesting afternoon it was.

**Rosemary Abel**

# YARCOMBE NEWS

## Tuesday Club members enjoy circle dancing fun

**IT was a dull and grey afternoon when members of the Tuesday Club arrived at the beautifully refurbished hall for the February meeting.**

Little did they realise that the afternoon would be far from drab and grey! Having missed the January session, this was the first meeting this year.

The new co-ordinator cheerily welcomed everyone and explained what was in store. The 'folk' enthusiast, Vicky Wiggins, had arrived to share her expertise in the art of circle dancing. A vase of flowers was placed in the middle of the hall and then she invited everyone to leave their chairs and to stand in a large circle, a bit apart.

Most were able to give it a go, some lasting longer than others as the pace of the music picked up later! The first dance was fairly

straight-forward and members soon got the hang of it, although some of had trouble with their feet and others with the direction they were supposed to be going in! In fact it turned out to be a cause for considerable hilarity as many bumped into each other or nearly overbalanced.

Dancing in circles is probably the oldest known dance formation, an ancient tradition common to many cultures for marking special occasions like births, weddings, harvest and saints' days. Anyone old or young, can join in as there is no need for a partner. The dances are repetitive and range from gentle or meditative to energetic and fast.

The different styles of music come from many parts of the world, including Europe, particularly Eastern Europe, the Middle East and America. Timing can be simple

4-4 or odd beats in a bar like 7-8 and 11-8. My favourite was called Specknerine, done to an old 16th Century English tune called Nonsuch. It had clapping and stepping and by the end of the session, those who were still upright were really getting the hang of it. It was very entertaining to watch and everyone enjoyed it very much.

Thanks go to Vicky for all the trouble she went to, to give the club the opportunity to try something new.

There were about 21 members and that was a lovely surprise as we weren't at all sure how many it would appeal to. As everyone sat down to recover, a good natter was enjoyed along with coffee, tea and biscuits. Grateful thanks to all who cleared up afterwards.

*Maggie Lane*

Send your Yarcombe news to parish correspondent Rebecca Bell at [rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com](mailto:rebecca.e.bell@outlook.com)

### YARCOMBE WEATHER FEBRUARY 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Average Max.temperature	10.3°C	8.4°C	9.7°C
Average Min.	4.7°C	3.3°C	4.6°C
Average Overall temperature	7.5°C	5.8°C	7.2°C
Rainfall	92.2 mm	120.3mm	215.1 mm
Wettest Day	13th 22.2mm	13th 16.6mm	15th 26.3mm
Sunniest Day	25th 8.0 hrs approx	28th 10.0 hrs	27th 8.0hrs
Warmest Day	16th 13.1°C	26th 11.7°C	23rd 12.5°C
Coldest Night	11th -0.5°C	11th -4.5°C	28th 1.4°C
Sunshine hours	92 hours approx	88 hrs	86 hrs

During the month, we had three major named storms Dudley, Eunice & Franklin which swept across the country all within one week. This left thousands of households without power, during this period only a couple of dozen local homes lost power. There were no very cold spells which meant that February's temperature was above average. Rooks appear to be long term weather forecasters as when they build their nests high in the tree branches folklore says we will have a dry sunny summer, if nests are built in the lower branches expect a damp summer.

*Tony Newman*



# YARCOMBE NEWS



**FEBRUARY** was another busy month for Yarcombe Young Farmers' Club, continuing to have meetings in halls discussing upcoming events and joining in with club events.

The start of the month kicked off on Sunday, February 6th, with an afternoon of fun entertainment performing the re-run of the club pantomime, Aladdin, followed by entertainment by the vice-chairman.

This event was well supported by club members, parents and friends all coming to watch, thank you to those who helped support us. We raised just over £1,200 for our charity of the year, Exeter Foundation NHS Trust.

To celebrate all the hard work, the cast of Aladdin and directors had a meal together on February 17th at the Sidmouth Arms, where we watched back the performance.

The club has been busy with sports activities with members playing against Culm Valley YFC in pub sports taking part in pool, darts and skittles on February 15th. We won the skittles and darts, but lost pool. On February 22nd, we competed in another pub sports against Whimble YFC, we won the

## YFC RAISING MORE FUNDS FOR CHARITY

skittles but lost darts and pool. Members participated in the East Devon group round of mixed netball on February 27th, where we came 3rd out of the five clubs competing.

Our charity tractor run, which took place on Sunday, February 20th, started at Stopgate farm and finished at Barleymows Farm Shop, where hot food was provided. Thank you to Rose Burrough and her team for providing the food and somewhere to finish. Also thanks go to the Barnes family for allowing us to gather at the start. Over 100 tractors took part in the run and people were able to test out their tractors on the Dyno, which was kindly supplied by Hambly's. It was a fun day out with a great route and had great support of people watching, coming out to support in the rain and wind. An amazing £2,000, was raised for charity.

Recently, we presented cheques for the money we raised in

2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to the FCN (Farming Community Network) on February 21st at the club meeting. The FCN gave a short talk about how the money we raised will help their.

On March 1st three members went to the Mardon Neurological Rehabilitation Centre in Exeter to present the cheque. It was great to hear and see how the money raised will help them. Each charity was presented with cheques of £3,868.73.

If anyone has any further questions and would like to become involved with the club, please contact chairman Jack Tomlinson on 07712 479384, or secretary Emily Dunster on 07368 654447. Club meetings are held every other week on Mondays in either Yarcombe or Upton village halls, 8pm start.

**Natalie Sampson**  
Press Secretary  
Yarcombe and District YFC

## Hall full of life, wine and wisdom again

**YARCOMBE Jubilee Hall Committee held a wine and wisdom event on Saturday, March 12th.**

Quizmaster Cathy Derryman tested the knowledge of 13 teams with nine rounds of questions on various various topics.

Raffle tickets were drawn between the question rounds and refreshments enjoyed. The scores

were very close throughout the evening and with a very tantalising finish.

Well done to Team 11 with the winning score of 83 followed closely by four teams and only a matter of points between them.

Thanks go to everyone who helped make this a successful and enjoyable evening especially Cathy Derryman and her supportive

husband, Peter, the teams, all the helpers and those who generously donated raffle prizes.

It was wonderful to have the hall full of life and laughter again raising valuable funds towards the ever-increasing costs of maintaining a village hall.

**Yarcombe Jubilee Hall**  
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□ Stockland Tennis Club □

Tennis Coaching by Luke Andrews Tennis

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There will be 6 weekly lessons per session (for both groups)

Session 1 April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

Session 2 June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Each lesson is £5.00 per child payable as £30 for each of the 6 week sessions.  
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The coaching will be run by Luke Andrews Tennis - **LATennis**

Luke has nearly 20 years coaching experience and has a small team that support him as they coach across the area. They coach at Yeovil, Wincanton, Ilminster, Chard and other various small sites across the area. All coaches are fully insured, DBS checked and first-aid trained.

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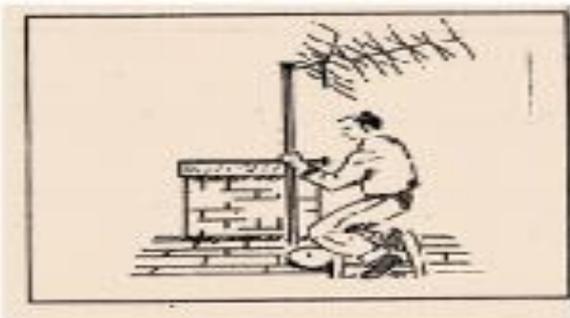


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10am - 12noon Every Tuesday	The Beacon, Kilmington	Post Office - Pop-up Pop Office available for walk in services. Held each Tuesday morning.
10am-12noon Every Wednesday	St Giles's Church, Kilmington	Mother and Baby Group - A special time for mothers and young babies. Half term & holidays
10.30am-12noon April 5th	The Beacon, Kilmington	Messy Sparklers - A fun sensory session for preschool children, lunch after. Dress for mess!
6th & 27th April 9:30am-3:30pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Dalwood Upholstery Workshop
9th April 8am	The Beacon, Kilmington	Men's Breakfast
9th April 10am-12noon	Jubilee Hall Yarcombe	Yarcombe Village Market
9th April 3pm	St Giles's Church, Kilmington	Let's Celebrate Service - a service especially for those with additional needs and their carers
10th April 2pm	Dalwood Village Hall	Down Memory Lane Tea Party
13th April (6:45pm) & 14th April (2pm)	Kilmington Village Hall	Kilmington Community Cinema - West Side Story (2021 12A) Booking is essential. To book email <a href="mailto:alun.evans49@yahoo.co.uk">alun.evans49@yahoo.co.uk</a> or visit <a href="http://www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations">www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations</a>
17th April 7pm	Tuckers Arms, Dalwood	Raft Club Race Night
17th April	Burrow Farm Gardens	Spring Plant Fair - A selection of the finest spring plants available to buy! £2 Entrance Fee (Free to RHS Members)
18th April 10am-12noon	Stockland Village Hall	Brunch & Easter Walk for more info contact Nancy Patch or Rozanne Bulmer
19th April 12:30pm	The Beacon, Kilmington	Community Contact Lunch - All Welcome!
24th April 9am-2pm	Jubilee Hall Yarcombe	Big Breakfast! To Raise Funds for Church & Ukraine
30th April 8:30am	The Beacon, Kilmington	Women's Breakfast!
<i>Please send details of upcoming events within the Five Alive Mission Community to Rachel Hudson at <a href="mailto:5alivemc@gmail.com">5alivemc@gmail.com</a></i>		

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*Easter Day*

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