

# The PARISHES' PAPER

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Baptist Church, Yarcombe*

## JULY 2024

Date	Dalwood	Kilmington	Shute + Whitford	Stockland	Yarcombe
<b>JULY</b>					
Wed 3rd	9.30am BCP Said Communion				
Wed 3rd	6pm St Peter's Day BBQ & activities				
Sun 7th	10.30am Mission Community Holy Communion hosted by St Giles Church, KILMINGTON, EX13 7RF				
Tues 9th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 14th	11am All age worship	11am Morning Worship	11am Shute BCP Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship	11am All age worship
Wed 17th	9.30am Said Communion				
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	No service Dalwood 10K	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Worship in Whitford	11am Family Service	6.30pm Evening prayer
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	FOREST CHURCH 4 - 5pm Email <a href="mailto:5alivefamilies@gmail.com">5alivefamilies@gmail.com</a> for information and venue details				
Tues 25th		9.30am Said Communion			
Sun 28th	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Choral Evensong Shute	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion
<b>AUGUST</b>					
Sun 4th	Note: No morning service - 4 - 6pm "Hymns and Pimms" hosted by Rev Julie and Steve Lomas at The Vicarage, Whitford Road, Kilmington, EX13 7RF RSVP with hymn choices to <a href="mailto:revjulielomas@gmail.com">revjulielomas@gmail.com</a>				

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## CHANGE

**REV JULIE LOMAS**

### HANDS up if you like change?

The word change means many things to different people. When I go to London to visit my family I need to change platform to get to my final destination. This can be stressful but usually it's fine!

On Thursday, July 4th we will be voting for change whether it's the party of our choice which wins the General Election or not.

Whoever is forming the Government will promise change. We are asked to pray for all who are in authority over us.

Nearer to home we are looking forward to welcoming the 72nd

Bishop of Exeter to our diocese and, inevitably, he will want to bring in change to the church and community that he leads.

On Sunday, July 14th you are invited to Kilmington Village Hall to discuss how our mission community is helping to bring about change in our communities.

We will have a conversation about how far we have come in the last few years, and where we want to set out priorities and our energy for the coming three to five years. Please come along to the meeting from 3pm and have your voice heard.

Then on Sunday, July 21st we are

launching our very first Forest Church event in a wooded location near Dalwood.

Aimed at encouraging families and young people to engage with God through the natural environment we'd love to see you there so please sign up to register your interest so we can send you details about where to meet.

This marks the beginning of another change in our approach to sharing the good news of Jesus with all our parishioners in different and contemporary ways.

So this month, please enjoy the change!

## Rev Julie commissioned as rural dean

THE first question most people ask is, "What is a rural dean?" There is a short answer – the rural dean is an officer of the bishop through whom the bishop exercises such pastoral care and oversight as they are not able to exercise in person. The rural dean will seek to know all the clergy and support their ministries.

There is also a longer answer, but we won't go into that now.

On Wednesday, July 17th, St Giles's Church, Kilmington, will host the archdeacon, The Very Reverend

Andrew Beane, for his annual visitation to the Honiton Deanery, which is when all churchwardens gather from each parish to be admitted to their role for the coming year. During this service Rev Julie Lomas will be commissioned as the next rural dean, a position which lasts up to three years. There are eight mission communities in the Honiton Deanery, and Rev Julie has offered a prize to anyone who can tell her the names of all eight, and who the clergy are!

Generally, *The Parishes' Paper* concentrates on what is happening locally, and occasionally reports on things happening in the diocese, or nationally, or at Exeter Cathedral. With Rev Julie in this post, this publication will begin to report on news from a wider outlook in East Devon, especially as the area does have representatives attending Deanery Synod meetings which meet three times a year to monitor progress and keep in touch with the bigger picture.

Watch this space for more information in future issues of *The Parishes' Paper*.

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**COVER:** *Farmers at work in Kilmington. Image courtesy of Oscar Williams, age 12*

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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, **Lesley Rew, of Kilmington**, chooses *In Christ Alone*...

AS well as an active member of St Giles's Church, Lesley is also very busy on many of the village committees and is often working very hard behind the scenes to make things happen for the benefit of others.

She is currently leading the team to put on the Kilmington Flower Show on July 20th, as well as the annual Kilmington Village Show which, this year, will be on Saturday, September 7th.

Lesley said: "My teenage years were troubled with little support from home and school. You learn from an early age to put on a brave face when being rejected, show the world that you're strong when inside you're falling apart. Then I found Him, that is, Jesus.

"When life got difficult, He gave me strength and calmed my fears.

knowing that he was with me brought me great comfort, so that's why the first verse means so much to me. My life has made me strong; my faith has made me stronger."

*In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand  
In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied*

*For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live  
There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

Source: Musixmatch; Songwriters: Keith Getty/Stuart Townend; In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found) lyrics © Thankyou Music Ltd

## Bible readings July

Date	First reading	Gospel reading
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10	Mark 6: 1-13
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19	Mark 6: 14-29
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July Trinity 8	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a	Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 9	2 Samuel 11: 1-15	John 6: 1-21
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10	No service. 'Hymns & Pimms' at The Vicarage, EX13 7RF at 4pm	

## From the registers...

### Weddings

The wedding of Kelly Louise Preece and Edward Mills took place on Friday, May 24th at St Giles's Church, Kilmington.

The wedding of Amy Meyrick and Charles Baker took place on Saturday, June 8th at St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe.

### Funerals

The burial of ashes of Margaret Phyllis Dunn took place on Saturday, May 25th at St Michael's Church, Shute.

The funeral of Colin Paul Hayter took place on Tuesday, June 11th at St Michael & All Angels Church, Stockland.

We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.



# One more step along the world...

IN 1983, the Methodist Church brought out a new hymn book entitled *Hymns & Psalms*. Whenever a new book is produced there is the usual disappointment that some of our favourite hymns have been left out, grumblings that we will have to learn a lot of new hymns, but also a sense of anticipation as we explore some of the new entries.

At this time, the Sunday school at our church in Surrey used to come in for the first 15 minutes of the morning service and they chose the first two hymns. One hymn they quickly pounced on was *One More Step Along the World I Go*, written by Sydney Carter, an English lyricist, who also wrote for, amongst others, the British comedy duo, Flanders and Swann.

For the next two years we had this song at least once a month until it ceased to have any real meaning, and the music is so simple that I was even playing the melody on the

pedals at times to relieve the monotony. In the end, we had to say "no more", and the Sunday school went on to explore other hymns, thereby expanding the children's repertoire.

The hymn seems to have fallen out of fashion now, which in some ways is a pity. It takes us through our life's journey, reminding us that, no matter what comes unexpectedly around the corner as we travel through the good and bad, the rough and the smooth, God will be with us at all times if we keep on travelling through life with him as our guide.

We sometimes hear people say, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life", and the chorus of the song is a prayer, asking, "And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you."

At the end of the month, the people at the chapel will be taking another step along the world as we say farewell to our minister, Brian Hadfield, who has been with us for

some eight or nine years, and is taking early retirement on health grounds. We are extremely grateful to him for his care for us and interest in us over the years and the way he has moved from just being our minister to being a well-loved member of our church family. We wish him a long and happy retirement, and we pray that God will be with him and Sarah, his wife, during this latest stage in their journey along life's road. We will also be taking another step along the world as we welcome our new minister in September.

Don't forget our coffee morning on Wednesday, July 10th, this time at Church Cottage, Dalwood, from 10.30am until 12 noon when we have our annual fundraising effort for the village fair. Our services during July will be at the usual time of 11am, to which we extend a warm welcome to everyone.

*Roderick Ovey  
Dalwood Methodist Church*



## Everyone can have a second chance

SAUL was mostly angry with God for much of the *Open the Book* story about the Road to Damascus.

The team visited the three primary schools in May, to read and act out parts of Saul/Paul's story.

The message was that even someone who so hated Jesus and persecuted his followers could have

his life completely turned around after an encounter with Jesus – a very dramatic one in this case.

It also showed that everyone can have a second chance and a new beginning and go on to do great and good things with God's help.

*Mary Harrison*



**Keep the Five  
Alive community  
thriving and in touch  
by sending your  
local news**

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

# New Bishop of Exeter is announced

By Rev Julie Lomas

THE Diocese of Exeter is pleased to announce that the next Bishop of Exeter will be the Rt Rev Dr Mike Harrison.

His appointment was approved by King Charles and formally announced by Downing Street on Tuesday, June 4th. Bishop Mike is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. He will become the 72nd Bishop of Exeter, with care for 489 parishes across Devon.

Bishop Mike said: "I am delighted, excited and honoured to become the Bishop of Exeter. Devon holds a special place in my heart and I'm looking forward to working with its amazing churches and their communities to share the gospel message of hope, joy and wonder that is the faith we have in Jesus Christ to transform lives and restore broken situations.

"It feels significant that I am



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beginning my ministry here on St Petroc's Day, known as Devon Day. This county has a wonderful mix of rural, coastal, and urban areas, not dissimilar to Suffolk where I presently minister, and I am looking forward to flying St Petroc's flag for Devon and joining with the people in God's mission here."

Bishop Mike is married to Rachel, an occupational therapist, and they have four adult children. He was born in Bolton and is a passionate supporter

of Bolton Wanderers Football Club, as well as being a beekeeper, keen cake baker and fan of live comedy.

He added: "I have long-standing connections with Devon – we used to holiday in North Devon every year as a child, I courted my future wife in Exeter when she was a student at St Loyes College, and I discerned a vocation to the ordained ministry while worshipping at Exeter Cathedral and a local church. Rachel and I love living by the coast, and so we are really looking forward to walking and cycling the beautiful coastlines of Devon – north and south.

"As bishop for the whole of Devon, I am looking forward to providing oversight, pastoral care, prayer, fellowship and partnership in the gospel across the whole breadth of the diocese. We are a broad church with a diversity of traditions and views, and I am committed to working together and being united in our shared mission to grow in prayer, make new disciples and serve the people of Devon with joy."

## TAKING THE CHURCH OUTSIDE

THIS month's Families In Rural East Devon Project activity (see page 13) is adapted from the Kitchen Table Projects' summer scavenger hunt. It encourages you to use Psalm 23, a well-known psalm written by David who went from being a shepherd boy to the king of Israel, to think about God's love for us.

What a busy few weeks it has been! It was a joy to be a link in the prayer chain during Thy Kingdom Come organised by Caroline Nunns. Not only did I have the privilege of being part of the chain, but was able to share my time slot with a member of the Kilmington congregation, while we were preparing for the pentecost trails.

All six churchyards hosted the self-guided pentecost trail at the end of May. For those who didn't get round to visiting one, it encouraged people to think about different aspects of the story of the day of pentecost.

At three of the six stops, there was an activity for children to engage with. Rev Julie Lomas and I had the pleasure of guiding Stockland and Yarcombe pre-schools around the

trail. We know at least a couple of school classes visited the trails, plus family groups of various sizes.

A muddy highlight last month was Stockland Fair. Even the gazebo blowing over couldn't dampen our mood. I don't think I've ever walked on ground that felt as spongy as that field felt! Well done to everyone involved. Our stand was visited by over 50 children plus many adults too.

There were three activities for people to engage with, encouraging them to give thanks or share their worries or sadness with God. We look forward to being out in the community, visiting all the village fairs.

In May, we had 'farm church' in Dalwood. Our next exciting adventure is the expansion of our outdoor church. Church is the people, not the building and being outside, especially in the beautiful area where we live, is one of the best ways to connect with God. On Sunday, July 21st at 4pm, we will be hosting our first forest church in a private woodland in Dalwood. Think



forest school, but with a faith element to it. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

On the second Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm and the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.30pm, we will be meeting on Zoom to pray for children, youth and families in our parishes.

If you would like to be involved, or have something that you would appreciate prayer for, please get in touch.

**Juletta Obudo**  
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# PARISH WEDDINGS

By Rev Julie Lomas

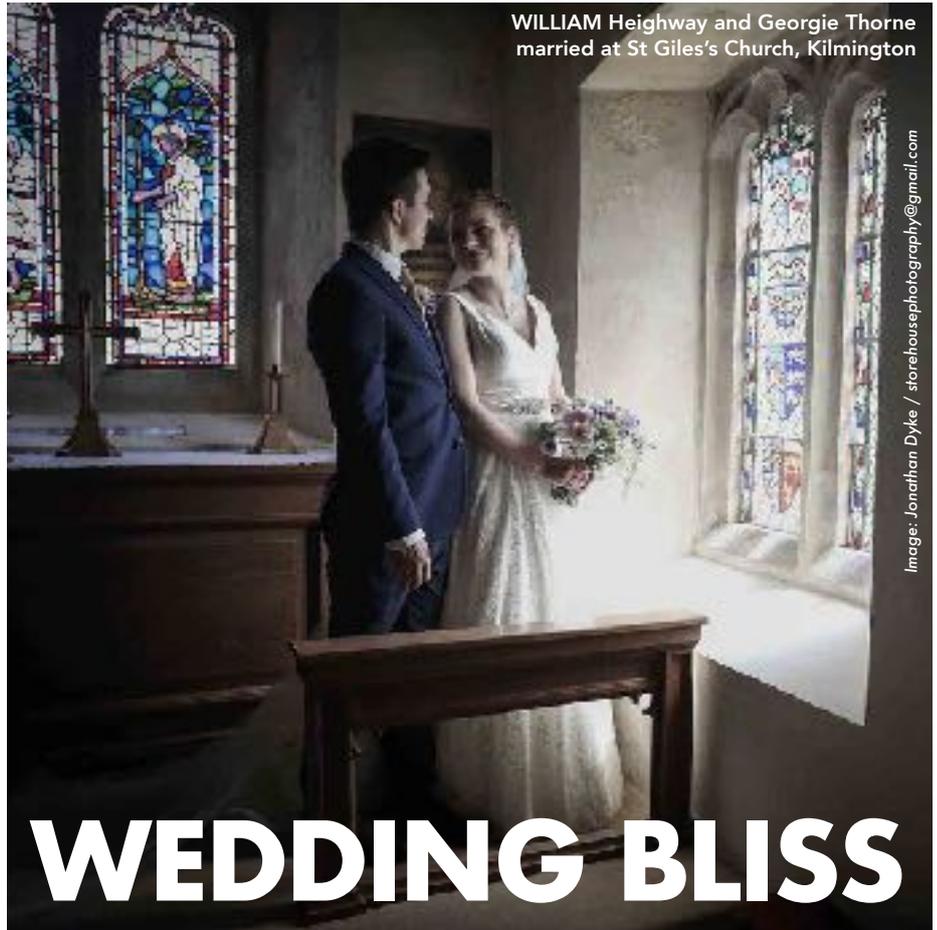
WEDDINGS are always a special time for the couple who are getting married, for their friends and families, and for the communities where they choose to make their declarations and their vows.

Earlier this year, the annual Five Alive Mission Community wedding preparation event took place in Dalwood, with a total of five couples in attendance. We are delighted that three weddings have now taken place and we offer our heartfelt congratulations to William Heighway and Georgie Thorne, Edward Mills and Kelly Preece, and Charles Baker and Amy Meyrick as they begin married life.

St Giles's Church, Kilmington, has not hosted a wedding for a few years, so it was very special to hold two weddings in the merry month of May, and both on a Friday. Regulars at the church coffee shop were very gracious in giving up their morning coffee and catch-up to make room for the weddings on May 10th and 24th.

The 'tower team', led by Celia Dunsford, rang out to welcome the congregation and especially the brides, and then rang out with joyful peal as each couple made their way from the church to begin their new life of togetherness. Church organist Margaret Hurford played at both ceremonies and we were blessed with fine weather.

St John the Baptist Church, Yarcombe, welcomed the daughter and future son-in-law of local businessman and landowner, David



WILLIAM Heighway and Georgie Thorne married at St Giles's Church, Kilmington

Image: Jonathan Dyke / storehousephotography@gmail.com

## WEDDING BLISS

Meyrick. Along with his wife, Nicola, who filled the church with beautiful floral arrangements, they welcome over 130 guests to witness the marriage of Amy and Charles, followed by a reception in the grounds of their home. Again, the bells rang, the sound of the organ filled the air and solemn vows were exchanged.

We always welcome enquiries about

weddings and other life events, and if you would like to make an enquiry please do look at the website, and the link to the 'life events' page which you can find at [www.fivealive.org/christenings-weddings-and-funerals/](http://www.fivealive.org/christenings-weddings-and-funerals/)

Please join us in offering our prayers for these couples, and also for the remaining two weddings due to take place this year in July and September, both in Dalwood.



Image: Kate Newman

Edwards Mills and Kelly Preece



WILLIAM and Georgie

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# DALWOOD NEWS

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DALWOOD METHODIST CHURCH  
invite you to a  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
AT "CHURCH COTTAGE", DALWOOD,  
EXT3 76Q  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY  
10-30 AM - 12 NOON  
WITH A 'BRING AND BUY' STALL  
IN AID OF THE VILLAGE FAIR  
DO COME AND ENJOY A CUPPA  
AND A CHAT AND SUPPORT  
THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE!



Flower Rota  
for  
St Peter's Church, Dalwood  
July 2024

29 <sup>th</sup> June and 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Fiona Fraser
13 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Judith Chard
27 <sup>th</sup> July and 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Laurie Lucas

## Community lunches are served with good humour

A MONTHLY highlight for many in Dalwood and the surrounding villages must be the St Peter's community lunch held in the village hall in the middle of the month.

Where else can you get a highly nutritious and delicious three-course lunch for £10 per person with friendly and sociable conversation?

We cannot praise highly enough the skills and good humour of all those who serve the lunches, whether it be through the planning, shopping, cooking, serving, decorating tables, clearing and washing up afterwards.

Lorna Gould, pictured, exceeded herself recently with her beautiful Pavlovas. Anyone who would like to join in with the lunches, can contact Kathy Laing on 01404 881601.



 Dalwood Recreation Trust  
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## 6<sup>th</sup> DALWOOD ASHES CUP

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

First match 1pm

Competition restricted to **6** teams. Team limited to **6** players  
Team Entry Fee - £12

**\*\*Closing Date for Team registration 30<sup>th</sup> June\*\***

For team entries please contact:  
**George Marshall**  
01404 881442 or 07938 905757  
[gmmilugard42@gmail.com](mailto:gmmilugard42@gmail.com)

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COME AND JOIN OUR ....



## ST PETER'S DAY

(our patron saint)

## CELEBRATION

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY  
6 - 8 PM

in

## ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD

(CHURCH IF WET)

\* FREE B-B-Q 

\* PIMMS/SOFT DRINKS

\* QUIZ ROUND THE CHURCHYARD

\* TEDDIES ON A ZIP WIRE FROM THE CHURCH TOWER!

(Please feel free to bring your teddy/soft toy)

All Welcome!

# DALWOOD NEWS

## How to use church space in future?

By Mary Harrison

ONE Sunday in April after the church service, the congregation at Dalwood sat and 'brain-stormed' ideas about how the church building might be used in future years, as this obviously affects efforts to become carbon neutral by 2030 – a goal set by the Church of England.

Ideas were given with 'no limits' at this stage and included worship (especially Sundays), weddings, funerals and baptisms, cafe church, toddler group, bible study group, concerts, other parish meetings, exhibitions/festivals/displays, clubs (art, book, youth), theatre performances, after-school club, memory cafe, singing group, armchair exercise, wedding preparation and film shows.

These were just some of the ideas 'thrown out' about future possible



uses of the building.

To accommodate some of these activities, might this necessitate changes to the layout of the church? Certainly, the addition of a toilet to the church would be advantageous. In talking about retaining heat, one of the ideas mentioned was carpeting

over some of the main body of the church to stop draughts, which means removing pews.

Once pews are removed them, should they be replaced or go for the more flexible option of using chairs? We would like to get away from oil for heating, so do we heat 'zones' in the church (electric radiant heaters) for small activities, rather than heating the whole area?

Do we install solar panels on the roof (it's good enough for York Minster!)?

All of these issues are merely at the 'ideas' stage for now, but we wanted to let you know that these conversations are going on and as we always say, this is your village church and if you would like to contribute to the conversation and ideas, we would love to hear from you.

Please feel free to contact myself, Rev Julie Lomas or any member of the PCC to chat through ideas.



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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 – 12.00PM**

# DALWOOD NEWS

**DALWOOD Community Shop** officially opened the 'The Coffee Shop' on May 30th.

Kathy Laing, chair of Dalwood Shop Committee, thanked everyone for coming, it was well attended with 45 residents and guests.

Kathy, said: "It has taken a few years to get here but we made it!"

She thanked all who had "bought a brick" and have given personal donations, various grant funds received and Adam Smith, who built the coffee shop. Special thanks went to the shop committee who have worked tirelessly to make it happen.

Before cutting the opening ribbon, she asked all to raise a glass, declaring the coffee shop officially open.

The coffee shop offers snacks, free Wi-Fi, alongside the village shop which provides a full range of goods. The shop is a true community effort, run 100 per cent by volunteers.

The opening of the coffee shop would not have happened without all the support received from the community which has been remarkable.

*Dalwood Shop Committee  
2024-2025*



## COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP DOORS OPEN



IMAGES: GEORGE MARSHALL

## Church bells ring out for contest

THE bells of St Peter's Church were rung out multiple times on the afternoon of Saturday, May 25th as seven teams of bell ringers competed in the Devon Bells Association Minor Final.

The teams gathered for a service in the church led by Rev Julie Lomas, before being put through their paces and competing in front of a

team of judges. The results were: 7th: Kenton; 6th: Kingsteignton; 5th: Drewsteignton; 4th: Leusdon; 3rd: Exeter St David's; 2nd: Dunsford; 1st: Tiverton.

Thanks go to the team at Dalwood for the arrangements, and if anyone would like to learn the art of bell ringing do please contact Don or Tristan Pike.





# KILMINGTON NEWS

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## Village celebrates 80th anniversary of D-Day



## Butterfly garden

KILMINGTON Gardening Club talk for July is by Martin Young and is titled Make a Butterfly Garden.

Being a breeder of butterflies and moths, Martin will give advice on attracting to your garden more butterflies, moths and other beneficial insects.

All are welcome on Friday, July 12th at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Cost is £3 for non-members. There will be a bar and also tea and coffee.

*Lesley Rew*

## FROGS meeting

FROGS – Friends of St Giles’s Churchyard – will hold its annual meeting on Monday, July 1st at 7pm.

All are welcome whether currently helping, are interested in helping or are just interested in what the group does.

*John Thorne*

By Christopher Thorne

ON the evening of Thursday, June 6th, the Kilmington Branch of the Royal British Legion arranged a celebration of the D-Day landings which happened 80 years ago to the day.

What a wonderful evening it was. The group joined other branches of the RBL around the country, who were also celebrating this landmark day.

The evening began with the church bells being rung. Everyone, who had purchased tickets, then sat at tables within the village hall and were all fed with bangers, mash, peas and gravy (whether the bangers be the meaty variety or the vegetarian variety). This was followed with ice cream and a bar was on hand for drinks.

A television documentary was then shown on a large screen where the events of D-Day, and the following days, were laid out which was very informative and interesting.

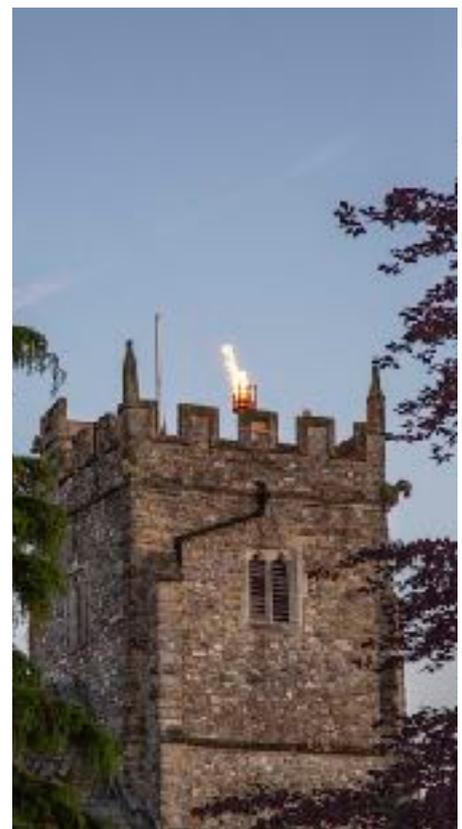
Rev Julie Lomas led the prayer and a raffle was held and then the evening was topped off with the beacon, on top

of the church tower, being lit. The rain stayed off just long enough so that no one became wet whilst they watched the flames leap from the beacon basket.

All in all, the evening was great and it was lovely for everyone to get together and enjoy the evening with one another. The event was reminiscent of evenings of the past, where residents of Kilmington used to come together to celebrate similar types of occasion. Covid did curtail these types of events to a certain degree.

Putting on these celebrations is a lot of hard work and effort, and thanks go to all of those who helped make the evening so special. No doubt many others who attended are thankful for the work that they put in too. If there are potential volunteers out there who would like to help with regards to future events, then please make yourselves known as any offered help would be very much appreciated.

Thanks also goes to Kilmington RBL for the badges, which were laid at everyone’s place setting, they are a great reminder of the evening, the event and the D-Day anniversary.



# KILMINGTON NEWS

## The story of the paralysed man

By Christopher Thorne

ON Saturday, June 8th at 3pm, another Celebrate Together Service was held at St Giles's Church with many attending the service – 30-plus people present.

The theme was 'being part of a team' and having friends. The Bible story told was that of the paralysed man being lowered through a roof by four friends, so that the man could be healed by Jesus.

As always, a great deal of fun was had by all. These services never quite go to plan, but it is the little imperfections that tend to make them so wonderful with everyone leaving with smiles on their faces.

The PowerPoint presentation was wonderfully put together by Elana Blackmore and all those involved with putting the service together made the afternoon so special.

The play is always very much looked forward to. This time, the paralysed man's head was rolling away at one point (a dummie's head) after the paralysed man had been carried down through the church before it, he was lowered through a pretend roof.

The group sang the songs that were displayed on the screen and everyone thoroughly enjoyed playing their musical instruments, to accompany the piano.

The service was led by Elana with Christine Thorne doing the excellent talk, which gave the congregation something to think about.

Birthdays were celebrated and the, now mandatory, enjoyable, fun quiz was at the end of the service. Finally, the tea was enjoyed.

Thanks go to all involved, everyone who helped to make this service the success that it is. They should feel very proud that they give those with additional needs, their parents and their carers the opportunity to attend church and to feel relaxed as the service unfolds before them.

Those are also given the opportunity to take part in ways where they would not normally be able to, with more traditional services. Everyone seemed to go away happy



and full, which is how it should be.

A special mention for the pipe cleaner/stick men models. A number of these were handed out. They did take some time to put together. They allowed those who received them to pretend that they were lowering paralysed men through roofs. Nothing beats a small visual model to help bring a Bible story to life.

This service is a safe place for all to come as they are and to feel welcome – no matter what age or ability,

everyone can 'celebrate together' here.

For further information concerning these Kilmington Celebrate Together services, contact Christine Thorne on 07814 041059. There is level access and plenty of parking. The next Celebrate Together service, in Kilmington, is on Saturday, August 10th at 3pm. In July, there will be a Celebrate Together service at St Paul's, Honiton, on Saturday, July 13th at 3pm.

## Summer Praise – Scavenger hunt

(Adapted from Care for the Family's Kitchen Table Project – Using Psalm 23 to remind us that God loves us & that He is always caring for us.)

### 1. Find a path or track and follow it

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."  
Psalm 23 v1

- What can you spot that helps you know the way?
- What animals can you see? Dogs? Sheep? Why do you think Jesus called himself 'the Good Shepherd'?



God promises to take care of us – he knows everything that we need and will look after us.

### 2. Find a safe place to lie down

"He makes me lie down in green pastures."  
Psalm 23 v2

- From this position, what do you notice about the sky? How does the ground around you look different from this angle?
- How does it make you feel when you relax on the ground like this? Do you want to lie still or roll around? What is God showing you?

God likes us to enjoying spending time in His creation, and shows us things from a different perspective.



### 3. Find some water – play 'Poohsticks', skim stones, catch a raindrop on your tongue, jump in a puddle, peer down a drain or have a drink

'He leads me beside quiet waters.' Psalm 23 v3

- If it's very dry and hot, you might need to look a bit harder for signs of water. Where are the plants and animals getting their drinks from?
- Think about all the ways God has provided for you. Can you count your blessings as you walk along?

God loves all of his creation so much and keeps watch over us.



### 4. Spot some trees in full leaf, flowers in bloom or a beautiful butterfly

"He restores my soul." Psalm 23 v3

Being outside is good for us. Notice your body moving, your lungs taking deep breaths of air, your eyes watching interesting things around you.

- Can you take a photograph, draw, collect or describe things that you can see that makes you feel happy? Share it with someone else.

### 5. Play follow-the-leader, or make a trail for someone to follow, placing sticks in the shape of arrows

"He guides me in paths of righteousness." Psalm 23 v3



God shows us the right way to go. We can trust him with our decisions and worries.

- Do you have any decisions, worries or anything you're not sure about? Talk about them to God and ask him to help you.

### 6. Make a crown out of flowers or grass

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil: my cup overflows." Psalm 23 v5

We are precious and special to God. Putting oil on someone's head is a sign of protection.

This psalm acknowledges that life can be difficult but God's provision and protection happens 'in the presence of my enemies'. As you think about any difficulties or worries you have, remember that God is still with you & looks after you.

- If you stop for a snack or picnic, imagine a banquet in heaven and a cup that is overflowing with a drink. What might that be like?

### 7. Listen for sounds of nature



"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23 v6

Whenever we walk outside, we are surrounded by nature. Some is big & loud, like a huge tree, swaying & rustling in the wind. Some is very quiet, microscopic, or even underground scuttling busily. God's goodness & love is all around us too, and he promises us that he will always be with us.

- How many sounds can you hear, by standing still and listening, or by putting your ear right down to the ground?
- Can you join in the sound of this beautiful noisy creation? Whisper with swaying grasses, answer a bird's call with a beautiful whistle or shout with trees in the noisy wind. Pray out loud and thank God that he is always with us..

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Can you find any other signs of summer?

- Butterflies  Bats (in early evening)  Cut grass
- Flowers  Bugs, beetles and grasshoppers



# STOCKLAND NEWS

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## Village's youth club seeks new leader

STOCKLAND youth club has successfully provided 30-40 children from Stockland and the surrounding villages with the opportunity to not only have fun and create friendships but also to gain important social skills and independence.

Mel Andrews has very kindly run this club twice a month for five years, however, the youngsters now need someone who can continue this much needed club.

If your child has benefited from this club or you wish to give back to your community please contact Mel on 07947 743278.

*Claire Nuttall*

## PAUSE FOR PRAYER

Gloria by the Welsh poet and priest Euros Bowen

The whole world is full of glory.  
Here is the glory of created things,  
the earth and the sky,  
the sun and the moon,  
the stars and the vast expanses:  
Here is fellowship  
with all that was created,  
the air and the wind,  
cloud and rain,  
sunshine and snow:  
All life like the bubbling of a flowing river  
and the dark currents of the depths of the sea  
is full of glory.  
GLORIA.

*Contributed by Philippa Wilkes*

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# Book an utter delight; 'absolutely charming'

By Gill Metcalfe

AT last, a book thoroughly enjoyed by the entire group – *The Full Cupboard of Life* by Alexander McCall Smith – number five in the No1 Detective Agency series – one which follows Precious Ramotswe's exercising of her Ladies Detective Agency in Botswana and her circle of contributors – Note Mokoti, Mr JLB Matekoni, Hector Lepondise, Mma Grace Makautsi and Mma Potokwane on her route to the solutions of the problems presented to her.

Readers at this stage in the series will recognise and come to love all the characters – even the rogues.

The book is absolutely charming – an utter delight – full of good kind humour. Mma Ramotswe and her band of peers continue enjoying each other's company, get in and out of stressful commitments, cherish their land, its leaders, its cattle, its traditions whilst contemplating the virtues of men, women and proper behaviour, and of course, a cup of tea on a hot day. It is the utter simplicity of the text, the practicality of thought involved

in the solution of problems and the sheer humanity that can be shown in everyday life that makes the series so utterly charming. They offer compelling reading.

Perhaps the book was so well received that it was indeed difficult to add to the consensus expressed by the group – and yes there were many questions – even contentious ones – to be asked about the content but these although raised were not pursued.

Just a delight to read a book which without too much surface delving was just sheer pleasure. You Tube viewing is highly recommended.

Members' further reading suggestions included *Going Solo* (Roald Dahl's autobiography); *Women of the Dunes* (Sarah Maine) and *The Bee Sting* (Paul Murray). Attention was drawn to the upcoming presentation and discussion of *The Game of Life* with author Claire McIntosh in the chair scheduled for 18 September (in Budleigh Salterton) which might well appeal to group members and Stockland readers.

The next meeting of the group will be on 20 July – King's Arms 11.15am start.

## Jerry thanked for years of service

THE Friends of St Michael and All Angels annual meeting was held in the church at 7pm on Tuesday, June 11th.

The election took place of members to serve for one, two or three years respectively and on expiry of office could be eligible for re-election. These are Loops Curnoe, Annie Williams, Leo Allen, Janet Fox, Rev Julie Lomas, Sue Miskin, Pat Shepherd Walwyn and Nancy Patch.

Jerry Walsh has chosen to stand down after many years serving as treasurer and thanks were expressed for all his hard work.

In accordance with the rules, the treasurer, Andrew Smith, was re-elected. The chairperson, currently Jane Wedlock, could be re-elected at the first meeting after the annual meeting.

This was followed by a brief report by the chairperson on current funding of

projects all of which are in hand: new bell ropes.; purchase of projector screen; refurbishment of children's area in the church; purchase of large LED candles; purchase of stepladders and leaflet holders.

There followed a report from the treasurer on the state of current funds.

The group has some funds for future projects at St Michael's which will be considered at the next committee meeting but are aware that fundraising is vital to future activities.

Thanks must go to Andrew for all his work throughout the year and keeping everyone all so well informed on the current state of finance.

There being no other members present, the formal annual meeting was closed.

*Jane Wedlock*

# STOCKLAND NEWS



By Gill Metcalfe

**WELCOME** to Stockland Fair and bucket-loads of rain! It was a 'shall we, shall we not?' affair at 9am on the Bank Holiday Monday – the historical date for the annual fair – for the organising committee.

The decision to go ahead was a brave one but with the marquees in situ, the outdoor activities ready to roll – yes the rat, the ducks, the skittles, the pole pillow-fight, the bouncy castle, the burger stall, the bar, the plant sale and more – and with Stockland Victory Hall prepared for the anticipated crowds seeking cream teas, homemade cakes, sandwiches and with the many stall-holders packed in readiness the previous evening, it really was a case of the show must go on.

So cometh the hour, Stockland Victory Hall field was ready with stalls set up despite the damp and indeed the cold. Whilst the first hurdle was the rain – all the previous night and early morning and as already said volumes of it – car parking became the challenge. The fields just could not take vehicles



## Cometh the hour: the show goes on!

and, whilst some did manage to access the fields, a quagmire of churned up mud lay in their wake. Away from the fields, locals were stoically directing traffic – they did a fantastic job in the rain and just managed to keep all-comers regaled with their cheerful welcome and help despite their being soaked. Parking eventually went up the Stockland Hill, out towards Chard and towards Membury but visitors seemed unperturbed by the walk into the village.

Opening time: 2pm – and right on time, the next deluge – at least the marques filled up and Stockland Victory Hall heaved with wet rainwear and damp fair goers. Stall-holders were coping – they really needed heartfelt congratulations for setting up a huge array of most professionally craft products – the woven plant climbers seemed to be everywhere and avoidance tactics were clearly necessary.

Their support for the fair, given the atrocious conditions, warrant much praise. Strange as it seemed visitors were obviously enjoying themselves and when homeward bound – well Land Rovers and a mass of muddied helpers were there to tow those who got stuck. Then to the pub. Thanks go to the King's Arms for rounding off the

day!

A full report of the fair and amount raised – net – for local groups should appear in the next issue of *The Parishes' Paper* – after the committee have recovered. A huge well done to them and indeed to Stockland.



# STOCKLAND NEWS

## Last of the 'first' meets before summer

THE last get together of the First Wednesday Ladies Coffee Morning before the summer break, so roll on September when there will be lots to catch up on and share starting with a coffee morning – yes – first Wednesday in September.

But back to the most recent meet-up in Stockland church. Given the sunshine and intervening holidays, a lower turnout was anticipated and whilst this was so, 14 made the venue in order to sit, relax and chat.

This group has proven to be a most worthy welcoming venture allowing for Stockland ladies and friends the time – even briefly – to just talk and laugh without all the household chores to think about. It also enables newcomers to the village to get to know the very pleasant member of the parish community. Indeed, a newish person arrived bearing cakes – well not cakes but works of art which would have been very much home at The Ritz or on

sale in Harrods or Selfridges. Were those scrumptious-looking muffins to eat? They certainly adorned the table for some time before courage to actually pick one up – examine it – and then slowly allow it to be actually devoured. Such awe was not lost on a walnut sponge cake and a salted caramel loaf – yes, nearly all disappeared from the plates!

So, all our thanks to Sandra and Jane Wedlock for such prize-worthy edibles with an extra thanks to Jane Smith very much an unsung hero who always steps in with a cake and biscuits and on several occasions opens up the church – mammoth sized historical key – puts on the tea urn and sets up the church coffee café all in good time for the 11am event.

A donation of £36 was made to the church. The group also contributed to a bouquet of mixed roses – yes M&S, and delivered on a Wednesday – to Rozanne Bulmer, who is hopefully



sensibly recovering from pneumonia. All those who know Rozanne will acknowledge her tireless efforts on behalf of the Stockland community – all our well wishes are with her.

Looking forward to September when the start-up will be a coffee morning. Enjoy the break and come back with lots of news of holidays, grandchildren, births, adventures and fun days. Make the break a proper job.

Gill Metcalfe

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# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

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## Show season preparation

PREPARATIONS are well under way for this year's Whitford Summer Show on Saturday, August 3rd, 2pm.

After the wettest winter and spring on record, everything in the garden is beginning to catch up.

If you have never entered any of your produce in the show before, there has never been a better time to join in. All entries are welcomed in a spirit of friendly competition and seeing who might have won a cash prize is all part of the fun. You don't need to be an experienced gardener to have a go and you may well surprise yourself! There are also many fun categories for the under-12s.

Apart from the show marquee – full of fruit, vegetables, cookery, baking, home brewing and all manner of handicrafts – there will be a wide variety of other attractions. These include Chard Concert Band, classic tractors and cars, homemade refreshments, barbecue, the ever-popular dog show as well as stalls from Devon Air Ambulance Trust, Devon Freewheelers and much more to be confirmed.

This year, the show is supporting Adrenocortical Cancer Support, a national charity and, more locally, Seaton Hospice that both do invaluable work.



If you would like to enter, the show brochure is widely available, if you would like to make a raffle donation or have a stall or have any other queries, please get in touch.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the show.

*Michael Norris*

*Chair, Whitford Produce Association  
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## Making friends

A GROUP of 15 members of Umborne Social Club met recently to hear about the Seaton League of Friends group.

Lesley Spencer explained the organisation had been through some changes recently and now has some paid posts including a CEO, with the aim to improve what can be offered to the public.

Lesley spoke about the Hospice at Home service which does fabulous work enabling people at the end of life to die at home if they wish. The bereavement service supports this with help for families during their loved one's illness and importantly, in the weeks after.

The league is also working with Seaton hospital and the Restore charity to try and find a sustainable use for the empty areas of the building.

This valuable organisation needs volunteers to help it function. Please consider becoming a befriender or helping in the two shops in Seaton.

*Linda Ambler*

## May 'haircut' for the village chapel



ON Saturday, May 18th, a party of willing village volunteers turned up at Whitford's chapel, St Mary at the Cross, to give the garden its spring haircut!

Once the primroses, daffodils and bluebells had finally finished flowering, the grass, hedges and bushes were well and truly overgrown and it took the enthusiastic efforts of 15 people to get things back into shape. Whitford is fortunate to have so many kind villagers who give their time to ensure that the chapel grounds are smart and tidy.

*Fanny Balcombe  
Churchwarden*

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

# SHUTE & WHITFORD NEWS

WHAT a glorious weekend of sunshine, fun and laughter and, most of all, amazing flowerpot creations which adorned the wonderful village of Whitford.

The village hall was alive with activity and the new vicar kept the congregation in order at the church. The theme for the weekend was "To make you smile" and it certainly did that.

*Ros Hallworth*

## First flowerpot festival



## Ramping it up

ON May 23rd, the new ramp at Whitford Village Hall was officially opened by Kay Orsman, chair of the village hall committee.

Once the smart grey railing (the last element of the whole project) was finally installed, a ceremonial ribbon was attached and duly cut by Kay, who then led a troop of villagers into the bar for a celebratory drink. Thanks go to David Plowman, who led on the project.





# YARCOMBE NEWS

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## Steve tells of life in the TA

MARY Smith welcomed diners to the community lunch held in the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, May 15th and Rev Julie Lomas said grace.

A delicious, filling lunch with sausage plait provided by Lin Box, accompanied with boiled potatoes, green salad, coleslaw and Doreen Parris's famous walnut and celery salad was served before another treat – ginger sponge with custard cooked by Veronica Wadey and Rosemary Abel. Tea and coffee with mints rounded off the cuisine.

Two decades ago, Steven Little had recently returned from duty in the Territorial Army using his skills to provide infrastructure such as hospitals and schools in the war-torn port of Basra in Iraq and was speaker at one of the early lunches.

Today, as Lieutenant Colonel Steven Little, Volunteer Reserve, he returned to tell of the work of the services since that time and he kindly travelled from Southampton to talk to this group again.

Steve was brought up at Corner Cottage, went to Stockland Primary School, Honiton Community College and Plymouth University studying civil engineering. It was fortunate that his employer understood the need for civilians to assist full-time servicemen, so he was able to continue his lifelong interest in the army, and take time out from his job to serve, often at very short notice, being posted overseas when it was necessary to serve his country.

He had opted for officer training and spent time at the The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst where the family were able to attend his passing out parade, and gradually worked his way up through the senior ranks of officers.

The motto of the college is "Serve to lead" with the emphasis on "serve" and that doesn't mean those in charge, but respect for the lowliest private in the forces. His regiment is the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers Militia.

In his presentation, he explained that it is not widely known that about a quarter of British Armed Forces personnel are made up of part-time volunteers and, as such, the Government is able to access very well qualified personnel in all areas – doctors, surgeons, mechanics, engineers, vets, builders, architects – and deploy



them to where they are needed whenever or where ever they are required. They are paid for their time and their employers receive remuneration for their absence. This can cause logistical problems, obviously, and it is essential to have understanding bosses.

The general public is also often not aware that there is presence of such talents in at least 18 of the most disturbed countries of the world, at any one time, working behind the scenes to bring some form of normality and peace keeping; dealing with governments and insurgents, hoping to provide satisfactory outcomes to their troubles. Many of these countries have their own training camps run by British servicemen and women. In the UK's endeavours to assist in the fight against the Russians, Ukrainian troops are trained intensively to the highest degree in British Army camps, where they become fully qualified in 12 weeks and ready to undertake their duties and return to the frontline of battle.

Over the years, Steve has travelled to many such countries and has got to know many of the military and indeed government officials involved in such manoeuvres together with those maintaining the infrastructure affecting civilian populations.

He admits that it is a difficult life, switching from the regulations of life in the forces to a civilian job and back to the normality of everyday family life but one he would not like to change.

Lesley Sutton

## Christianity in today's society

THE topic of Law and Faith proved to be a very interesting one during the May Friday Forum, led by retired family court and criminal judge David Tyzack.

He started by posing three questions: 1) Is our faith 'fit for purpose'? 2) How do we live our lives as Christians in today's society with God's law and secular law so far apart? 3) How easy is it to be a judge?

David talked about how he became a Christian at university reading law and his subsequent life career and then moving on to talking about what faith actually means.

Bible quotes underpinned the discussion – like the verse in Hebrews 11, verse 1 which gives a perfect explanation of what faith is: "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance in what we do not see."

We were challenged to think about whether our faith had grown or was it static and not fit for the purpose of spreading the gospel.

There were many examples of how difficult it is to take a Christian stand in today's society when there is no respect for the 10 Commandments, God's Law.

The discussion was quite far reaching as we thought about the problems of being a judge in these challenging times.

Mary Smith

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## Creative mystery

ON Wednesday, April 24th, 17 ladies from the Yarcombe Tuesday Club experienced a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster.

The play, by Simon Brett, was a murder mystery entitled Murder in Play. It opens with the dress rehearsal and everyone a bit tense. As the rehearsal evolves, the actors relax into their roles. When Mr Papadopoulos stumbles into the library with a knife in his back, director Boris Smolensky stops the rehearsal.

From then on things go slightly haywire with actors becoming critical of each other and scenes having to be replayed several times. Without giving the game away there is a real murder (not Mr P) which is finally solved in a very clever and creative ending.

*Liz Floyd*

## Laughter flows

THERE was a great turnout for Yarcombe Tuesday Club's meeting in May with around 30 people enjoying a homemade afternoon tea in Yarcombe Village Hall.

It was a feast of freshly baked scones – cheese, plain and fruit, wonderful homebaked cakes and, of course, lots of clotted cream, butter and jam. Tea, coffee, conversation and laughter flowed. Huge thanks goes to the 'super cooks' who baked for the event.

*Liz Ross*

## Upcoming events

THE next event for the Yarcombe Tuesday Club will be on July 9th with a visit to Bishops Lydeard Mill, Taunton.

And then on August 13th, a factory tour of the Mr Henry factory in Chard followed by lunch at Barley Mow.

For more information on these events please contact the Tuesday club coordinator Liz Ross 079 3969 6336.

# The power of kindness

By Liz Ross

"THE power of kindness – helping people who need help is our defining purpose," said Paul Morgan, from the Red Cross, who was the speaker at the June meeting of Yarcombe Tuesday Club.

The group heard how the founding of the international Red Cross was inspired by Swiss businessman Henry Dunant who, while travelling through Italy, came upon the aftermath of Battle of Solferino. He stayed on to help the thousands of injured men lying on the battlefield getting many local Italian villagers to help him.

After his experience at Solferino, Dunant proposed creating national relief societies, made up of volunteers trained in peacetime, to provide neutral and impartial help to relieve suffering in times of war.

In response to these ideas, a committee – which later became the International Committee of the Red Cross – was established in Geneva. The founding charter of the Red Cross was drawn up in 1863.

Dunant also proposed that countries

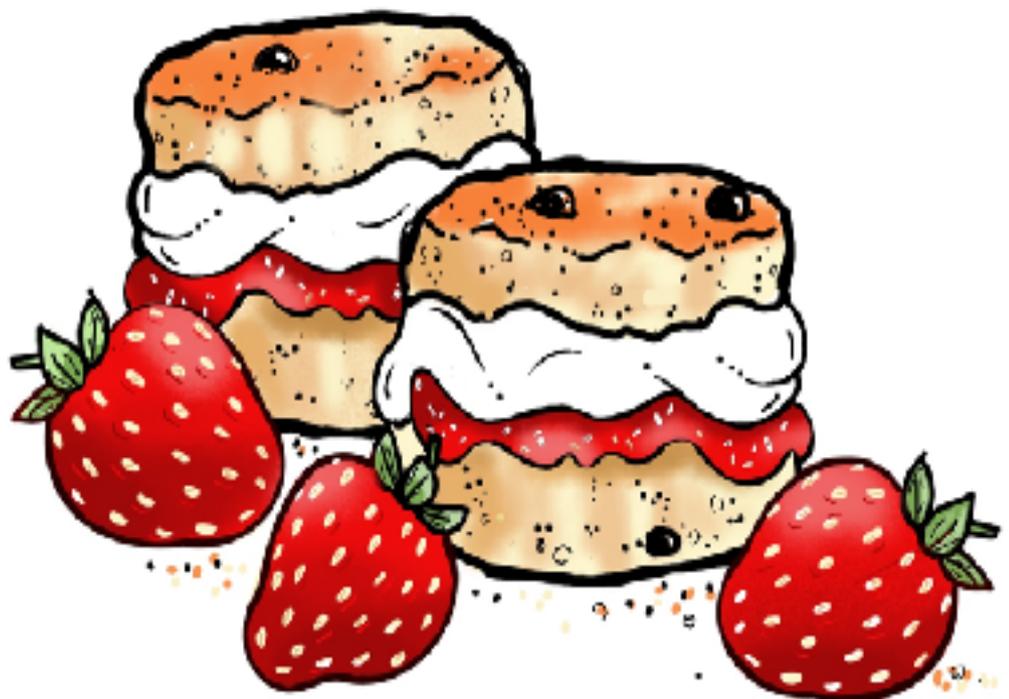
adopt an international agreement, which would recognise the status of medical services and of the wounded on the battlefield. This agreement – the original Geneva Convention – was adopted in 1864.

Now, almost all countries in the world have the Red Cross, Red Crescent or Red Crystal. The Red Cross flag was first used in 1864 and is now internationally recognised as communicating the message: "We are not here to fight".

As the cross is also a religious symbol, some countries adopted a Red Crescent or the Red Crystal symbol – all are part of the same international organisation.

Club members heard about the current international work of the Red Cross in Ukraine and elsewhere, as well as the work it did in the two world wars.

Paul particularly wanted to focus on the work the Red Cross is doing now in the UK today, for example on international family tracing and supporting the police and ambulance services with emergencies by providing practical and emotional support to people in crisis caused by fire, flooding or other disasters. This was a really inspiring and well-presented talk from an excellent speaker.





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# Are you sticking to your cling film?

By Kay Pike

DID you know that in the UK we use 1.2 billion metres of cling film every year? Cling film is made from processed crude oil and therefore not in the least bit environmentally friendly. It is single-use plastic.

There are some human health worries to do with the potential transfer of chemicals in the plastic to the food. There are concerns for wildlife – cling film can get wrapped round airways or be ingested and it can trap small animals too if discarded as litter. We need to be cautious about cling film advertised as compostable; it certainly cannot be collected kerbside by local councils, as it needs different, specialist facilities to deal with it, of which there are actually very few in the country. Or the cling film advertised as being made from bioplastic, the



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disposal of which can be as problematic as ordinary plastic.

Whilst supermarkets are taking it, along with a myriad of other single-use plastics, can we be sure where it will end up?

So what are the alternatives? For leftovers, we have plenty of choice from using good old fashioned

crockery bowls, covered with either a saucepan lid, an inverted saucer, fabric covers or even a tea towel.

Glass jars (wide shouldered ones) are very handy for soup and chopped vegetables.

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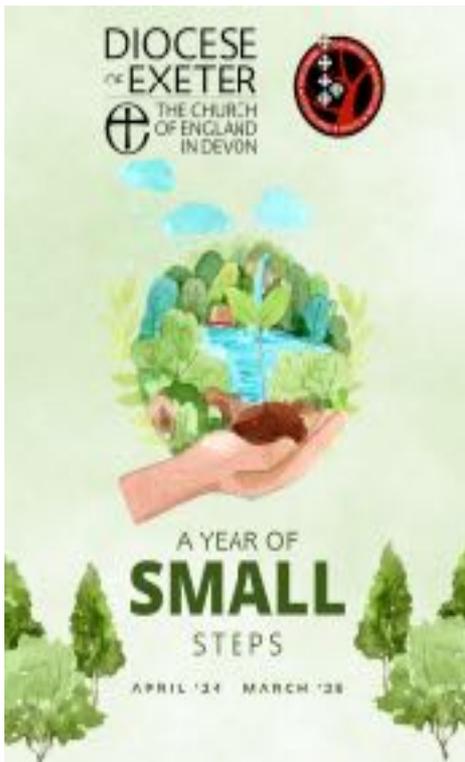
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to be better stewards of  
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Amen*

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Mend something that's been sitting around, or that you might otherwise throw away. Sew on a button or tighten that loose screw. □

**WEEK 2**  
Find a local 'repair group' (transition town initiatives often run them) and go to their next event, to have your own item repaired or to help others and meet like-minded people. □

**WEEK 3**  
Suggest running a clothes swap event - with a group of friends, or through the PTFA at your school. □

**WEEK 4**  
Sort out your wardrobe and take any unwanted items to the charity shop. □

**WEEK 5**  
If you are buying clothes, explore vintage, preloved or ethically produced garments before going to the high street. □

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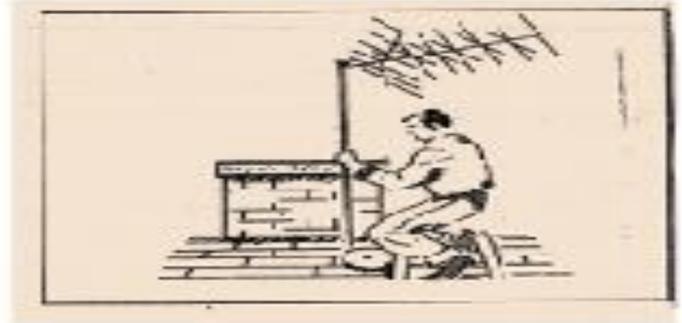


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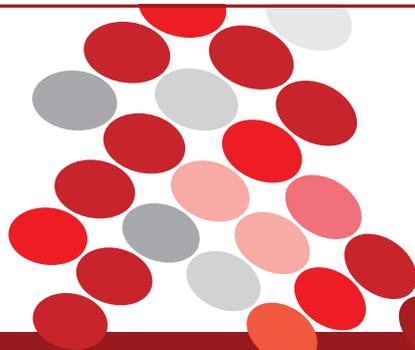
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Weds, July 3rd 6pm	St Peter's Church, Dalwood	St. Peter's Day BBQ
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July	Shute Barton	Shute Barton NT open days. Shute Church will be open for refreshments and craft stalls
Sunday, July 7th 1pm	Dalwood Recreational Field	Krazy 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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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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